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PPEC RAISES OVER \$8,000 FOR LOCAL UNITED WAY



Pictured here are (left) Lora Lyons, Executive Director of United Way; Samantha Kuhn, PPEC's Marketing and Communications Manager. Photo By: Eric Herman, PPEC's Communications Coordinator

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative recently completed its annual workplace fundraiser for United Way of Paulding County, raising \$8,932. Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, a long-time partner of United Way, looks for fun and creative ways to engage its employees to support the local non-profit.

One of their favorite ways to gather their employees together is to hold a chili cook-off and bake sale. Employees are encouraged to create their favorite chili concoction and bake their best dessert. Each employee pays to vote on their favorite chili and dessert. Winners of the chili cook-off and dessert contest received gift cards. This year's chili cook-off winner was Adam Drum-smith & the dessert winner was Heather Hunt.

During the event, United Way Director Lora Lyons discussed the impact United Way has had on Paulding County in the past 30 years and how these donations help local residents in need.

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS AT WEST BEND NEWS & PRINT

The West Bend News office will be closed the following days in observance of Christmas and New Years:

Friday, December 24

Friday, December 31

Deadlines for ads and news for those editions will be the following:

Thursday, December 23

Thursday, December 30

You may also email at info@westbendnews.net or leave a message at 419-258-2000.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the West Bend News & Print crew!

PENNINGTON WINS LITTLE MISS NORTHWEST OHIO



Ivy Pennington, 7 year old daughter of Josh and Jessica Pennington of Paulding recently was crowned Mega Highpoint Supreme and given the title of "Little Miss Northwest Ohio" by America's Best Pageant. Ivy will be advancing to America's Best National Pageant, which will be held September 9-11, (Continued on Page 4)

LOCAL ATHLETES NAMED TO ALL-OHIO FOOTBALL TEAMS

The Division VI and VII All-Ohio Football teams were announced this past week by Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association. Three local student athletes were awarded this honor right here in Paulding County!

Antwerp seniors Hayden Wagner (3rd team Linebacker); Jagger Landers (3rd Team Defensive Line) and Kaden Recker (Honorable Mention Defensive Back) were recipients of this prestigious honor for Division VII.

This is a great accolade for Paulding County and Antwerp School athletic program. It is the first year in quite a while for Antwerp to have three athletes named to this listing!

The Ohio Prep Sports Writers Association was created in 1972 to support, promote and recognize coverage of high school sports across Ohio and is endorsed by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.



Jagger Landers



Kaden Recker



Hayden Wagner

NW OHIO & NE INDIANA ELECTRIC COOP ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

North Western Electric Cooperative and Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative are now accepting applications for more than \$12,500 in scholarships, as well as a free trip for multiple students to our nation's capital as part of the annual Youth Tour.

Scholarships are open to graduating seniors planning to attend college, trade, or vocational school. Winners from each co-op will move on to the state judging level and compete for additional funds totaling \$44,200 from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. A separate scholarship program for trade students is also offered through each co-op's statewide organization.

Every June, around 1,800 high school students from

across the country spend a week in the nation's capital as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, sponsored by the students' respective electric cooperatives to educate them about America's history, our government, and the role co-ops play in developing strong rural communities. This free trip includes insider tours of popular sites including the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Gettysburg, and more, as well as a chance to meet congressional lead-

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

December 14

• Visit w/Santa @ PCAF building, 5-6:30pm
• FW Comm. Band @ Rhinehart Music Center PFW, 7:30pm

December 15

• Breaking Free Group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6-7:30pm
• WBESC Decemboer Board meeting @ Paulding office, 5:30pm

December 17

• Christmas @ the Huber, 7pm

December 18

• Food Distribution @ Cecil Comm. Church, 12-3pm
• The Stetler Trio @ Huber, 6pm

December 19

• Antwerp Comm Band 7p
• Cookie Bake @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

December 20

• Cookbook Club @ Paulding & Antwerp Library, 5:30p

December 24

• Christmas Eve Service @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

December 26

• Bluegrass Praise Band Concert @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

Add event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net



OBITUARIES



DEFIANCE, OH:
Thomas J. Townley, age 73, passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital.

Thomas was born on June 10, 1948 to the late Russell and Lorraine (Bott) Townley in Flint, MI. On March 18, 1967 he married Alyse DeGood, who preceded him in death in 2013. He served his country in the United States Army as a medic, receiving a Purple Heart. After 30 years, Thomas retired from B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn. He was also a past Commander and member of the Paulding V.F.W. Post 587.

Thomas is survived by his children: Lisa Adams, Defiance, OH and Brent (Leslie) Townley, Paulding, OH; siblings: Fred (Townley), Paulding, OH; Bob (Jeannine) Townley, Grand Blanc, MI; Deb Townley, Fenton, MI; grandchildren: Kyle Adams, A.J. Adams, Briana Townley, and Emma Townley; great grandchildren: Karter, Aubrey, and Ashton.

Thomas is also preceded in death by brothers, Timothy and Michael Townley and son-in-law, Steven Adams.

Services were 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 13, 2021 at Den Herder Funeral Home with Pastor Shaun Matakoff officiating. Shaurment will be held at a later date at St. Paul Cemetery with military rites.

Visitation was 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 13, 2021 at Den Herder Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Paulding V.F.W. Post 587, 214 N Water St., Paulding, OH 45879.

Online condolences may be shared at denherderfh.com.



ANTWERP, OH
Mark Lucas, 65, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, December 10, 2021 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Mark was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on October 4, 1956, a son of the late Marlene (Coles) & Richard Lucas.

Mark's early years were spent alongside his four siblings, singing and playing guitar in the family band. He was involved in Boy Scouts, and attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1972. Upon graduation from Antwerp High School in 1974, Mark went to work for local businesses until he started his own in 1982. Lucas Plumbing & Heating served the needs of the

area for several years. Mark's love for music carried on into adulthood, where he played bass guitar in many local bands, most notably Stanley and the Tools. Mark always had an interesting hobby in one form or another. He spent several years carving chainsaw art, but his biggest passion was restoring and riding his Cushman Truckster. He could often be seen riding around the area, amassing tens of thousands of miles over the years. In his later years, Mark enjoyed spending time with his grandsons, Lincoln and Noah. He loved watching them play sports, and never missed a ball game.

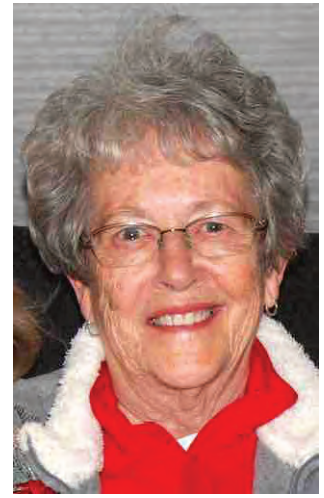
Mark will be sadly missed by his son, Nate (Amber) Lucas; siblings, Dave Lucas, Scott (Kyra) Lucas, Julie Hall, & Jeff (Lorie) Lucas; & grandchildren, Lincoln & Noah Lucas.

Viewing is December 16, 2021 from 4 pm - 7 pm at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Service is December 17, 2021 at 10 AM with viewing one hour prior at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Community Health Professionals, 250 Dooley Drive Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com



PAULDING, OH:
Mary J. Strable, age 82, passed away on Friday, December 10, 2021 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, IN.

Mary was born on June 11, 1939 in Pleasant Township, Van Wert County, OH to the late Chester and Dorothy (Snyder) Lytle. On February 11, 1956 she married Thomas Strable who preceded her in death in 2009. Throughout her life, Mary provided a loving home for her family while helping her husband, Tom, on the family farm. For 10 years, Mary also worked in the bakery/deli at Kroger in Defiance. She was a devoted member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish - Paulding (St. Joseph Catholic Church), a member of the Altar Rosary Society, and of the Little Flower Study Club.

Mary is survived by her children: Jodie (Ben) Wueller, Ney, OH; Mike (Lorie) Strable, Paulding, OH; Patty (Dave) Diersing, Cincinnati, OH; Liz Smith, Hicksville, OH; as well as 16 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her siblings: Russell Lytle, Barbara Rhoad, Carolyn Koch and Sandra Temple.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish,

Paulding, with Father Austin Ammanitti officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding, OH.

Visitation will be 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021 at Den Herder Funeral Home with a wake service at 7:30 p.m.

The family requests that masks or facial coverings be worn by anyone attending Mary's services.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mary's name to masses or to the Paulding County Area Foundation, Food Pantry Building Fund OR 4-H Camp, 101 E. Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCES DECEMBER 19th CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

You are cordially invited! First United Methodist Church, located at 113 W. Central Avenue in Van Wert, Ohio is thrilled to announce they will be offering a Children's Christmas Musical this year. "The King and Me" will be presented December 19th at 6:30pm. Doors will open 6:00pm.

The musical is a fun story about a girl who has always dreamed of converting sleepy little Bethlehem into a tourist attraction by opening a theme park - Royal World! The Grand Opening is about to take place, but they are running into some hilarious roadblocks! The music is fun and upbeat and the story will bring laughter. But its most important message is, of course, the Christ Child.

If you are looking for a home church or haven't been to worship for a while, the loving congregation of First United Methodist and Pastor Chris Farmer invite you to join us on any Sunday as you are able. Casual worship is at 8:15am and traditional is at 10:45am. Weekly services are streamed live at vanwertfirst.net.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
I heard someone mention triune immersion. What does that mean?

Some Christian churches baptize three times: once in the name of the Father, once in the name of the Son, and once in the name of the Holy Ghost. They have the right biblical formula given in Matthew 28:19, but what I believe is the wrong procedure.

Romans 6:3-5 indicates that Christians at salvation are spiritually baptized into Christ's death ("in the likeness of his death"). Thus, when a believer is immersed at baptism, he is showing that the death of Christ was the full payment of the salvation he has received. This begs the question, how many times did Christ die and experience burial? The answer is once.

So what is the big deal? We ought to be careful not to demonstrate anything other than Christ's all-sufficient, one-time atonement. Note the following references: Romans 6:10; Hebrews 7:27; 9:12, 9:28; 10:10; I Peter 3:18. You will get the picture.

After salvation by faith in Christ we should be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost with a single immersion.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman-

@juno.com

GLORIOUS NAME

By: Doris Applegate

As we leave the year 2021 and enter 2022, my Christmas "wish" for all who read my articles is in a NAME. Yes, it is a name that is above every other name - the name of Jesus! This name is so powerful and mighty that demons would run in fear when Jesus spoke. As we think of this beautiful name, let each of us be thankful for what Jesus Christ came to earth and accomplished for human kind. Remember that He offers a free gift to whosoever will. This is my very own desire for you, that you receive this gift and experience the joy, peace and righteousness found in the Holy Spirit of God.

A song that expresses the wonder of this name is: "I know of a name, a beautiful name, that angels brought down to earth. They whispered it low, one night long ago, to a maiden of lowly birth. I know of a name, a beautiful name, that unto a babe was given. The stars glittered bright, thru' out that glad night, and angels praised God in Heaven. The one of that name, my Savior, became my Savior of calvary, my sins nailed Him there, my burdens to bare, He suffered all this for me. I love that blessed name, that wonderful name, made higher than all in Heaven. 'Twas whispered, I know, in my heart long ago, to Jesus my life I've given' That beautiful name has power from sin to free us, that beautiful name, that wonderful name, that matchless name is Jesus."

Now that we realize how powerful and awesome the name of Jesus is, we should give our very lives to Him. His love is reaching out to us at this very moment and wanting to enfold each one in an everlasting embrace. If I could possibly 'make' you accept this love, I would do it. We all have a will and a choice so each one is to either be in God's family or not. I am so happy to be a child of God and want it for all. "Tho' millions have found Him a friend, and have turned from the sinned, the Savior still waits to open the gate and welcome a sinner before it's too late... there is room at the cross for you. Yes there is room at the cross for you, tho' millions have come, there's still room for one, yes, there's room at the cross for you.

Amen

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/15/21

Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on November 15th, 2021:

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Councilmen Martin, Thompson, Gerig, Watts, and Voirol. Duane Heckley with the Woodburn Main Street Organization was also present.

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

Mayor's Report: The mayor did get a follow-up from the Allen County Commissioners regarding his previous email. Based on the correspondence of all involved, it looks like the beginning of the year is the most appropriate time to have the discussion of potential ARP money opportunities. Fox Contractors is ready to have IDEM inspect the lagoons but the mayor would like additional work to be done before signing off on the project. The mayor was sent an email from an elderly couple describing a favorable incident between Officer Evans and themselves as they were passing through the city. The mayor mentioned that 2022 is a re-districting year and wanted input from Council regarding this process. Council discussed their thoughts on the matter.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the Novem-

Scripture of the Week

When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

— Matthew 2:4-6

MATTHEW 2:11



They presented unto Him gifts of gold, frankincense & myrror

ber 1st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the November 1st meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The clerk-treasurer 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.

Councilman's Report: Councilman Martin asked about an update on the demolition of the old American Legion meeting. The city is waiting for state approval at this point.

Audience: A resident came tonight to discuss the potential to adjust her utility bill as she discovered her outdoor spicket

had been running overnight. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to credit her utility bill to reflect the average sewer usage for all affected months, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Duane inquired as to the willingness of the city to partner with the Woodburn Main Street Organization in the creation of brochures that would be produced for distribution within the community. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to pay for up to \$1,000 associated with costs involved with the creation of a publication to help promote Woodburn, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

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

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Afterwards, employees are encouraged to donate directly to United Way or pledge funds through payroll deductions. One unique characteristic of local United Way's is that they encourage the "Give Where You Live" mentality. So several employees were able to designate their donations to their home counties, or to a specific organization that they believe greatly impacts their community.

All donations go directly



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THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

During WWI on Christmas Day 1914, a remarkable event happened called The Christmas Truce. It was a time that soldiers from both sides put down their weapons and actually celebrated Christmas together. The event was so unique that movies and books were written about the soldiers from opposite sides laying down their weapons and celebrating Christmas 1914 together. Silent Night was sang in different languages but all in the same tune.

The ugly reminders of the war were forgotten that night and was called The Christmas Truce. Following is the story of Alfred Anderson who was there that night.

Alfred Anderson, who was a survivor of that war, was interviewed when he was 108 years old by a news media called The Observer. According to records, Anderson died at age 109.

Alfred Anderson who spent 25 December 1914 serving in a conflict that left 31 million people dead or wounded.

In his interview he revealed remarkable new details of the day etched in history, including pictures of Christmas gifts sent to the troops. His unit, the 5th Battalion The Black Watch, was one of the first involved in trench warfare. He had left his home in Newtyle, Angus, in October, taking the train from Dundee to Southampton, then a ferry to Le Havre.

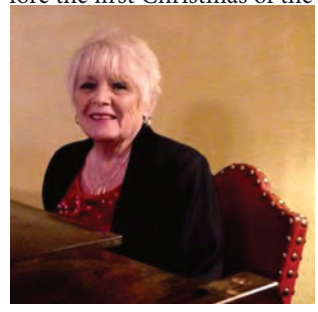
He was happy, healthy and surrounded by most of his former school friends, who had all joined the Territorial Army together in 1912. In October 1914 they thought that they were at the start of an exciting adventure. But by the first Christmas of the war they had already experienced its horror and the death of young friends was commonplace.

"I remember the silence, the eerie sound of silence," he said. "Only the guards were on duty. We all went outside the farm buildings and just stood listening. And, of course, thinking of people back home. All I'd heard for two months in the trenches was the hissing, cracking and whining of bullets in flight, machine gun fire and distant German voices.

On 24 and 25 December, Anderson's unit was billeted in a dilapidated farmhouse, away from the front line, so

he did not participate in any football matches. 'We didn't have the energy, anyway,' he said. But he can still recall vividly what happened on Christmas Day 1914.

Currently living alone at the time of his interview in Alyth, Perthshire, he still treasures the gift package sent to every soldier a few days before the first Christmas of the



war from the Princess Royal. The brass box, which was embossed with a profile of Princess Mary, was filled with cigarettes. "I had no use for the cigarettes so I gave them to my friends," he said. "A lot of the lads thought the box was worth nothing, but I said someone's bound to have put a lot of thought into it. Some of the boys had Christmas presents from home anyways, but mine didn't arrive on time." It also contained a card, with 1914 on the front, which says: 'With best wishes for a happy Christmas and a victorious New Year, from the Princess Mary and friends at home.'

To his delight, he discovered that his most treasured possession. It was a New Testament given to him by his mother before he left for France and inscribed with the message: 'September 5, 1914. Alfred Anderson. A Present from Mother' and it fit in the box perfectly.

Anderson kept both in his breast pocket until 1916 when a shell exploded over a listening post in no man's land killing several of his friends and seriously injuring him.

"This is all I brought home from the war," he said, showing the box and Bible, but forgetting about his beret with its famous red hackle, which is the first thing you see when you stepped into his home.

There were many aspects of the war that Anderson found difficult to talk about. "I saw so much horror," he said, shaking his head and gazing into the middle distance. "I lost so many friends."

He recalled one incident that gave him a 'sore heart'. When he was first home on leave, he visited the family of a dead friend to express his condolences. He knew them well but soon realized that he was getting a frosty reception. "I asked if they were going to ask me in and they said no. When I asked why, they just said, "Because you're here and he's not". That was awful.

He's one of the lads I miss most.'

In 2002, Prince Charles paid him a private visit after learning that he had served briefly as batman to the Queen Mother's brother, Captain Fergus Bowes-Lyon, who, along with hundreds of Mr Anderson's regimental colleagues, was killed at the Battle of Loos in 1915.

The seemingly invincible Anderson, who was awarded France's highest honour - the Légion d'Honneur - in 1998 for his services during the First World War, was recently in the rare position of witnessing one of his six children's golden wedding anniversaries. His children, he said, five of whom are still alive, are what keeps him going.

Alfred Anderson has spent 90 years trying to forget the war. But it has been impossible. But he looks back and said, 'I'll give Christmas Day 1914 a brief thought, as I do every year. And I'll think about all my friends who never made it home. But it's too sad to think too much about it. Far too sad,' he said, his head bowed and his eyes filled with tears.

As I think about Christmas and the reason for Christmas, let us all lay down any bitterness, unforgiveness and embrace some of the people we may not like. If we can do that, I will give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

MILITARY HISTORY OF PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Asa Raymond Pease was born in Latty Township, December 14, 1896. The son of Elwood Israel, born July 28, 1849 in Washington Township, Paulding County, Ohio, and Samantha Caroline (Elston) Pease, born June 1, 1868 in Latty Township, Paulding County, Ohio.

By 1900, the Pease family was living in Grover Hill and consisted of six living children. Elwood D. Pease, born February 16, 1900, died September 12, 1900. He was buried in Middle Creek Cemetery. On May 6, 1910, Asa's father, Elwood, passed away and he was also buried in Middle Creek Cemetery.

Samantha and her six children stayed on the family farm and tried to make it. She eventually moved the children to Grover Hill on Maple Street and made a living as a laundress.

By 1917, America was ever closer to be drawn into a World War. On June 6, 1918, Asa registered for the draft in Paulding. On September 5, 1918, with his medium build, medium height, light hair and blue eyes, Asa was in the army. Although Asa was a part of that great force fighting the, "war to end all wars," he was not destined to take part in the, "over the top," action or the stalemate life of trench

warfare that so characterized World War 1.

While undergoing training as a member of 32nd Company, 8th Training Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade, at Camp Sherman, Ohio, Asa died of broncho pneumonia, October 4, 1918 and his mother, Samantha, was notified of his passing. Asa was brought home to be buried in Middle Creek Cemetery, Lot 87, Grave 3, alongside his father and baby brother.

His mother, Samantha, remarried, E. Dallas Hackling from Continental, Ohio. She passed away December 20, 1943 and was also buried in Middle Creek Cemetery, but with her second husband, E. Dallas.

Until Next Time!

MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS PURITAN STRUGGLES PART I

By: Caroline Wells Longardner

Our American Pilgrims struggles did not start in 1620 when they landed in Plymouth Harbor on December 18, 1620. Prior to that in 1606 the Virginia Company is chartered by King James I of England to colonize the eastern coast of North America. In 1607 Jamestown Colony is founded in Virginia. A group of Puritan Separatists from northern England escape religious persecution by fleeing to Holland in 1608.

In 1619 the Separatists in Holland look for investors to help back and fund a settlement in North America. They are awarded a land patent at the mouth of the Hudson River. A group of Separatists sails from Holland on the Speedwell Ship that they had purchased. They meet on July 22, 1620, with the Mayflower Ship in Southampton, England, a ship that was chartered by their English investors. At this time, the group called "the Strangers", a secular group, joins them.

On Aug. 5, 1620 the Mayflower and the Speedwell sail for America. However, after two times of "leaking problems" the Speedwell causes them to return back to Plymouth, England. On Sept. 6, 1620 the Mayflower (now carrying the passengers from both ships) departs from Southampton, England.

On Nov. 9, 1620 the Mayflower captain and passengers sight Cape Cod, north of their intended destination in America. The ship turns south but is forced back after sailing into dangerous waters along the shoals.

On November 11, 1620 the Mayflower drops anchor off the site of present-day Provincetown, Mass. after rounding the tip of Cape Cod. The Mayflower Compact was signed. When some of the Pilgrims explored the beaches of Cape Cod over the next few weeks they were disturbed by evidence of many dead bodies.

December 18, 1620 The Mayflower arrived in Plymouth harbor.

January-February 1621 - the Pilgrims were starving and struggling to survive. By Spring nearly one half of them had died.

March 16, 1621 - A Native American "Sameset" walked into the Plymouth colony and introduced him-

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self. Soon, "Massasoit" visits the settlement. A peace treaty between the Wampanoags and the Pilgrims is adopted.

April 5, 1621 — the MAYFLOWER leaves Plymouth and returns to England. No Pilgrim passengers returned to England.

To be continued: Part II "The Wampanoag Native Americans" and "Samose!"

REPS. BANKS, SPANBERGER, SENS. RUBIO, WARNER INTRODUCE PROTECTING BALLOT MEASURES FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCE ACT

Representatives Jim Banks (R-IN) and Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) and U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Mark Warner (D-VA) introduced the Protecting Ballot Measures from Foreign Influence Act, which would make it unlawful for a foreign national to contribute money, either directly or indirectly, to a State or local ballot initiative or ballot referendum. Notably, the bill ensures that the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) could not assert authority over those State or local ballot initiatives or ballot referendums.

Banks said: "The FEC's decision to let foreign actors directly influence U.S. policy fights undermines our democracy. That's why I've joined Sens. Rubio and Warner and Rep. Spanberger to overturn it and ensure American's voices are heard."

Spanberger said: "American elections should remain American elections. Local and state ballot initiatives here in the United States should be focused on the concerns of a community — not the interests of a foreign individual, company, or nation."

"The current loophole that allows foreign entities to influence these initiatives should be closed immediately, and I am proud to work with a bipartisan group of legislators in both the Senate and the House to make that happen. The Protecting Ballot Measures from Foreign Influence Act would reassert the American people's rightful control of their local ballot measures, and I am proud to work with Senator Warner, Senator Rubio, and Congressman Banks on this critical effort."

Rubio said: "Foreign donors should not be able to influence America's democratic process. It is already illegal for foreign nationals to donate to political candidates, parties, and committees. The Protecting Ballot Measures from Foreign Influence Act will extend that commonsense protection of

our political process to ballot initiatives and other referendums. We must do everything we can to protect the votes of American citizens."

Warner said: "The Protecting Ballot Measures from Foreign Influence Act further safeguards our elections from foreign interference by making it illegal for foreign donors to contribute to any ballot initiative or referendum. There is no circumstance under which foreign entities should be able to sway the American democratic process and this legislation works to ensure that."

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ers and participate in a small group on Capitol Hill.

Applications for Youth Tour are open to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Though rules and programs vary between the two cooperatives, one thing is the same: any student applying for either scholarships or Youth Tour must be the child of a member of that respective cooperative and must complete the applications provided by that cooperative. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 11, 2021.

For applications, see your local high school guidance counselor, call or stop by your local electric cooperative, or visit www.nwec.com or www.ppec.coop.

- For information about PPEC's Youth Tour program: www.ppec.coop/youth-tour

- For information about PPEC's scholarships: www.ppec.coop/scholarships

- For information about NVEC's Youth Tour program: www.nwec.com/youth-tour

- For information about NVEC's scholarships: www.nwec.com/scholarship-programs

Antwerp Library Friends Group

Community Wreath Drawing

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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS USE THE 7-MINDSETS CURRICULUM



Paulding Middle School is utilizing the 7-Mindsets curriculum to address the social and emotional needs of stu-

dents. Each unit revolves around a specific theme students can apply to their lives. This unit's theme was

We Are Connected. Shown in the picture are Paulding Middle School's Passion First Mindset Motivators.

ANTWERP CIC SEEKS HELP IN REACHING ITS GOAL

The Community Improvement Corporation of Antwerp is aggressively working on a development project at the US-24/Highway 49 interchange, located at Exit 3 in Antwerp. The CIC is extremely excited about this project. In working with the Paulding County Economic Development office and other entities, we believe that the proposed development will be advantageous to Paulding County. The project will be a mixed use project, heavy on residential development with light retail and light commercial, yet maintaining a good relationship with the neighboring homes, school, church and businesses near the development.

We are in need of YOUR help. We are establishing a data base of previous graduates of Antwerp High School and anyone that has had intimate ties with the community of Antwerp. We want to share the information, the project, and the opportunity to donate to the project with as many as we can.

your Christmas card list please jot down the names and addresses of people that you think may be interested in providing some financial help for this important endeavor.

Please send addresses to the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce at antwerpchamber@gmail.com, or mail them to the Chamber at PO Box 893 Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

BOARD ELECTION PROCESS UNDERWAY FOR NORTH WESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

North Western Electric Cooperative (NWECC) is looking for professional individuals to run for the board of trustees and help shape the strategic direction of the co-op. Two seats are up for re-election within NWECC's territory. The upcoming 2022 election will be for districts 3 and 7:

- District 3: Seat held by incumbent Kim Shoup, who is running for re-election - represents Bridgewater, Madison and Superior townships in Williams County
- District 7: Seat held by incumbent Richard Polter,

who is running for re-election - represents Defiance, Delaware, Noble and Washington townships in Defiance County

Each trustee serves a three-year term. The NWECC board of trustees consists of seven co-op member-owners 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/CEO Darin Thorp. "The trustees are responsible for establishing, reviewing, and revising corporate policies and identifying strategic initiatives to ensure that service to the NWECC membership remains foremost in mind."

All the member-owners in districts 3 and 7 received a letter inserted in their billing statement due on December 10 to alert them that the election process has begun.

If interested in running for a trustee seat, you must be a member-owner of NWECC and must complete a petition packet, which can be picked up at NWECC's office located at 04125 State Route 576, Bryan, Ohio, or can also be downloaded on-

line at www.nwec.com/trustee-election-page. 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 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022.

BILL PROTECTING PIPELINES & AMERICA'S ENERGY SECURITY

Congressman Bob Latta (OH-05) joined Congressman Tim Walberg (MI-07) to introduce legislation to prevent President Biden from punitively shutting down safe and existing energy pipelines like Line 5 without Congressional approval. The Protecting International Pipelines for Energy Security ("PIPES") Act prohibits sole executive authority for revoking permits for the construction or operation of cross-border energy infrastructure facilities.

Representatives Latta, Jack Bergman (MI-01), John Moolenaar (MI-04), Lisa McClain (MI-10), Debbie Lesko (AZ-08), Tom Tiffany (WI-07), Troy Balderson (OH-12), Morgan Griffith (VA-09), Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Mike Gallagher (WI-08), Bill Johnson (OH-06), and John Joyce (PA-13) joined Rep. Walberg as original co-sponsors of the PIPES Act.

Last month, Reps. Latta, Walberg, and Bergman led a letter to President Biden highlighting the devastating economic consequences of shutting down Line 5.

"This Administration's energy policies have continually put the American people last, and this winter, folks back home in Ohio will continue to see their home heating costs rise," said Rep. Latta. "North American-made energy is critical to the infrastructure of our economy and the livelihoods of many middle class Americans. This legislation requires Congressional approval before a President can cancel a permit for cross-border energy facilities and ultimately shutdown essential pipelines like Line 5. These pipelines not only bring product to the Midwest, but they employ tens of thousands of hard working Americans. Because of the far reaching consequences that would result from shutting down pipelines like Line 5, Congress must have the ability to weigh in before the Biden Administration makes any rash decisions."

"Across this country, hardworking families are facing skyrocketing heating costs this winter, and further constraining American energy will only make the crisis worse," said Rep. Walberg. "Our international energy infrastructure should not be subject to the whims of an Administration that has repeatedly hurt America's real world energy needs. Congressional approval should be required before the President unilaterally cancels a permit and blocks energy supplies that keep our homes warm and grow our economy. We continue to urge the Biden Administration to put the needs of Michigan families first."

"The fate of Michigan energy should not be decided by political games - plain and simple. This Adminis-

PAULDING FFA MEMBERS HAVE SUCCESS AT STATE CONTESTS!



Pictured here are the members of the food science team left to right Jamy Hunt, Carter Manz, Paige Jones and Ally Jo Merriman who placed 7th at state.

By: Carter Manz, Paulding FFA Reporter

On December 4th, four members of the Paulding FFA chapter competed at the state food science contest and one member competed in the state job interview contest.

The food science team was made of Paige Jones, Carter Manz, Jamy Hunt, and Ally Jo Merriman. Paige Jones competed in the Senior Division of the state job interview contest.

During the food science contest members had to identify aromas and food processing equipment. They also had to complete a tasting triangle and do product development where they developed a food and created the ingredients and the nutrition label.

The team placed 7th out of 18 teams and will receive a team plaque. Jamy Hunt placed 9th overall and will receive an individual plaque.



Paige Jones who placed 3rd in the State Job Interview Contest.

During the job interview contest Paige completed an application, personal interview and a follow-up letter. Paige Jones placed 3rd overall in the Senior Division of the Job Interview Contest. Great job to all our members who participated at state. We also would like to acknowledge Paulding FFA Alumni for their support of these students at the state contest.

tration has already shown it is willing to jeopardize our entire Nation's energy needs to score political points. The PIPES Act ensures Congress gets the final say on the operation of our pipelines or any other cross-border energy infrastructure. I'm grateful for this opportunity to work alongside Rep. Walberg to continue supporting Michigan's energy needs," said Rep. Bergman.

"Shutting down Line 5 in the middle of the winter would be deadly for those who rely on this pipeline to heat their homes. It would also cause fuel shortages at airports that rely on Line 5 for jet fuel during the holiday rush. It seems no one in the Biden Administration is thinking of the serious consequences shutting down this pipeline would have on

not only Michigan, but the entire country," said Rep. McClain. "I'm proud to join Rep. Walberg in introducing this legislation that would ensure President Biden get Congressional approval before shutting down crucial energy sources."

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2022 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri where she will represent Paulding County and all of Northwest Ohio. America's Best Pageant promotes community involvement and good citizenship. Ivy's goal is to bring home a title for her community from nationals. Ivy is a first grade student at Paulding Elementary school.

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Antwerp Conservation Club Event Schedule

DECEMBER 18 - NRL22 MATCH - Registration and sight in starts at 8am. Match begins at 9am. This event is open to the public.

It's time again for our annual New Year's Day Meat Shoot. Doors open at 11am. Shoot starts at noon. Funds raised that day go to our yearly scholarship program.

ACC 2022 Memberships are now available. \$35 - single ; \$50 - family

For more info & range rules, go to ACC website & check out membership application.

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CELEBRATION

There is a Wreaths Across America celebration set for Paulding on December 18th at 12:00 Noon at Saint Paul Cemetery.

The Ceremony will take place no matter what the weather so please dress warm. Please come help place some Wreaths for the Deceased Veterans, and enjoy a day of Celebration in their behalf.

Handicap parking and social distancing are available.

The Ceremony usually is around 45 minutes long.

Pick up for Wreaths is at the East End of the Cemetery. The easiest way to come in for the ceremony and parking is on the east end. Wreath pick up starts at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

St. Paul Cemetery is located on Rd. 114, Paulding, Oh 45879

REDUCING CORN TAR SPOT DISEASE

Most farmers had a good corn harvest but corn tar spot (Phyllachora maydis) was an issue. Tar spot is a corn disease that came from Central America and seems to be spreading by wind into corn growing states. Tar spot is a fungus that grows rapidly when temperatures are 60-70F and humidity is 75% or higher with rainy, foggy, cloudy summer weather spreading this disease. Corn will mature early with reduced ear weight, poor kernel fill, stalk rot, and possibly lodging with yield losses ranging from 0-60 bushel per acre, depending upon disease severity. Unfortunately, not much is known about this disease.

There are several ways to combat tar spot. No corn hybrid is totally resistant but some varieties (especially early maturing) are more tolerant than others. Fungicides may help but time of application is critical for optimal success. The tar spot inoculum can survive the winter, so getting corn leaves to decompose quickly helps reduce the spread. Crop rotation helps but it appears that the inoculum is fairly widespread. Reducing plant stress with optimal fertility helps reduce tar spot severity. Some universities recommend tillage to bury the residue, but that is not really a long-term solution. About 90-95% of all cropland being planted to corn is tilled, so is tillage really that effective? Long-term no-tillers who use cover crops can decompose corn residue quickly by changing the micro-environment and getting more moisture, microbes, and earthworms to incorporate the leaf residue into the soil just effectively as a tillage tool. In addition, a parasitic fungus (Coniothyrium phyllachorae) associates with the tar spot and may be a natural predator.

All diseases attack weak growing plants and organisms. Healthy plants growing on healthy soils have less pests (weeds, insects, diseases). When plants are not healthy, they have incomplete photosynthesis which means they do not produce full proteins. Insects can sense this and they attack the plant and this can open plant leaves, stalks, or roots up to increased disease infection. While healthy plants can get infected, usually the yields losses are much smaller or much less severe. In today's COVID pandemic, the same principle applies

where weak or immune compromised individuals have the highest disease severity.

Micro-nutrients are critical for healthy plants. Most plant proteins that are converted to enzymes need a certain micro-nutrient to activate the enzyme. Enzymes speed up biological processes so that plants and animals can function at their highest potential. Why was the tar spot disease so prevalent this year? Could it also be exasperated by a micro-nutrient deficiency? That is unknown presently, but I will share some observations.

Almost all internet tar spot images showed signs of zinc deficiency. Corn zinc deficiency shows up as a white midrib in the center of the corn ear leaf while healthy corn leaf midribs should be dark green. Zinc activates nearly 300 different enzymes in plants (luckily, many are somewhat redundant). Manganese deficiency shows up as a yellow midrib in corn. Zinc deficiency was rampant this year, I found it throughout the Midwest. The glyphosate herbicide (Roundup) also ties up or chelates many micro-nutrients. The 2020 dry weather in the fall, winter, and spring may have contributed to micro-nutrient deficiency this year and may be a contributing factor to increased disease severity.

When I visited a no-till, cover crop Indiana farmer near Cincinnati this summer, he had some great looking corn. He had a soil type similar to Paulding Clay which would typically yield 150-175 bushels of corn. This farmer is regularly getting 240-280 bushels (80-100 bushel more) by supplementing with \$60 total of a micro-nutrient package at planting, side-dressing, and sometimes with Y drops later in the growing season. This farmer had just a small amount of zinc deficiency and only a some tar spot disease lesions, on a few plants. The neighbor's corn (150-170 bushel corn maximum) had zinc, manganese, sulfur, copper, calcium, and boron deficiencies with at least five different corn diseases present. The yield difference could be due to corn variety, but soil and fertility management could also be a factor.

Fungicides are known to help but timing is critical with most fungicides needing to be applied early, before the disease is severe. Mancozeb is a combination of two fungicides, Maneb and Zineb. The central micro-nutrient element in Maneb is manganese

with zinc in Zineb (plus some sulfur). Most fungicides are composed of micro-nutrients needed to activate the fungicide. Do not have the answer but is it possible that micro-nutrient deficiencies played a role in tar spot disease severity this year? Healthy soils equal healthy plants and healthy people.

—James J. Hoorman,
Hoorman Soil Health Services

LATTA & GRIFFITH LEAD HALT FENTANYL ACT

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) and Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA9) introduced the Halt Lethal Trafficking (HALT) Fentanyl Act. Currently, fentanyl and fentanyl related substances (FRS) temporarily fall under Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) due to a temporary scheduling order that runs through February 18th, 2022. Due to the increase in overdose deaths related to fentanyl and FRS, this bill will address the permanent scheduling of fentanyl analogs in the Schedule I category as well as grant researchers the ability to conduct studies on these substances.

The Halt Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act closely tracks recommendations to Congress submitted by the Office of National Drug Control Policy in September. It would permanently place fentanyl related substances (FRS) into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), simplify registration processes for certain research with Schedule I substances, removing barriers that currently impede such work, and provide for exemption of individual FRS from Schedule I when evidence demonstrates it is appropriate.

“Over the last three decades, the United States has been fighting the opioid epidemic, ranging from prescription opioids to synthetic opioids, like fentanyl,” said Latta. “The havoc these substances wreak on our communities is devastating, and congressional action must be taken. I am pleased to introduce meaningful legislation alongside my colleague, Rep. Griffith, that will permanently schedule fentanyl and fentanyl related substances as Schedule

PHS NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announced their Students of the Month for November. They are from left to right: Freshman-Giovanni Linares, Sophomore-Tyler Schlatter, Junior-Ariana Sheaks, and Senior-Zoraya Valle.

I substances under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). In the United States, we lost more than 100,000 lives to drug overdoses deaths from April 2020 to April 2021 per the CDC, and in Ohio, 5,585 lives. We must prioritize combating this epidemic, and I invite my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join us in this fight.”

“Fentanyl and its analogues are fuels that stoke the fire of the opioid crisis devastating families across the country,” said Griffith. “This bill introduced by Congressman Latta and I would recognize the danger of fentanyl related substances by permanently scheduling them while also allowing researchers to study their effects. As drug overdoses continue to claim thousands of lives each year in our country, our bill offers a way to make progress amid the tragedy of addiction.”

Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) introduced companion legislation in the United States Senate.

In the past year alone, criminal drug cartels have been flooding the U.S. with counterfeit pills. More have been seized this year so far than in the previous two years. There has been enough fentanyl seized at the border to kill 2.5 billion people, or the entire U.S. population over seven times. Fentanyl and fentanyl related substances can be 50-100 times more potent than morphine. Just a few milligrams which is an amount that fits inside the ear of Lincoln on a penny, can be lethal.

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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 Marathons 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: Hoagland: Mel's Town 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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Grabbill: Save-A-Lot, Grabbill Hardware, Grabbill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathons, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Monroeville: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland's Pizza Pub

New Haven: Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
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WARRIORS RUN PAST TIGERS



Woodlan Junior Avah Smith launches the ball as she ran under the basket to score for the Warriors in the game against Bluffton! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Avah Smith scored 19 points to lead a quartet of players in double figures as Woodlan ran past visiting Bluffton 54-21 in ACAC girls basketball action Friday night outside of Woodburn. The Lady Warriors opened a 12-5 lead at the end of one period and never were threatened as Woodlan widened the margin to 28-12 at the intermission. Woodlan then pushed the lead to 40-14 at the end of three periods.

Taylor Kneubuhler added a dozen markers for the Lady Warriors with Ashton Widenhoefer adding 11 and Dakota Krohn chipped in ten. Olivia Gaumont had the other field goal for Woodlan, which improves to 7-2 overall and 2-1 in the ACAC.

Smith also had 15 boards for Woodlan and dished out a pair of assists while picking up four steals. Gabi Klopfenstein, Baumert, Kneubuhler, Widenhoefer and Krohn all picked up four boards for the Lady Warriors while Krohn also dished out nine assists and had two steals.

Kneubuhler recorded four steals as well for the Warriors and Addie Goheen

finished with two.

Woodlan is at Norwell Tuesday night for a non-league battle before hosting Southern Wells Thursday night. The Lady Warriors then make the trip to Heritag on Saturday afternoon in an ACAC showdown and wrap up the pre-Christmas portion of the schedule by hosting Angola December 20.

Woodlan Junior Avah Smith launches the ball as she ran under the basket to score for the Warriors in the game against Bluffton! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING WRESTLING MEET UPDATES

Paulding vs Archbold Dual Meet Summary

106 Lauber, Trinity (Archbold) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) === {Forfeit} (Score: 0-6) 120 Rodriguez, Kaylee (Archbold) defeated Gierhart, Isiah (Paulding) === {Fall 4:48} (Score: 0-12) 126 Miller, Mason (Archbold) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) === {Forfeit} (Score: 0-18) 132 Matty, Sheridan (Paulding) defeated Garrow, Brennan (Archbold)

=== {Fall 1:52} (Score: 6-18) 138 Chapa, Gabe (Archbold) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) === {Forfeit} (Score: 6-24) 144 Dominique, Brodie (Archbold) defeated Wrestler, Our (Paulding) === {Fall 0:59} (Score: 6-30) 150 Grime, Ian (Archbold) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) === {Forfeit} (Score: 6-36) 157 Short, Rusty (Archbold) defeated Smith, Jeremiah (Paulding) === {Fall 3:38} (Score: 6-42) 165 Lamb, Dawson (Paulding) defeated Forfeit (Archbold) === {Forfeit} (Score: 12-42) 175 Breier, Cayden (Paulding) defeated Forfeit (Archbold) === {Forfeit} (Score: 18-42) 190 Ripke, Wyatt (Archbold) defeated Mudel, Karson (Paulding) === {Fall 2:00} (Score: 18-48) 215 Aeschliman, Dylan (Archbold) defeated Murdock, Marciano (Paulding) === {Fall 0:42} (Score: 18-54) and 285 Simon, Spencer (Archbold) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) === {Forfeit} (Score: 18-60) Final Score: 18 - 60

Paulding vs Ayersville Dual Meet Summary

120 Miler, Jacob (Ayersville) defeated Gierhart, Isiah (Paulding) === {Fall 1:35} (Score: 0-6) 132 Hohenberger, Shannon (Ayersville) defeated Matty, Sheridan (Paulding) === {Fall 3:35} (Score: 0-12) 138 Johnson, Trevor (Ayersville) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) === {Forfeit} (Score: 0-18) 144 Winzeler, Tyler (Ayersville) defeated Wrestler, Our (Paulding) === {Fall 2:31} (Score: 0-24) 150 Romes, Joseph (Ayersville) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) === {Forfeit} (Score: 0-30) 157 Wellman, Kasen (Ayersville) defeated Smith, Jeremiah (Paulding) === {Fall 2:57} (Score: 0-36) 165 Lamb, Dawson (Paulding) defeated Zimmerman, James (Ayersville) === {Fall 1:18} (Score: 6-36) 175 DeLano, Luke (Ayersville) defeated Breier, Cayden (Paulding) === {Fall 3:36} (Score: 6-42) 190 Berner, Owen (Ayersville) defeated Mudel, Karson (Paulding) === {Fall 1:48} (Score: 6-48) 215 Mccoy, Wydell (Ayersville) defeated Murdock, Marciano (Paulding) === {Fall 1:36} (Score: 6-54) and 285 Courtaway, Ethan (Ayersville) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) === {Forfeit} (Score: 6-60) Final Score: 6 - 60

“Well overall I like our effort we have put forward on the mat at this time, I feel we are continuing to improve at a decent pace. Right now Dawson Lamb and Sheridan Matty are the two I believe showing the most for us. These two wrestlers are improving at a faster rate and are currently giving the panthers the most points on the board overall. I think we need to focus on good set ups and not forcing shots, overall I’m happy with the team we are very young and more mat time and experience will be a huge benefit to us we just need to get back in the wrestling room and continue to work hard and improve!” stated Coach Aaron Mock Asst. Varsity

ARCHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER BIG GREEN

Antwerp outscored host Ottoville in every quarter as the Archers rolled to a 55-33 victory over the Big Green Tuesday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The blue and white doubled up the Big Green 12-6 in the opening stanza before widening the margin to 29-16 at the intermission. Antwerp expanded the lead to 40-22 entering the final period.

Jagger Landers topped the Archers with 19 points and Landon Brewer added 15 markers for the blue and white. Kaden Recker chipped in eight points for Antwerp followed by Luke Krouse (six), Carson Altimus (four), Mason Steel (two) and Gaige McMichael (one).

The Big Green was paced by Kellen Schlagbaum with 11 markers while Michael Steffan William Miller added nine and Michael Steffan contributed seven markers.

Grant Leis (three), Alex Suer (two) and Thru, Hilvers (one) had the remaining Ottoville points.

QUICK START LIFTS PANTHERS TO VICTORY

Parkway opened a ten-point lead at the end of one period and the Lady Panthers rolled from there to a 47-33 victory over visiting Antwerp Saturday afternoon in girls basketball action.

The black and gold scored 13 of the 16 points in the opening stanza and never looked back from there in improving to 5-2 on the season.

Antwerp bucketed seven points while limiting the Panthers to six as the blue and white trimmed the deficit to 19-10 at the intermission.

Parkway then broke the game open in the third quarter, scoring 22 points in the period in expanding the margin to 41-22 at the end of three periods.

Allison Hughes had a monster game for Parkway, grabbing 26 rebounds in the contest while scoring eight points. Emiree Knittle recorded ten points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals with Gabrielle Stober recording ten points, four rebounds and six assists.

Paige Williamson totaled 17 points, two rebounds and three assists as well for the Lady Panthers.

Aewyn McMichael scored a dozen points and Astianna Coppes bucketed ten for the Lady Archers, who fall to 4-2 on the season. Grace Schuette posted eight points as well for the blue and white followed by Lydia Brewer (two) and

COPPES LEADS ARCHERS TO WIN OVER EAGLES



Archer senior Astianna Coppes scores a 3-point basket in the first quarter against the Eagles! Asti was the top scorer of the game! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Astianna Coppes scored 15 points and the Antwerp Lady Archers dominated the first two quarters in cruising to a 43-32 win over visiting North Central in girls basketball action Thursday at the home of the Archers.

The blue and white jumped out to an 11-7 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before pushing the lead further in the second stanza. Antwerp doubled up the Eagles 16-8 in the quarter as the Lady Archers extended the margin to 27-15 at the intermission.

North Central did score a dozen third quarter points compared to Antwerp’s nine as the Eagles trimmed the deficit to 36-27 at the end of

three periods. However, the Lady Archers wrapped up the victory with a seven-point fourth quarter while holding North Central to five in sealing the 43-32 win.

Grace Schuette added eight markers for the Lady Archers with Lydia Brewer posting six for Antwerp. Ali Reinhart also had five for the blue and white followed by Hayleigh Jewell (four), Kiana Recker (four) and Aewyn McMichael (one).

Madison Brown and Kendal Bonney both put up ten points for the Lady Eagles while Lauren Balsler posted six and Makinzy King finished with four. Riley Brown also had two points for North Central.

Hayleigh Jewell (one).

The Lady Panther defense limited the Archers to 8 of 50 shooting from the field (16 percent) while Parkway hit 15 of 42 shots (35 percent). Parkway hit 8 of 24 shots from beyond the three-point arc (33 percent) compared to Antwerp’s 5 of 16 (31 percent).

At the free throw line, the

black and gold got 23 attempts but hit only nine (39 percent) with the blue and white making 12 of 16 (75 percent).

Parkway dominated the game on the boards, getting 45 rebounds with Antwerp grabbing 24. Both teams took care of the ball as the Archers had only six turnovers with the Panthers committing ten.

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PANTHERS FALL IN HEARTBREAKER



Paulding fought hard in the battle against Maumee and the game was close. Shown here is Christian Bauer, Paulding senior, picking up two points on this layup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding took the long trip to Maumee Valley Country Day Friday night in non-league boys basketball action where the Panthers came up just short in a 37-36 loss.

The maroon and white jumped in front 11-5 at the end of one period but would be outscored in each of the next three quarters.

Maumee Valley Country Day bucketed a dozen second quarter points compared to ten for Paulding, trimming the deficit to 21-17 at the break. The local squad was then outscored by one point in the third quarter as Paulding saw its lead drop to 26-23 entering the final period.

In the fourth quarter, Maumee Valley Country Day

then added 14 points while limiting the maroon and white to ten to record the 37-36 win.

David Parcher bucketed 13 points and Amani-Jordan Chandran-Dickerson scored 11 to lead Maumee Valley Country Day, which improves to 2-1. Christian Majors had seven points for the Hawks and Alec Schoepf finished with six.

Paulding was paced by Ethan Foltz with 11 points while Christian Bauer and Nick Manz both finished with seven. Luke Zartman and Zach Gorrell recorded four markers apiece and Casey Agler added three points for the Panthers.

ANTWERP WRESTLERS HAVE ANOTHER GOOD WEEKEND

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in the Lancer Invitational at Lincolnview High School on Saturday December 11, 2021. Of the 5 wrestlers competing, 4 of them were able to place in the top 5 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 5th on the day at 4-1 with 3 pins was senior Trayce Lengacher in the 150-pound weight class. Ending the day in 4th place was senior Caleb Wilson at 175 pounds. Wilson posted a 3-2 with 2 pins. Earning a 3rd place finish was freshman Skyler Octaviano at 132 pounds. Octaviano finished his tournament with a 4-1 record and 3 pins. Winning his second consecutive tournament was junior Eli Reinhart in the 157-pound weight class. Reinhart was undefeated on the day posting a 5-0 record with 4 wins coming by pin.

Next up for the archer wrestlers is the notoriously tough Border Wars tournament at Defiance High School on December 28th & 29th. Good luck as you prepare in the coming weeks and as always GO ARCHERS!!

SCORELESS FIRST DOOMS LADY PANTHERS

Paulding's girls basketball team hit the road to Lima Bath on Monday night in non-league action where the Lady Panthers fell to the host Lady Wildkittens 43-32.

A scoreless first quarter

the first two baskets of the second quarter as Woodlan outscored the Hornets 11-7 in the period to extend the margin to 25-17 at the intermission.

Angola did cut the deficit to 25-19 on a basket by Dylan Oberlin but Woodlan went on to outscore the Hornets by one in the quarter in posting a 36-27 lead entering the final period.

Oberlin paced the Angola attack with 15 points while Dane Lantz added ten markers. Cameron McGee, Tyler Call and Landon Herbert all had five markers for the Hornets, who fall to 1-3 on the season.

Joe Reidy topped Woodlan with 17 points and Dejay Gerig chipped in 11 markers for the Warriors. Luke Meyer and Dawson Lichty both added six points for Woodlan while Braden Smith posted four and Trey Yoder had two.

Woodlan's junior varsity also was victorious as the Warriors posted a 40-26 win over the Hornets.

Luke Meyer posted 11 points to top Woodlan while Alex Meyer led Angola with nine.

LANDERS, BREWER LEAD ARCHERS TO FIFTH STRAIGHT WIN

The Antwerp boys basketball team traveled to Putnam County Saturday night and came home with a fifth straight victory as the blue and white defeated Continental 53-18.

Antwerp was in control from the start, taking a 15-2 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before expanding the margin to 29-5 at the midway point of the contest.

The Archers widened the lead again in the third quarter as Antwerp scored ten points compared to Continental's eight in posting a 39-13 lead entering the final period.

Landers and Brewer scored 17 points apiece to pace the blue and white offensively while Carson Altimus bucketed seven and Luke Krouse posted five. Kaden Recker (three), Gaige McMichael (two) and Mason Steel (two) finished out the Antwerp scoring as the Archers improved to 5-0 on the year.

Konner Knipp-Williams paced Continental with 11 points in the contest and Gavin Huff chipped in seven for the Pirates, who fall to 2-4 overall.

Antwerp will hit the road on Friday to start the Green

Meadows Conference portion of its schedule as the Archers visit Edgerton. The Archers then go back on the road Saturday night for a non-league battle at Jefferson Middle School to take on Delphos Jefferson.

BRYAN ROLLS TO WIN OVER WT

The Lady Bears of Bryan are favorites to win the Northwest Ohio Athletic League conference championship this year according to coaches from around the NWOAL.

On Tuesday evening, Bryan lived up to that billing in cruising to a 59-25 win over visiting Wayne Trace in girls basketball action.

The Golden Bears scored 19 first quarter points to take control with a 19-9 lead at the end of eight minutes of action. Bryan then widened the advantage in the second quarter, putting up 14 points to the Raiders' three for a 33-12 halftime lead.

In the third period, the Williams County squad continue to expand the margin with a 20-point period compared to the Raiders' ten as Bryan posted a 53-22 lead entering the final period.

Kailee Thiel scored 17 points and added six rebounds and three steals to lead the way for the Lady Golden Bears while Addie Arnold and Reese Grothaus both bucketed ten markers. Delilah Taylor and Ella Voigt both scored seven points with Ellyn Murphy posting six and Blayze Langenderfer had two markers.

Abby Moore paced the Lady Raiders with nine points and five rebounds while Rachel Stoller bucketed seven boards. Christina Graham contributed four points and three assists with Rylee Troth hitting a three-pointer for her only basket of the contest. Ava Zartman also had a two-pointer for the red, white and blue.

Moore also topped the Raiders in rebounding with five boards and Graham paced Wayne Trace with three assists. Harper Myers also recorded two steals to pace the Lady Raiders.

Bryan also won the junior varsity contest by a score of 39-11.

Ava Zartman scored six points for the Lady Raiders while Tianna Sinn and Harper Myers both scored two points. Maddison Gurney hit a foul shot to pick up the remaining Raider point.

ANTWERP RESIDENTS! VOTE NEEDED FOR LIGHTING CONTEST!



Antwerp Chamber of Commerce has sponsored a Business Lighting Contest this holiday season. There are 13 businesses entered into this first holiday lighting contest for Chamber businesses in Antwerp. The "Major Award" in the window of the photo above (Friends Flooring window) goes to the business who receives the most votes. Voting is set up at the Antwerp Branch Library during li-

brary hours until December 15, 2021.

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LONG, HORNISH WIN TITLES AT TOLEDO INVITE

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Team took part in the Bill Urban Invitational at Toledo St. John's on Saturday with a pair of Raiders bringing home individual championships.

Hunter Long and Jarrett Hornish each took titles for the red, white and blue as Long won at 144 and Hornish claimed the championship at 150.

Long posted victories by pin over Delta's Devon Haven (1:21) and Toledo St. John's Jackson Turner (1:28) to finish first while Hornish pinned Toledo St. John's Alex Camacho (:43) and Delta's Caleb Lantz (:33) to win the championship.

Samuel Moore, Conner Blankenship and Graiden Troth each came home with

second place finishes for the Raiders.

Moore won by pin over Liberty Benton's Shane Laster (3:22) and Sandusky's Jayvion Johnson (3:59) before falling to Delta's Evan Perry (12-4) in the championship at 165.

At 138, Troth defeated Liberty Benton's Avery Allen (20-11) and Delta's Anthony Hernandez (9-0) but came up short to Toledo St. John's Kaden Soto by pin (3:25).

Blankenship pinned his first two opponents in Sylvania Northview's Raymond Garcia (1:25) and Sandusky's Xavier Vaccaro (1:17) before dropping the championship match to Delta's Evan Hanelfeld via pin (:43).

Wayne Trace's Corbin Kimmel placed third at 113 and the Raiders' Jared Pierce took third at 132. The red, white and blue's Kaden Woolbright also was third at 285.

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along with his 13 points. In the second half Liberty Center never threatened as the Raiders advanced their lead to as many as 22 with a 52-30 lead heading into the final eight minutes of play. In the final quarter the Tigers managed to outscore Wayne Trace 14-11 but the outcome was settled in the early going. Like the Raiders, the Tigers placed eight in the score book but no one hit double figures. Evan Conrad led the Tigers with nine points with team mate Aiden Hammontree chipping in eight.

Also scoring for the Raiders were Cameron Graham with six points to go along with five steals; Tyler Davis adding four; Trevor Sinn with three; Hudson Myers chipping in two and Dylan Hildebrand rounding out the scoring with one. The Raiders connected on 62 percent of the two-point attempts (16-26) but struggled behind the arc, connecting on just 6-22 for 27 percent. At the foul line the Raiders were 13-21 while LC connected on just 9-20. From the floor the Tigers connected on 16-47 overall for a

34 percent clip. Liberty Center had their way on the boards -- out rebounding the Raiders 44-25. Both teams committed 17 turnovers with WT collecting 17 steals to 10 for their opponent.

PATRIOTS GET ACAC WIN OVER RAIDERS

Visiting Heritage opened an eight-point cushion after one quarter and the Lady Patriots never looked back in posting a 52-44 win at Southern Wells in ACAC girls basketball play on Saturday.

The Lady Patriots led 13-5 at the end of one period and widened the margin to 26-15 at the intermission. Southern Wells did pull to within 36-28 entering the final quarter but each team bucketed 16 points in the fourth period to set the final 52-44 margin.

Claire Bickel scored 19 points and Ella Bickel added 17 for Heritage, which improves to 8-4 with the win over the Lady Raiders. Madilyn Scheumann posted six for the Lady Patriots followed by Abby Zelt (four), Kendall Zelt (three) and Shelby Schane (three).

Heritage also got five rebounds and four assists from Claire Bickel with Ella Bickel hauling in six boards and Scheumann picking up five. Carly Gerardot and Schane each dished out a pair of assists for the Lady Patriots and Schane also chipped in three steals.

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MOST POPULAR CHRISTMAS DISHES



By: Angel Steiner, editor

The holidays are barreling through and we are making our lists and checking them twice concerning Christmas Dinner, goodies and baking, and other parties that may be on the calendar this season. Google searching for the perfect menu with all the right fixings is the goal - unique yet classic, satisfying yet nourishing, both savory and sweet to complete the meal. Every year the magazine racks promulgate the latest "best turkey" recipe or apple/pumpkin pie or gravy that your guests will just swoon over.

It doesn't matter if you try the latest and greatest recipe straight out of someone's test kitchen or if you use that tried and true family recipe that has survived multiple generations: people still expect certain

dishes to be prepared for Christmas dinner.

According to a Taste of Home writer, some dishes fare better with the American palate than others when it comes to Christmas Dinner. In a poll conducted by YouGov, the most popular Christmas dish is roasted potatoes. These salty, starchy tidbits are followed closely by its first cousin, mashed potatoes. Turkey took the third place spot followed by bread or rolls, stuffing or dressing, prime rib, roast beef, steak and Cornish hen.

Americans named many things as their "must-haves" at Christmas Dinner - from soup or chowder to turnips and empanadas. Least favorite among Americans at the Christmas dinner table is tofu (remember the *Everybody Loves Raymond* Thanksgiving episode when Marie wanted to have a healthy thanksgiving dinner?).

In the end, your loved ones have gathered to be together for the holidays so stack that menu with all their favorites - delve into family traditions and then add a little modern flair to give that veteran dish a fresh spin. This year I will be using some of my garden grown herbs to explode the taste buds!

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATES SERIOUS INJURY CRASH HOLIDAY CITY

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a serious injury crash that occurred on December 7, 2021, at approximately 6:43 A.M. The crash occurred on US 20A near milepost 2 in Madison Township, Williams County.

Dean D. Bowers, age 51, of Defiance, Ohio, was driving a 2022 Freightliner Cascadia semi-truck southbound on US 20A. Randy E. Fee, age 58, of Montpelier, Ohio, who was also southbound on US 20A, was driving a 2000 Ford Ranger. Mr. Fee attempted to pass Mr. Bowers as Zachary D. Williams, age 22, of Bryan, Ohio, was driving northbound on US 20A in a 2014 Volvo VNL semi-truck. In an attempt to avoid a collision with Mr. Williams, Mr. Fee attempted to swerve back into his lane and subsequently struck Mr. Bowers. Mr. Fee's vehicle then ricocheted into Mr. Williams.

After all the vehicles came to a rest, Lavon R. Stomm, age 66, of Butler, Indiana, who was driving in a 2020 International MV607 semi-truck southbound on US 20A, struck Mr. Fee's vehicle

Sudoku solution from page 9

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that was crashed in the roadway.

Mr. Fee was transported to the Bryan Community Hospital with serious injuries by Williams County EMS. Mr. Fee was later transported to Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. No other persons involved sustained any injuries.

Alcohol and drugs are not suspected.

The Patrol was assisted by the Williams County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Department of Transportation, Williams County EMS, Montpelier Fire Department, John's Towing, and Hutch's Towing. The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to always wear safety belts, to not drive distracted, and to ensure sufficient space before passing.

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VFW POST 587 DONATES TO PCOC



Pictured from left are: John Daeger, Dan Wilder, Keith Rydell (PCOC Director), Roger Henry and Jake Morse.

Paulding VFW Post 587 members have been very generous in assisting with community needs this holiday season. Recently the VFW donated \$500 to the Paulding County Opportunity Center. Money donated will be used toward Christmas dinners and gifts for the students. The Paulding County Opportunity School encompasses stu-

dents from Antwerp Local Schools, Paulding Exempted Village Schools and Wayne Trace Local Schools in grades 6-12 offering tailored educational experiences for both special education and regular education students who desire an alternative school setting in order to meet their educational needs and graduation requirements.

PAULDING COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS

The Paulding County Business Advisory Council held their Q4 meeting here at the OSU Extension Building today, on the campus of the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The event is facilitated by the Paulding County Economic Development office. Representatives from the all three county schools and Vantage Career Center made presentations to the business community attendees. Each discussed updates on projects taking place at their schools that could be of benefit to local businesses and offered opportunities where the businesses might partner with them to have hands on learn-

ing at each site. Vantage provided detailed information in regard to Paulding County students attending (165) and



business visits taking place to talk to the students today. To date only one business in the

county has taken the opportunity to visit and present to the students.

The theme of the day was of course workforce. Data and thoughts about how to overcome some of the open employment gaps were discussed including: childcare, transportation and salary and benefits. There is continued discussion with local economic development directors within the six-county area to develop a new salary and benefits survey but it was questioned if a Paulding County specific survey might also be warranted.

Opportunities were again shared by the schools in regard to student tours at facilities around the county. The idea was submitted about businesses visiting the schools to explain what the businesses do, and getting the students comfortable with business personnel. Thoughts were shared on senior student work release program opportunities and upcoming college summer help options as well.

The discussion took place in regard to new opportunities that could be made available with the collaboration of businesses and schools. The redevelopment of the Paulding County Career Day event was tossed out. This event was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to covid. Surveys will be used to determine if this event can take place in Q1 or early Q2 of 2022. Michael Schweinsberg, with the OSU Extension office, presented some thoughts to the group in regard to a virtual reality simulator that could be used to video local manufacturing businesses and allow students to tour facilities without leaving the classroom. Thoughts for funding the cost of this

equipment were discussed.

The event closed out hearing from Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copey in tying local businesses back into the county fair. For nearly a decade some of the most established county businesses have sponsored a day at the fair to allow free admission all week long. However, there have been no opportunities to have a business presence inside the fair. This year Tim Schaeffer reached out from the fair board, to the Economic Development office, to see if collaboration can take place to get as many county businesses as possible on the fairgrounds. A free booth opportunity will be provided for businesses, during fair week June 11-18, to display their production pieces, retail products, equipment they supply to the market, or simply a display about what they do and open employment opportunities. These booths can be manned or unmanned. It is up to each individual business to decide. The hope is to flood the fairgrounds with opportunities for adults and students alike to learn more about the county and grow county pride going forward. To learn more about any of these discussions or to join this council please contact Office Manager Kristen Schilt in the PC Economic Development office 419-399-8295. The next PC BAC meeting will be hosted in March.

BLUE RIBBON WORKERS 4-H CLUB HOLDS SECOND MEETING

By: Emma Stouffer

On Saturday, November 13, 2021, the Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club held its second meeting at the Youth Leadership Building, located at the Paulding Fairgrounds. Before the meeting began, members were invited to play marshmallow dodgeball. Final decisions were made about officer positions for 2021-22. The positions are as follows: Therin Coyne; president, Nyle Stoller; vice-president, Macy Doster; secretary, Ian Clevenger; community service, Clay Stoller; safety, Jacob Wobler; health, Emma Stouffer; news reporter, and Alex Doster and Witt Stoller; recreation. The position of treasurer is still being determined. During the meeting, Macy Doster gave the secretary's report and Nyle Stoller read the treasurer's report. Clay Stoller gave a safety report about being in and around cars. Members were reminded to register online and order their books which will be delivered to their house. Members were also reminded to download the 4-H app to receive updates and to sign up for demonstrations to participate in fair. Then the club headed across the street to the John Paulding Historical Society to visit the Festival of Trees. While there, members were encouraged to find the 25 mice hidden throughout the buildings. Furthermore, members were able to see many trees and wreaths that were decorated by the community. The club invites anyone interested in 4-H to join. The Blue Ribbon Workers next meeting will be held on January 15, 2022, at the Youth Leadership Building.

VFW MAKES DONATION TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



VFW Post 587 of Paulding has donated \$1,000 to the John Paulding Historical Society. The museum's collection includes military uniforms, photographs, equipment, flags and other memorabilia. Here,

historical society treasurer Patti Boundy, accepts the donation from Dan Wilder, a VFW post director. The society, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, greatly appreciates the contribution.

ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AFTER 2 YEARS

It has been two years since the Antwerp Community Band gave its last Christmas concert! The Covid winter of 2020 prevented all of us from fully celebrating the holiday season's traditions, so the Band is delighted that the world has recovered enough that we all can begin to return to normal.

Express your joy and relief by attending one of our Christmas concerts! We performed on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at 2:30 pm in the Auditoria at Antwerp Local School and will give our encore performance on Sunday, December 19, at 7 pm at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville.

There is no charge for admission except your good cheer! On the playbill: the exuberant and joyful "Exultate Deo", a jazzy version of "O Christmas Tree", the delicate "Candlelight Carol", "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and several suites that include many familiar favorites of the season. Please join us for one or both concerts and make some new Christmas memories!

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OFFER CDL TRAINING

Northwest State Community College is now offering CDL training classes for local companies and individuals throughout Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. The CDL Training Center, powered by Custom Training Solutions (CTS), is a five-week program

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