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Merry Christmas!

HUGHES RETIRES FROM AEB



Pictured with Leslie is The Antwerp Exchange Bank's President/CEO John Kobee.

Leslie Hughes recently retired from The Antwerp Exchange Bank. She has been a valuable member of the bank for 24 years and will be

greatly missed. The Directors, Officers and Employees of the bank would like to wish her the best in her future endeavors.

NEW YEARS AT NOON WITH FLAT ROCK 4-H!

Come celebrate New Years early with your friends in Paulding, OH. Flat Rock Junior Farmers

4-H Club will be hosting a New Years Celebration on December 30th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Paulding County Fairgrounds Extension Hall. Everyone is welcome!

JOE REIDY BREAKS WOODLAN'S 30 YEAR RECORD

Joe Reidy was an immediate success for Woodlan when he started off as a freshman on the varsity basketball team at Woodlan. He was the tallest player on the team, and that never hurts in basketball, and many games he was also the top scorer.

As a 2022 senior, Reidy has not slowed down his pace in scoring. On December 14 Woodlan travelled East Noble High School and the Warriors lost the match, but Reidy gained the title of Most Career Points, breaking the record for Woodlan. At the finish of the game, Joe had accumulated 1403 points. The previous record holder was Lloy Ball.

The Memorial Scholarship committee will begin accepting submissions for their scholarship, December 15th. The submissions will be permitted until February 1st. In honor of Ataya's senior year, two scholarships will be awarded for the first time ever.

Students in their senior year of high school and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for the two, \$4,000 scholarships. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior from Leo, IN where Ataya would have graduated from this spring.

The Ataya Kaser Memorial Scholarship is debuting a new format this year. Previously, the submissions were essays. This year applicants will create a one to three minute video detailing a state's Safe Haven Law or explaining the purpose of anonymous surrender at a Safe Haven Baby

PAYNE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING CHANGES

Due to the upcoming holidays, the Payne Village Council and Board of Public Affairs will have an alternate meeting schedule.

The new schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 27 - Council and BPA Meetings are cancelled

Monday, January 3 - Council and BPA Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 10 - Council and BPA Meetings are cancelled

The Village Council and BPA will resume their regular meeting schedules after January 10.

ATAYA KASER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP HONORS SENIOR YEAR WITH 2 SCHOLARSHIPS

Ataya Kaser, a loyal Safe Haven Baby Box supporter leaves a legacy of educating her peers through a scholarship named in her honor. Ataya tragically passed away in 2018 as a result of a car accident. Yet, her Safe Haven Baby Box loving spirit continues on through promoting Safe Haven Laws in the form of a scholarship. She was a passionate student and thrived in the classroom. Now students across the nation are able to submit an application to the foundation that bears her name by promoting a cause she enthusiastically supported.



Box location. These videos will be shared across social media, namely, TikTok as a public service announcement. The new format of the scholarship will allow students to be creative while also creating awareness for Safe Haven Law.

Further details about the scholarship and the application process are available on shbb.org. Questions can be directed to Corie Walls, at corie@safehavenbabyboxe-s.org.

Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

December 22

• Advent service @ St. John Luth. Church, Hicksville, 11a or 6:30p

December 24

• Christmas Eve Service @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm
• Christmas Eve Service @ St. John Luth Church, Hicksville, 9pm

December 25

• Merry Christmas!

December 26

• Lessons & Carols Service @ St. John Luth Church, Hicksville, 10:15am
• Bluegrass Praise Band Concert @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

December 30

• New Years Celebration @ PC fairgrounds, 11a-2p

January 1

• Happy New Year!
• ACC Meat Shoot 11 am

January 15

• Blue Ribbon Workers meeting @ PC Youth Leadership Bldg.

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OBITUARIES

SCOTT, OH
Gale Henry Doster
 "Pineapple", 74, of Scott, passed away at 11:31 AM on Sunday, December 05, 2021 at Van Wert Health. He was born on February 05, 1947, in Paulding County, to the late Russell and Virginia (Yenser) Doster.

On May 4, 1968, he married Glenna Bennett at the Junction Methodist Church with Rev. Crosby officiating. He worked at General Motors in Defiance, Ohio from 1966 until he retired in 2002. In 2000, Gale and Glenna opened Doster's Building Surplus in Melrose and operated it until 2015 when they decided to close.

Gale served in the United States Marines and was a member of the Amvets Post 1991 in Defiance, Paulding County Genealogy Society, First Families of Paulding County and First Families the State of Ohio as well as the Civil War Society with 17 decedents.

He loved fishing and hunting, especially going to Michigan and Canada for salmon fishing, and camping and traveling with his wife. Gale would help anyone in need, whether he was pulling someone out of a ditch, changing a flat tire, lending a hand to a neighbor or simply spending time with a sick buddy.

He is survived by his wife, Glenna of Scott; two children: Steven Doster of Melrose, Ohio; Konnie (Brian) Moll of Louisiana; grandchildren: Desiree Moll and Brandon Moll; one brother, Charles Doster; three sisters: Carolyn (Bruce) Snavelly, Kathryn Golliver, Margaret Keeterle.

In addition to his parents, Gale was preceded in death by his brother, Clyde Doster;

brothers-in-law: Gary Golliver, James Keeterle and sister-in-law, Sharon Doster.

In keeping with Gale's wishes, a Celebration of Life was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Amvets Post 1991, 1795 Spruce St, Defiance, OH 43512.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Gale's memory may be sent to the family or to a charity of the donor's choice.

To share in Gale's online memorial, please visit www.alspachgearhart.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, 722 S Washington Street, Van Wert, OH 45891.

ANTWERP, OH

Michael F. Knight, 73, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, December 12, 2021 while wintering in Florida. Arr. by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOMES OF ANTWERP & PAYNE, OHIO.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**

Dear Parson,

Why are there four separate gospels in the Bible instead of just one?

It appears that God wanted to appeal to the special interests and needs of various people concerning Christ and His teachings. The four gospels combined, also present the over-all picture of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Matthew Jesus is emphasized as the promised Messiah and King of Israel fulfilling prophecies beyond question.

In Mark, Jesus is emphasized as the perfect servant Who humbled Himself to

MAJOR AWARD GOES TO SMALL TOWN BLISS!!



Pictured here are Chantel Lawson, Audrey Feasby and Paula Licht of Small Town Bliss, 2021 winners of the Business Christmas Lighting Contest in Antwerp sponsored by the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce.

The winner of the first annual Business Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is Small Town Bliss with their building decorated to look like a Gingerbread House. There were 13 businesses who participated in the inaugural year of this event, and 43 people that voted.

2nd place went to Dr. Sarah Mowery's office who had a gnome in the front yard

and the tooth light in the window. 3rd place was a tie with West Bend News and Petals & Vines. The Antwerp Chamber would like to thank everyone that participated this year — both businesses and the voters. We look forward to doing it again next year!

The leg lamp will be a traveling trophy so who knows who will win in 2022!

Congratulations Small Town Bliss! Merry Christmas everyone!

serve all and teach us to do the same.

In Luke, Jesus is emphasized as the perfect Son of man Who though He was human, He was without personal sin or a sinful nature from Adam.

In John, Jesus is emphasized as the Son of God, Creator, Savior and equal with God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

OH WHAT A SAVIOR!!

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

JESUS CHRIST IS CHRISTMAS

By: **Doris Applegate**

To all who read the articles that I write, it is my prayer and desire that this year of Christmas will be the best ever for you.

Christmas is not Christmas without Christ Jesus. He truly is the reason for the season. The Son of almighty God gave up His very God position and became flesh. So that He could become our Savior and friend. He showed us how to live and love. Love surely came down that starry night and changed the world.

With the same love in our hearts we also can change our world. The big and most important question is: Do we have this love of God in us? It is given when we accept the "Gift of Christmas"...Christ Jesus, himself. It is wonderful to receive gifts and presents at Christmas or any other time, but the ultimate gift comes from God.

The shepherds watching their flocks were the first to see this "gift" and the wisemen traveled a great distance to see this gift. King Herald was jealous of this "gift" and killed many babies trying to kill the "gift".

Now we can receive the "gift" freely with all the "wrappings" taken off the package. We realize that it (the "gift") is our only way to God and Heaven. Where are the wisemen (people) of today? Are you one of them? Good! Now

Scripture of the Week
"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world."
 — Luke 2:1,4-5

PAYNE ELEMENTARY CHIRSTMAS PROGRAM



On December 17, Payne Elementary 4th, 5th, and 6th graders presented the 2021 Christmas Program.

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 May God Bless You!

The office will be closed on December 24th in observance of the holiday. We will resume regular business hours on December 27th.

* While the office is closed, please submit any ads, news or printing jobs via email to: info@westbendnews.net

Thank you!

Cathy Fowler	Marcie Eberle		Kay Doster
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Sally & Esther Stoller	Cheri Griffiths	Jean Porter	
Margaret Philpot	Beth Griffiths		
Amy Egnor			

With the help of Paulding County, we were able to send 52 boxes of stockings overseas to our troops! Thank you to all of you who helped make Stockings For Soldiers 2021 a HUGE success.

*From our family to yours,
 Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!*

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Earl B. Endsley was born in Defiance Township, Defiance County, Ohio April 18, 1894. The son of John Sherman and Rosa Belle (Wilson) Endsley. Both parents were born in Ohio and were married March 4, 1890 in Henry County, Ohio. The Endsley family eventually grew to 8



children, with one dying at a few months old. By 1900 the Endsley family was living in Grover Hill, John was a farmer and Earl was not in school.

By 1910 the Endsley family was still living in Grover Hill and Earl was working on the farm, but was enrolled in school. By 1917, the world was at war, the United States, by this time had men register for the draft.



EARL B. ENDSLEY

On June 5, 1917 in Latty Township, Earl registered for the draft. He was listed as medium build and height, gray eyes, black hair, and his vocation was listed as farm laborer. Earl signed up in Paulding July 22, 1918. He was assigned to 5th Company 2nd Training Battalion 158th Depot Brigade. He served with the unit until August 8, 1918.

Earl was shipped out from New York on the ship "Karmala", and given the service number #3528827, he was assigned to serve with Company K. 335th Infantry October 1918.

Arriving in France, Earl was to serve with Company I. 28th Infantry in the Meuse-Argonne sector. Earl caught lobar pneumonia and died November 6, 1918, five days before the war ended. Little did his parents know that their son, Earl, would be required to serve and die on foreign soil.

Earl was buried in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, in France, Grave 6, Row 25, Block A. The family placed a memorial stone for Earl in Mount Zion Cemetery in Latty Township. 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 pilgrimages to European Cemeteries. This was a huge help for mothers who could not afford the trip and needed closure.

Mrs. Rosa Belle Endsley choose not to go, but in 1963, John D. Endsley, a nephew of Earl B. Endsley, traveled to France and visited Earl Bartlett Endsley's grave. Until Next Time

CHRISTMAS SERVICES ANNOUNCED FOR ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

St John Lutheran Church, 812 East High Street, Hicksville announces their Christmas Services. Wednesday December 22 will be our last midweek Advent Services at 11 am or 6:30 pm. December 24 will be our traditional candlelight Christmas Eve Service with special music at the new time of 9 pm. On Sunday December 26 will be our Lessons & Carols Service at 10:15 am. Questions can be directed to 419-542-6269. Minister Alex Heffelfinger and the members invite you to our services. ALL ARE WELCOME!

SIGN CAMPAIGN PROMOTING GOD, CONSTITUTION & THE USA

The Stand for God, Constitution, USA Yard Sign Campaign which began in

LUKE 2:12 KJV



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, good will toward men.

late October has continued to grow and spread throughout Northwest Ohio area and other areas of Ohio. Some of our signs are now in Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Florida and Texas, to name the states we know about. By request, we are supplying larger 3'x5' yard banners for display.

Our grassroots, nonprofit group felt this was a God inspired message from the start and we are so grateful and amazed to see where He is leading this and how far God will take this message of hope and encouragement. We have met many wonderful people who have responded generously to help us promote this message because they love God and our Country and are willing to stand up and speak out for this message.

In each of the towns we have gone to, there have been businesses that have been willing to help us spread this message. These businesses have bought signs to have available for purchase. In Antwerp people may get signs at the following local businesses: Leland Smith Insurance (Dan Fowler), The Pit Stop (Marathon Station) and Junke Barnwood Creation Shop.

We appreciate everyone who has purchased signs to support and spread His message. May this message from God continue to spread and bring about positive change to restore and preserve our freedoms.

For signs or information contact: Kathie Roth 419-519-3392, Tam Stoller 419-399-4104, Heather Miller 419-399-4749

ANGERINGLY LOW BLOOD SUPPLY

This is serious. The American Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery, including organ transplants. Your donation is desperately needed this holiday season. Please schedule an appointment to give now.

You can call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit online at www.redcrossblood.org

PROVIDE CRITICAL INPUT ON ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA IMPACT

The Ohio Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force is holding in-person and virtual listening sessions to gather critical information from Ohio residents that will be used in formulating recommendations for the first state Alzheimer's plan.

Task Force members encourage any person living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, their caregivers, and those working in related fields to attend one of the scheduled listening sessions and offer their input about services and additional support needed for those living with dementia.

"The time is now for families and those living with Alzheimer's or other dementia to let their voices be heard as the Ohio Alzheimer's and Dementia State Task Force conducts listening sessions around Ohio," said Eric VanVlymen, Regional Leader, Alzheimer's Association, Ohio.

"The Alzheimer's Association is excited to be a partner with the Ohio Department of Aging and the Ohio Department of Health to help address the issues of early detection and health systems change regarding dementia and caregiver support. I encourage anyone impacted by this devastating disease to please let your voice be heard."

In-person listening sessions scheduled are:

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1-3 p.m., University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, E-255 Medical Services Building, 231 Albert Sabin Way, Cincinnati, OH 45229. Register at <https://bit.ly/3Dlp77g>.

Thursday, Dec. 16, 1-3 p.m., The Ohio State University College of Social Work, The Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43210. Register at <https://bit.ly/3G7CKIJ>.

Virtual sessions scheduled are:

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Register at: <https://bit.ly/31urIOE>.

Friday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.-noon. Register at: <https://bit.ly/3DnffKa>.

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W. P. WOODS AWARDS HIGHEST AWARD GIVEN BY INDIANA LIONS



Receiving award: Lion Vice Pres. Aaron Nedd. From NH Lions Club President Don Cooper.



Receiving award: Lion Terry Elser from NH Lions Club president Don Cooper.

On Monday, Dec. 6th, Awards to deserving New Haven Lions Club Members.

Monday, Dec. 20, 3-5 p.m.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3DmpWMT>.

For more information, the community should visit www.aging.ohio.gov/alztaskforce.

Ohio's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force is formulating the steps the state should take to create Ohio's first state Alzheimer's plan. The Task Force, appointed by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, is evaluating seven core areas - from early detection and in-

tervention to long-term services and support. One out of every nine Ohioans aged 65 and older are impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, according to the Task Force's preliminary findings summary report.

The Task Force, which is charged with building a plan that will be the hallmark of Ohio's strategic response to the devastating impact of Alzheimer's and dementia, a growing public health crisis that impacts 220,000 Ohioans ages 65 and older.

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"I searched and searched for peace of mind, but never did I find. Fear and anguish haunted me, I knew I'd end in Hell. What could I do, where was my help, the question, it remained, until one day I

heard the truth, that Jesus came and gave His life to take my sins away. I grabbed a hold and took his "gift" the answer I did find. And now with joy and gladness, I share this bread and wine!"

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UGLY SWEATER DAY



Grover Hill Elementary celebrated with Ugly Sweater Day! Pictured: Mrs. Jessica Davis Student Council Advisor, Karsyn Troth, Xylem Kashner, Avery Noffsinger and Kenzie Ogle.

WAYNE TRACE ROBOTICS CLUB



This past week, seven Wayne Trace High School students participated in the BEST Robotics competition, pitting 25 teams from across the country in a contest to develop, build, and market a robot that could successfully perform a variety of construction and demolition-related tasks. Led by seniors Eli Spinner and Xander Kohart, the robot's driving team also included sophomore Eli Stuart and freshman Eli Martinez along with freshman Kal-El

Lands in the pit. The marketing team included sophomores Kailyn Dienstberger and Emma Laukhuf along with freshman Eli Martinez. BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science & Technology) Robotics challenges students to learn more about engineering through the creation and programming of a robot, researching and recordkeeping the process as part of an engineering notebook, and presenting their project and product as part of a compre-

hensive marketing plan to meet the requirements of a specific theme. To complete the given tasks in this year's Demo Daze challenge, the Wayne Trace Robotics Team designed a tank-drive robot with a forklift and autonomous driving features which could lift and move a variety of objects within the game course in a specific amount of time.

While the marketing competition took place virtually over the course of two evenings starting on December 3, the robot challenge took place on Saturday, December 11 at the simulated construction and demolition site at Grove City College north of Pittsburgh. This year's big competition took on a new look with only six teams competing at the Pennsylvania location and scores feeding into a national scoreboard in Denver. The Wayne Trace team, with their robot nicknamed Blockbuster, competed head-to-head with these robots in thirteen rounds over the course of seven hours.

Although the Raider team did not place in the top three nationally, they gained a great deal of invaluable experience working, traveling, and competing together as a team. A special thank you to our seniors, several of whom have been with the Wayne Trace program since it started five years ago--Eli Spinner, Xander Kohart, and Therin Coyne. The team now looks forward to recruiting new members and touring its robot around Northwest Ohio as part of a special thank you to its sponsors who include: Alliance Automation, Raven Technologies, Mercer Landmark, Tenneco, Paulding County Foundation, Pond Seed Company, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Federal Mogul, Dairy Queen, Reineke Family Dealerships, Delta Kappa Gamma, Wayne Trace Alumni Club, along with the Wayne Trace School Board, Administration, and Staff.

FIELD NAMED CEO OF LUTHERAN HEALTH PHYSICIANS



Jason Field has been named chief executive officer of Lutheran Health Physicians effective January 10, 2022. Field was most recently chief operating officer of the Owensboro Health Medical Group in Owensboro, Ky. Field brings more than three decades of experience to his new role and will be responsible for leading Lutheran Health Physicians' five medical groups throughout northeastern Indiana, which represents more than 40 medical specialties.

In addition to his work in Kentucky, Field has held leadership positions with medical groups in California, Oregon and Terre Haute. His career achievements include improving patient satisfaction scores, implementing online schedul-

ing, expanding access and recruiting new physicians to meet the community need.

"Jason's skill in developing strategic partnerships, team building and long-term planning made him an ideal choice for this role," said Scott Teffeteller, Lutheran Health Network chief executive officer. "His background in developing initiatives to improve the management of chronic care conditions will also be instrumental as we develop new and improved ways to care for patients throughout northeastern Indiana.

"Jason has a proven track record of working with physicians," said Lutheran Health Network chief medical officer Vishal Bhatia, MD, MBA. "His experience with quality management and patient experience is an asset. We are happy he has chosen to join our team."

"I am really looking forward to returning to Indiana and working with the team at Lutheran Health Physicians to build on its existing strengths and identify opportunities to make healthcare delivery in our community the best experience possible," said Field.

Field grew up in Decker, Ind. and holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Indiana University and Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from Purdue University as well as a Juris Doctor from Valparaiso University School of Law in Valparaiso.

HFNEI ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT CHANGE

Dennis Covert, President of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (HFNEI), announced that effective January 19, 2022, he is voluntarily stepping-down as President.

Dennis has been involved with HFNEI since 2010 and has served as president for 5 1/2 years. Mr. Covert stated; "It has been an honor and privilege to serve as president of HFNEI. I loved my time as president and I look forward to serving as a member of the Board of Directors and continuing our mission of transporting veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the memorials that were built in their honor."

Cathy Berkshire was elected as in-coming President of HFNEI at a Board of Directors meeting on November 17, 2021. Cathy has been involved with HFNEI since 2009. She has worked on fund-raising efforts, served as a guardian, bus leader, trip leader, and since 2014 has served as corporate secretary. President-elect Cathy Berkshire said; "I serve on the HFNEI Board of directors in memory of all my family members that have served this great country since 1940. I truly feel honored and blessed to serve our veterans with this amazing organization. I am eager and excited to resume our Honor Flights in Spring 2022."

Three Honor Flights are scheduled from Fort Wayne in the Spring of 2022. For more information about upcoming flights, visit our website: www.hfnei.org; Facebook: www.facebook.com/hfnei or call the Honor Flight phone at 260-633-0049.

Honor Flight NE Indiana, Inc. is a volunteer, nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

WOODBURN LIONS CLUB DONATES TO WOODLAN MARCHING BAND



Woodburn Lions Club gave a \$500 donation to the Woodlan Marching Band this week. Pictured below left to right is Bob Slattery, band director, Brock Filler, drum major, and Shane Mumma, club president. The club was able to view a video of the bands winning 2021 performance at our annual Christmas dinner.

ANTWERP SCHOOL ANNOUNCES CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The meeting was opened by Sara Schuette. The financial report was given by treasurer, Kristine Stuart. The Income was \$551,266.42, expenditures: \$1,110,786.19; interest \$1,887.52

Kristine Stuart said that the auditors are here to inspect. She said 42% through fiscal year, received 44% of the intended tax revenues, 35% has now spent of projected budget.

Travis Lichty, high school principal, stated that the end of the first semester ended tomorrow (Dec 17). spring state testing will take place in April.

3 kids made all state - Jagger Landers, Hayden Wagner, and Kaden Recker in football. Route 49 tournaments are coming up with the girls the week before the boys. Travis reminded that people can come out to the school because there are a lot of home games. Vantage will be home to meet with sophomores on January 5

Traci said the testing for 3, 4,5 and will take place in April. the PTO fundraiser did a good job on the 16th for raising funds. Officer Mendez

will becoming on Fridays starting in January.

Marty Miller stated that Charie Peters will be taking over Kathy Smith's position and has already started. Aquaponics and innovation center is way ahead of schedule and hope the inside will be done by February. The greenhouse arrives on December 17. The outside looks very good and they have not ran into any delays. The range is being looked at with Garmin Miller. They inspected gas/water/sewer. Some heating system is being replaced. Water fountains will also be replaced during winter break. Ms Stokes are taking an ELA test in the fall and spring. 67% passed compared to only ~45% for the state average. There are several kids that they are working hard with to get the numbers up for the spring test. Marty applied for an intervention grant and also for an SRO grant. The 2022-2023 School calendar is up on the agenda to be passed. Preschool is enrollment is increasing and if the growth continues will be full for next year. There are 57 enrolled now. The senior trip for this year is on the agenda for approval.

The next regular meeting is January 10 at 5:00 p.m.

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Event Schedule
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.
January 13 - Monthly meeting at 7pm. We will be discussing and setting dates for 2022 events.
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Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS



On Saturday, December 11th Paulding Middle School students and the owner of Don and Perry's Furniture volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Greg Schultz (owner of Don and Perry's Furniture), Zoey Schultz, Hannah Griffiths, and Brooklynn Verfaillie.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Pictured here are First & Second Grade Students of the Month for November: Eli Klein, Ryder Dotson, Josh Schlatter, Molli Malosh. Also named Students of the Month are the following: Third & Fourth Grade: Kaliope Foor, Lauryn Bernal, Connor Manz, Legend Buckler; Fifth & Sixth Grade: Nicole Genschutz, Makenna Manz, Landon Manz, Ashley Smith.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AMERICA'S END ON HORIZON

The end of our American Republic is upon us, forced on us by lawless, liberal Democrat seated federal judges who rule by feelings rather constitutional law and leaders like Obama, Biden, Clinton, Pelosi, Schumer, Harris and other anti-God socialist.

I believe each of them is anti-God and still support all of the "crap" they have forced on us since they censored pastors in 1954 and forced God from schools and military.

Our nation was founded to free mankind or tyrannical rule but democrats want it back. Our founding fathers established a new and better government. It was designed around the Bible and was of the people, by the people and for the people. How would you handle these power hungry God haters?

Our constitution was ratified in 1787, The Bill of Rights in 1791. These documents and others like the Mayflower Compact combined with Christian Faith grew America into the most revered nation ever, America won't remain free unless we remain Christian. Our Constitution is only workable for Christian people. What kind of life do you think these sick anti-God socialists

have in mind for us? It sure won't be life as usual. It will be a Russian style existence.

We're near our end today. This Democratic administration with their radical federal judges and major media are raping our heritage. Godless, selfish and sick beings, starting with our president and vice-president strive only for personal power and wealth. Prospects for America remaining free are slim.

We once had and loved our religious freedom. Today's liberal Democrat rulers have changed us into government sanctioned religious persecution. Washington Democrats stole our religious freedom which belonged to individual states. Americans bought into their devious, well planned take-over scam. Today we're only a spec of what we were.

Unless people pay close attention to government actions, wise up, speak up and stand up, Biden, Harris and comrades will have free America under socialism-communism in short time. I'm talking of 2022 or 2024. You will soon find out what Hell is like if you allow them to continue.

I don't believe people who voted for Biden really paid much attention to government. If you had, you would have known Biden was a "Do nothing positive for America" for over 40 years. He hasn't changed one bit.

I don't like writing letters like this but I feel that I'm supposed to write against anything that takes evil action against Christianity or Christian America. I've been writing for 20+ years but today I've pretty much been censored by two area papers that had printed eighty percent of my writings. I don't believe they realize that Satan is crushing free America.

Today is like live free or die. If you prefer continuing to live free plus improve and help save America - "STOP VOTING DEMOCRAT". Pray, because without God, America is nothing.

—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

PAULDING COUNTY DOG OWNERS TIME TO GET YOUR DOG REGISTERED

To all Paulding County residents, this is a reminder that the registration period

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECOGNIZES NURSING GRADUATES



Front row L to R: Thiel, Hinschlager, Psurny, Sullivan. Back row L to R: Knierim, Douglass, Ulrich, Sonnenberg, Rordriguez, Thacker.

Northwest State Community College recognized its Nursing division graduates at a recent pre-Commencement ceremony in the following areas: Practical Nursing (PN), LPN to RN Advancing Standing, and Registered Nursing (RN).

Graduates of the nursing programs are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) and enter directly into the workforce, or they may transfer their credits for additional study. During the ceremony, the College recognized three students for induction into the Alpha Delta Chapter of the Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society. In order to qualify, students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, with at least a B in all nursing classes.

Northwest State congratulates the following students for completing these health-

care programs:

Practical Nursing:
Xavier Blyden (Defiance), Aubree Burrowes (Archbold), Ivy McClanahan (Pioneer), McKenna Rohleder (Archbold), Morgan Thompson (Deshler).

LPN to RN Advanced Standing:
Amanda Hutton (Napoleon), Tiffany Knierim (Wauseon), Kayla Rodriguez (Bowling Green), Olivia Thiel (Defiance), Katrina Ulrich* (Delta).

Registered Nursing (Names with a * denote Alpha Delta Nu honors recipient):

Maria Brown (Defiance), Danielle Douglass* (Montpelier), Jamey Hinschlager* (Sherwood), Hannah Psurny (Bryan), Cerra Sonnenberg (Napoleon), Makayla Sullivan (Sherwood), Audrey Thacker (Wauseon), Lauren Upper (Sterling Heights, MI).

for dogs is upon us. Registration/licensing of ALL dogs in the county is required! This includes big dogs, small dogs, inside dogs, outside dogs, hunting dog, companion dogs, city dogs, country dogs, black dogs, white dogs, brown dogs, etc.....You get the point. Every dog over 3 months of age must be registered/licensed.

Open registration period runs from December 1st through January 31st. For your convenience, registration/licensing can be done online through the Paulding County Auditors webpage, as well as through the US Postal Service or by utilizing the drop box at the east side doors courthouse (include a

self-addressed stamped envelope).

Any dog found to not be registered/licensed after January 31st can receive a citation which can carry a fine of \$112 + costs. Then you will also be required to register/license you dog at that time at a cost of \$36. So, you can spend \$18 now to save about \$150 later. Kind of a no-brainer!

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ADAMS CENTRAL SQUEAK BY WARRIORS IN CLOSE GAME



Woodlan Sophomore Braden Smith grabs the ball and performs moves that scared the jets and he scores! More pictures at westbendnews.net

In Friday night basketball action Woodlan hosted the Adams Central Jets only to fall 55-58 in overtime.

The game was close throughout even though Woodlan was able to keep ahead in the first half. Alex Miller scored 11 points, Joe Reidy added 16, and Braden Smith posted 17 for the home team.

ARCHERS POST PAIR OF WINS

Antwerp hit the road for a pair of games over the win and the Archers recorded two victories in the process as the blue and white defeated both Edgerton and Delphos Jefferson.

Green Meadows Conference action got underway Friday night as the Archers rolled to a 61-18 victory over the Bulldogs.

Jagger Landers led a trio of Antwerp players in double figures with 17 points while Landon Brewer had 14 and Carson Altimus posted ten.

Other scorers for the blue and white were Gaige McMichael (seven), Luke Krouse (five), Parker Moore (four), Kaden Recker (three) and Mason Steel (one).

Picking up points for Edgerton were Nathan Swank (five), Corey Everetts (four), Riley Kollar (four), Cole Meyer (two), Elijah

Weaver (two) and Cory Her- man (one).

On Saturday, the Archers coasted to a 62-40 win over the Wildcats as the season improved to 7-0 on the season.

Luke Krouse led the way for Antwerp with 19 points and Carson Altimus added 15 for the Archers. Landon Brewer also reached double figures with 11 markers for the blue and white.

Gaige McMichael (nine), Parker Moore (four), Kaden Recker (two) and Mason Steel (two) completed the Archer list of scorers.

Colin Bailey and Karder Agner each had a dozen markers for Delphos Jefferson. Andrew Miller chipped in six markers for the Wildcats followed by Trent Teman (four), Lucas Grothaus (four) and Caden Carder (two).

Antwerp will take on Edgerton for the second time this season in the opening round of the Route 49 Holiday Classic at Edon on December 27. The championship and consolation game will be at the same location on December 28.

PATRIOTS FALL TO VIKINGS

Huntington North outscored Heritage in all four quarters as the Vikings cruised to a 63-45 win in non-league boys basketball action Saturday night.

Huntington North led 12-6 after one period and expanded the margin to 27-17 after two quarters. The Vikings pushed the lead to 48-36 entering the fourth quarter.

Zach Hubartt topped the Vikings with a double-double, scoring 18 points and grabbing ten rebounds. Cam McCarver bucketed 15 markers and grabbed nine boards while Aric Hosler posted 14 points as well for Huntington North.

Luke Saylor paced Heritage with 21 points while Dalton Wasson chipped in 15 markers for the Patriots. Leroy Lepper, Kobe Meyer and Tanner Whitman scored three points each for Heritage. Saylor also dished out four assists and had two steals for the Patriots with Whitman adding three rebounds and three assists. Nyles Knapke picked up three boards as well for Heritage and Wasson recorded two steals.

KNIGHTS HOLD OFF WARRIORS FOR NON-LEAGUE VICTORY



Woodlan's Gabi Klopffenstein, as she launches the ball from afar, adds three points for the Warriors against Southern Wells Thursday, December 16 when the lady Warriors won 74-41! More pictures at westbendnews.net.

Kennedy Fuelling scored 15 points while Skyla Tomasek and Mackenzie Toliver chipped in nine markers apiece to lead the Norwell Lady Knights to a 49-42 victory over Woodlan in girls basketball play Tuesday evening.

Annabelle Johnson had eight markers for the Lady Knights with Emily Todd and Lilly Norris scored three points each. Mackenzie Fuess also had two points for Norwell.

Woodlan was paced by Taylor Kneubuhler with 15 points while Avah Smith and Dakota Krohn also reached double figures with 11 and 10 markers, respectively.

Briana Roney totaled three points for the Lady Warriors followed by Olivia Baumert (two) and Ashton Widenhoefer (one).

Norwell bucketed 11 points in the opening stanza and limited Woodlan to five before the Warriors an- (Continued on Page 7)

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SCHWELLER LEADS PANTHERS TO WIN



Senior Claire Schweller leaves the competition behind as she gets a runaway turnover to score two points in this layup! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Claire Schweller scored a career-high 25 points in leading the Paulding Lady Panthers to a 42-39 win over visit-

ing Holgate Tuesday night in non-league girls basketball action. The Lady Panthers jumped

in front 13-9 in the first quarter and took a 21-18 halftime advantage. Holgate rallied in the third period with 15 points while Paulding bucketed eight, giving the visiting Tigers a 33-29 lead entering the final stanza.

Schweller hit 11 of 18 shots from the field in helping the maroon and white get their first victory of the season, improving to 1-7 overall. Janae Pease also reached double figures with 11 points while Audrey Giesige picked up three markers and Brooklynn Bakle added two points. Lily Roehrig scored the remaining Panther point.

Justine Eis paced Holgate with 22 points while Carissa Meyer chipped in six and Olivia Blaker posted five. Lexa Schuller (four) and Jordyn Altman (two) rounded out the Tiger scoring.

PAULDING WRESTLING UPDATES

Paulding vs Lincolnview

113 Byer, Skylar (Lincolnview) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) {Forfeit}
 120 Ricker, Cody (Lincolnview) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) {Forfeit}
 132 Matty, Sheridan (Paulding) defeated Sawyer, Joey (Lincolnview) {Fall 1:12}

138 Wolford, Jonny (Paulding) defeated Forfeit (Lincolnview) {Forfeit}
 144 Hensley, Dylan (Lincolnview) defeated Jesse Shaffer (Paulding) {Fall 2:56}
 150 Smith, Jeremiah (Paulding) defeated Hubble, Asher (Lincolnview) {Fall 1:10}
 157 Casiano, Alfonso (Paulding) defeated Boroff, Sha-Lynn (Lincolnview) {Fall 1:40}
 165 Lamb, Dawson (Paulding) defeated Hefner, Alex (Lincolnview) {Fall 0:27}
 175 Bowyer, Dylan (Lincolnview) defeated Breier, Cayden (Paulding) {Fall 0:49}
 190 Mudel, Karson (Paulding) defeated Forfeit (Lincolnview) {Forfeit}
 215 Murdock, Marciano (Paulding) defeated Kramer, Landen (Lincolnview) {Fall 1:43}
 285 Tyler (Lincolnview) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) {Forfeit}

Final Score: 42 Paulding, 30 Lincolnview

Paulding vs Montpiler

106 Cretors, Jayden (Montpiler) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) {Forfeit}
 113 Altaffer, Jacee (Montpiler) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) {Forfeit}
 120 Crisenbery, Makaya (Montpiler) defeated Forfeit,

(Paulding) {Forfeit}
 132 Matty, Sheridan (Paulding) defeated Forfeit (Montpiler) {Forfeit}
 138 Brigle, Landon (Montpiler) defeated Wolford, Jonny (Paulding) {Fall 1:51}
 144 Jesse Shaffer (Paulding) defeated Forfeit (Montpiler) {Forfeit}
 150 Smith, Jeremiah (Paulding) defeated Aguirre, Andre (Montpiler) {Fall 1:08}
 157 Casiano, Alfonso (Paulding) defeated Forfeit (Montpiler) {Forfeit}
 165 Lamb, Dawson (Paulding) defeated Beck, Hunter (Montpiler) {Fall 1:25}
 175 Breier, Cayden (Paulding) defeated Cummins, Kaden (Montpiler) {Fall 2:10}
 190 Carpenter, Logan (Montpiler) defeated Mudel, Karson (Paulding) {Decision 7-2}
 215 Mason, Ashtyn (Montpiler) defeated Murdock, Marciano (Paulding) {Fall 4:13}
 285 Treesh, Monte (Montpiler) defeated Forfeit, (Paulding) {Forfeit}

Final Score: 36 Paulding, 39 Montpiler

December 16th - PHS wrestlers walked away 1-1 on the duals with a win over Lincolnview and a narrow loss to Montpiler. The Panthers wrestled hard and looked really

good tonight. They came ready to wrestle and came out looking to score. The loss was close and came down to a couple matches they could have won. They just have some inexperienced wrestlers who have a few small details to fix and that dual goes our way. Dawson Lamb lead the Panthers on the night with a two pins, Jeremiah Smith also helped the panthers with two pins, Sheridan Matty had a forefront and a pin on the night. The entire team looks good right now. They have little details to make a difference in some of these duals. But giving up weight classes always hurt the team scores.

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answered in the second quarter. The Lady Warriors responded with a dozen second quarter compared to seven for the Lady Knights, getting Woodlan within 18-17 at the intermission.

In quarter number three, Norwell poured in 16 points and held the Warriors to 13 in expanding the margin to 34-30 entering the final quarter.

Norwell then sealed the win by outscoring Woodlan 15-12 in the final eight minutes to set up the 49-42 final Woodlan vs S. Wells GB

LOCOS NIP PANTHERS

After falling behind by nine points in the first quarter, visiting Montpelier controlled the final three stanzas to rally for a 51-45 victory over Paulding in non-league girls basketball action at the 'Jungle' Monday evening.

The maroon and white opened a 15-9 lead at the end of one period but it was all Locomotives from there. Montpelier picked up 13 points in the second stanza compared to seven for the Panthers, pulling the visitors within 22-19 at the intermission.

Montpelier trimmed the deficit to 35-34 at the end of three periods before outscoring the Panthers 17-10 in the final period to wrap up the six-point win.

Janae Pease led the way for the maroon and white with 17 points while Claire Schweller and Audrey Giesige chipped in ten markers each. Carlea Kuckuck and Alivya Bakle posted four points apiece as well for Paulding.

Ariel Page and Jada Uribes both had 11 points to pace Montpelier while Mandy Taylor and Chelsea McCord recorded ten markers apiece. Trinity Richmire had eight points to aid the Lady Locomotive cause followed by Kelsie Bumb (two) and Krista Phonghiou (one).

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PANTHERS COME UP SHORT TO PILOTS, BIG GREEN



Casey Agler, for Paulding, adds 3 more points to the Panther side of the board with this shot before the half! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding's boys basketball team return to action last week as the Panthers came up short in Green Meadows Conference play at Ayersville before dropping a home game to Ottoville.

At the home of the Pilots, Ayersville scored 21 first quarter points and rolled from there to a 65-40 win over the visiting Panthers.

Tyson Schlachter led the way for the Pilots with 23

points and Jacob Trevino added 21 for the Defiance County squad.

Other scorers for Ayersville were Brady Clark (six), Ike Eiden (five), Carter Michel (four), Ray Wolfrum (two), Weston McGuire (two) and Isaac Miler (two).

Christian Bauer and Nick Manz led the Panther attack with 13 and 12 points, respectively, while Ethan Foltz and Casey Agler chipped in five markers each. Zach Gorrell posted three points and Isaac Reeb added a bucket for Paulding.

In non-league action Saturday night, visiting Ottoville used a dominant third quarter to rally for a 46-34 win over the Panthers.

Paulding posted an 8-5 lead after one quarter and led 18-10 at the intermission but

it was all Big Green in the third quarter. Ottoville scored 21 points in the period and held the Panthers to four as the Putnam County squad came back to take a 31-22 advantage at the end of three periods.

The maroon and white was led by Christian Bauer with 11 points and Zach Gorrell added nine markers. Nick Manz (six), Casey Agler (three), Peyton Adams (three) and Ethan Foltz (two) also found the scoring column for Paulding.

William Miller paced Ottoville with 27 points and Kellen Schlagbaum added a dozen markers for the Big Green. Carter Schnipke (five), Michael Turnwald (one) and Carter Horstman (one) completed the Ottoville scoring.

RAIDERS SWEEP APACHES, RAMS



Nate Osborn collects a win after pinning his opponent! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace picked up a sweep of Green Meadows Conference rivals Fairview and Tinora in high school wrestling action at the 'Palace' Tuesday evening.

The red, white and blue defeated Fairview 60-23 before nipping the Rams 42-39 in the finale.

Against the Apaches, Wayne Trace took advantage of eight forfeits in picking up 48 points on the way to the victory.

Four Raiders did earn victories as well for the Raiders. Kendal Franklin pinned the Apaches' Ayden Judd in 3:37 at 126 while Corbin Kimmel posted a pin of Fairview's Aires Davenport at 106 in 1:19.

At 215, Nathan Osborn

won by pin over the black and gold's Cole McStoots in 3:13 while Elliott Boroff was victorious by pin in 33 seconds at 175 over Fairview's Carter Hill.

Graiden Troth (138), Hunter Long (144), Jarrett Hornish (150), Samuel Moore (157), Conner Blankenship (113) and Jared Pierce (132) all won by forfeit for Wayne Trace.

Wayne Trace had only one winner by forfeit against Tinora, that coming at 144 to Jarrett Jewell, but the Raiders held on to defeat the Rams by winning six contested matches.

Long was victorious at 150 with a pin of Tinora's Dominic Graziani with Hornish pinning the Rams' Kyan

DOMINANT OPENING QUARTER SENDS ARCHERS TO EASY WIN



Four year Archer veteran Lydia Brewer fires off a shot from 3 point line, scoring for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The start of girls basketball play in the Green Meadows Conference was Thursday night and the Antwerp Lady Archers couldn't have asked for a better beginning.

The blue and white scored 19 first quarter points and rolled to a 57-27 win over visiting Edgerton to begin league play with a victory.

Antwerp led 19-2 at the end of eight minutes of action and expanded the margin to 34-15 at the intermission. The Lady Archers took a 49-18 lead into the final period.

Astianna Coppes paced four players for the Lady

Archers in double digits with 16 points and Hayleigh Jewell added a dozen markers. Lydia Brewer and Grace Schuette both chipped in ten points for the blue and white.

Aewyn McMichael had five points and Kiana Recker added four to complete the Antwerp scoring.

Taylor Smith led the way for Edgerton with six points with Grace Schroeder and Clara Gerschutz adding five markers each. Noelle Ritter, Holly Stark and Dominique Fort all had three points and Molly Hennessey picked up the remaining Bulldog basket.

Ankney in 1:48 at 157. Moore also was victorious by pin in 38 seconds at the 165-pound class with Osborn earning a pin of the green and white's Landon Newsom in 1:22 at 215.

Two quick pins rounded out the Wayne Trace wins in the match. Kimmel defeated Tinora's Jade Ybarra in 16 second at 106 while Blankenship pinned Tinora's Heidy Monnin in 20 seconds at 113.

RAIDERS DEAL ACES THEIR FIRST LOSS TO REMAIN PERFECT

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

In the opener of the Green Meadows Conference for both Hicksville and Wayne Trace it would be the Raiders prevailing 46-32 to hand the Aces their first setback of the season. With the win the red, white and blue improve their season mark at 6-0 and 1-0 in league play while Hicksville stands at 4-1 overall and 0-1 in the GMC.

In a low scoring contest, the Raiders managed a 14-13 advantage after the initial quarter of play and continued to hold their advantage throughout the contest but the Aces were always in striking distance. Wayne Trace widened their margin to just three at the midway point 24-21. The second-half Raider defense picked it up after the break allowing the Aces five-points in the third frame while duplicat-

ing the same total in the fourth. The Raiders continued to build their lead throughout the second half to lead 36-27 heading into the final eight minutes of play before settling for the double-digit win.

In the fourth period, senior Trevor Sinn got the hot-hand outside the arc and bucketed all three of his three-point attempts. With his offensive output, Sinn lead all scorers on the night with 15 points. Team mate Brooks Laukhuf also finished in double-digits with 10. Cam Sinn chipped in nine-points along with three steals and three assists. Rounding out the scoring for the winning Raiders: Kyle Stoller eight, Cameron Graham two and Tyler David adding two.

The Raiders finished the night hitting 18-40 from the floor for 45 percent along with 3-6 from the foul line. WT pulled down 22 rebounds and committed 11 turnovers. The Aces shot 12-33 for 36 percent and collected 4-7 at the charity stripe. Hicksville out rebounded the Raiders by four finishing with 26 but committed 18 miscues.

Jackson Bergman led the Aces with 14 points with no other player in double figures. Alex Gorden totaled six, Kyler Baird chipped in four, Arron Klima and Josh Myers added three points each with Brody Balsler rounding out the scoring with two.

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Our next guest on the Paulding County Business Weekly show is business owner Tim Brown. He is with PCED Investment Member Brown Made Media. Tim is bringing national class videography options to Paulding County. Learn how his in-

credible work takes him around the United States and has very large name businesses bringing work to him right here at home. You can catch the show on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. weekly.

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On December 3rd, a person reported that money was missing from his mother's estate. A report was prepared and sent to the Paulding County Prosecutor.

On December 3rd, an officer responded to a residence to assist the EMS.

On December 4th, a missing person was reported from Antwerp. Officers investigated and found that individual had went to Topeka, Kansas and left her two teenage children to return home with the vehicle.

On December 7th, a domestic dispute was reported near the 600 block of S. Erie St. Officer responded and discovered nothing physical had occurred. A report was prepared.

On December 8th, a dog was found near Park Ave. The officer made some phone calls and was able to locate the owner.

On December 10th, an officer was requested on Washington St. while the parents exchanged custody of

children.

On December 10th, a hit/skip accident was reported in a parking lot of a local busi-



ness. Officer responded, the driver and the suspect vehicle was located and a report was prepared.

On December 11th, due to power outage, the traffic light stopped working. The officer on duty provided traffic control until utility company could arrive.

On December 11th, the police department received a residential alarm. Officer responded and found everything to be secured.

On December 12th, officer saw a vehicle with its four-wheels on pull into Dollar General. Officer checked with driver and the driver stated the vehicle had broke down

and he had contacted someone to come get him.

On December 14th, a resident reported that she had been abducted and assaulted. Officer investigated and determined it had happened out of the county, in Hicksville. The proper authorities were contacted and the person was arrested.

On December 14th, Hicksville Police Department requested that the Antwerp Police Department deliver a message to a resident.

On December 15th, a resident reported that she had lost their teeth in the back seat of her car and was having a hard time getting to them. She requested an officer to come help her retrieve them. Prior to the officer arriving she was able to locate the teeth on her own.

On December 15th, a resident on Main St. reported a possible domestic situation. The caller stated a few minutes earlier the next door neighbors were seen arguing and went inside. Both parties had left prior to the officer arriving.

On December 15th, Allen County Indiana Sheriff Department contacted the Antwerp Police Department about a possible suicidal person in the village. The officer checked on the individual and found him to be fine and was with family members.

If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627. They are always ready to serve the residents of the Village of Antwerp!

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Seth N. Hawkins, Payne, OH; Drug paraphernalia (2 counts), Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Possession of drugs, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Darren C. Huss, Bluffton, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Proof of insurance provided, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Pay all fines and costs

Jalen R. Welch-McClain, Van Wert, OH; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; 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

Bryson N. Relyea, Paulding, OH; OVI/UA .08 breath, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs, Standard probation, Risk assessment, Online course through probation; Seat belt/drive, Defendant appeared in court, Pled guilty, Pay fine

Michael J. Krnaich, New

Cumberland, WV; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Yvonna L. Hayes, Columbia, MO; Attempt - Incomp; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Firearm seized in this matter shall be released to the defendant upon proper ID

Myron Locke, Rock Hill, SC; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Reckless operation, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Hill, Pled guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, Show proof of insurance by 12/17/21; Marked lanes, Count B dismissed; No tail lights, Defendant pled guilty, Fine to be taken from bond

Christopher K. Collins, Paulding, OH; Open container, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Physical control, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Hill, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs; Loud exhaust, Count B dismissed

Cody L. Adkins, Paulding, OH; Possession of scheduled I/II drug; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing with a court appointed attorney present; Case shall be bound over

Derrick J. Clellan, Payne, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/25/22

Timothy A. Antoine, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jauwalynne Ayuso, Watenton, MO; No operator's license; Count B dismissed

Steven R. Akers, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony Silva, Napoleon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David M. Mohley, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicholas J. Longardner, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bradley J. Weidenhamer, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Shannon Montgomery, Fort Wayne, IN; Passing bad check; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant recalled

Kenny L. Beck, Fort Wayne, IN; Passing bad check (3 counts), Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

Justin T. Smith, Defiance, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

Seth Wyss, Hoagland, IN; OVI/breath (low), Count A dismissed; Reckless operation, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Bucher, Pled no contest, found guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs

Saleh O Ahmed, Muncie, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacquelynn R Herman, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kasey L. Helms, Payne, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

no contest, found guilty; Proof of insurance not provided; Pay all fines and costs by 1/28/22

Marcos Arevalo, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled no contest, found guilty; Proof of insurance provided; Pay all fines and costs; Fine may be suspended by \$150 if proof of valid operator's license provided by 1/28/22

Gary A. Urdiales, Edon, OH; Driving under operator license forfeiture; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled no contest, found guilty; Show proof of valid operator's license by 12/17/21 and suspend fine; Pay all fines and costs; Show proof of insurance by 12/17/21

Vincent Groh, Payne, OH; Driving under operator's license forfeiture, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fines and costs, Fine may be suspended if valid operator's license in 6 months, Standard probation, Secure valid operator's license, Provide proof of insurance by 12/17/21, Probation fee suspended; Seat belt/drive, Defendant appeared in court, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine

Brandon A. Moser, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Fine may be suspended if defendant has a valid operator's license by 1/28/22

Billy J. Spencer, Defiance, OH; Driving under suspension - operator license forfeiture, Count A dismissed; Following too close, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Pay fines and costs

Delbert L. Gilbert, Melrose, OH; Obstruction of business; Case dismissed per state

John Thompson III, Grover Hill, OH; Unsecured load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

NOTICE:

The following dates are for
The Paulding County Veterans' Service Commission's 2022 Board Meetings
 January 31
 February 28
 March 28
 April 25
 May 23
 June 27
 July 25
 August 29
 September 26
 October 31
 November 28
 December 12
Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.
For information or appointments, please call 419-399-8285

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT BROWNFIELD PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE

The Paulding County Commissioners with the Paulding County Land Reutilization Corporation (Land Bank), through this Request for Qualifications (RFQ), is seeking a qualified consulting firm to provide assistance with: (a) securing state grants for the assessment, cleanup, or redevelopment of brownfields properties, and (b) implementation of environmental remediation, risk assessment, for which funding is secured.

This solicitation is being issued in part to comply with State of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 153 requirements to hire a consulting firm to assist communities with grants awarded by Ohio Department of Development, and/or the State of Ohio.

All firms interested should reply with a statement of qualifications no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 11, 2022. Statements received after this deadline will not be considered. Information regarding the project and the criteria for the qualifications is available online at the Maumee Valley Planning Organizations Website: <https://www.mvpo.org/bids>.

Click view more on the RFQ you would like to select.

Proposals to be sent to: Paulding County Treasurer, 115 N. Williams St., Suite 101, Paulding OH 45879 or lou_ann@Pauldingcountyoh.com. Inquiries may be directed to Lou Ann Wannamacer, Paulding County Treasurer (419) 399-8268.

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.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CLEANING PROPOSALS

The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, is requesting a proposal for cleaning the courthouse and other county offices during January 1, 2022, thru December 31, 2022. Specifications may be obtained in the Commissioners' office in the basement of the courthouse, Room B-1, Paulding, OH. The proposal shall be marked "2022 Paulding County Courthouse and other County Offices Cleaning" and addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners 115 N. Williams St. Room B-1 Paulding, OH 45879. The proposal must be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners not later than 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of December, 2021. Specifications may be obtained at the Paulding County Commissioner's Office in the basement of the courthouse Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Paulding County Commissioners' Office at 419-399-8215.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY 1ST YEAR BAND MEMBERS



Oakwood Elementary first year band students performed for their family members and friends recently. Shown are first year band members: Front: Harley Troyer, Paisley Bartley, Sage Stork, Makenna Manz, Allison Manz. Back: Mason Parker, Chase Manz, Trevor Naugle, Zaine Bidlack, Dezaray Davis, Elliette Roughton, and Abby Wharry.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY 2ND YEAR BAND MEMBERS



Oakwood Elementary second year band students recently performed for their family members and friends. The first and second year band members are under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp. Second year members are: Front: Gannon Landers, Kyler Foor, Sophia Booher. Back row: Trevor Durham, Nicole Gerschutz, Addy Gribble, Quinton Laker, Ava Leatherman, and Norman Ashworth.

minutes but the visiting Braves won each of the final three periods.

Blackhawk Christian buckted 16 points in the second stanza while limiting the Patriots to a dozen markers, opening a 27-23 halftime advantage.

In the third period, the Lady Braves put in 15 more points and kept Heritage to five as Blackhawk Christian expanded the margin to 42-28 entering the final period.

Blackhawk Christian finished off the win with a dozen point fourth quarter, settling on the 54-37 victory.

Heritage was paced by Kendall Zelt while Claire Bickel and Ella Bickel added nine markers apiece. Natalie Otte, Abby Zelt and Madilyn Scheumann all had two points.

Scheumann topped the Lady Patriots with five rebounds while Claire Bickel and Kendall Zelt totaled four boards each. Abby Zelt, Raelyn Mullins and Lydia Schultz picked up three rebounds apiece. Claire Bickel also had three assists and three steals with Ella Bickel totaling four assists and two steals. Abby Zelt picked up pair of steals as well.

OHSAA BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT STAYING AT AKRON CANAL PARK

The Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Akron RubberDucks have announced a partnership to keep the OHSAA baseball state tournament at Canal Park in Akron for the next three years.

The RubberDucks have hosted the OHSAA baseball state tournament since 2019 at Canal Park, a 7,630-seat stadium in downtown Akron that is home to the Double-A affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians.

"We are excited to return as the host of the baseball championships," RubberDucks General Manager and COO Jim Pfander said. "It is an honor to once again be able to bring the best high school players from all around the state to the wonderful community of Akron. Thank you to Doug Ute, Emily Mason and the entire OHSAA staff for bringing this event back to Akron. After our own championship season in 2021, we are excited to see more champions crowned at Canal Park."

The OHSAA softball state tournament is also held in Akron at nearby Firestone Stadium the first weekend in June, while the baseball state tournament is held the second weekend in June.

"The RubberDucks have been great hosts and we are very excited to continue working with them," OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute said. "Canal Park is such a fantastic venue and our schools, communities and staff have had a wonderful experience in Akron. The stadium is a perfect fit for our state tournament, and even more importantly, the RubberDucks staff is so great to work with, and they go above and beyond to make the experience special."

Canal Park features two of the largest dugouts in minor league baseball and indoor batting cages for teams to warm up. Beyond right field is one of the largest video boards in the minor leagues. In 2022, Canal Park will debut an upgraded seating experience with the replacement and

MERRY CHRISTMAS! FROM PAYNE ELEM. FIRST GRADERS!



Miss Belinda Miller's 1B classroom at Payne Elementary school wishes you a very Merry Christmas! Pictured above are (front row) Jeremy Seibert, Layla Robertson, and Jack Myers; (back row) Elise Steffen, Nellie McMillan, Henry Childs, Jerica Gonzales, Peyton Hollar, Clara DeWaard, and Miss Belinda Miller.

modernization of the seating bowl. Canal Park's playing surface of Kentucky bluegrass rests on top of three levels of sand, fine peat gravel and a combination of large peat gravel and drainage tiles. The infield is a mixture of sand and clay, with the track surrounding the playing field is comprised of crushed red brick.

3 FACTS DEWINE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT AT JOBSOHIO MEETING

As Mike DeWine headed to the JobsOhio quarterly meeting December 14th to pat his friends on the back and pretend that the state's economy is on the right track, here are three dire facts about DeWine's economy that they hope don't make the news

1 Ohio's economic recovery is among the worst in the nation.

2 Mike DeWine still hasn't been able to dig Ohio out of the hole his aggressive and unnecessary lockdowns created. Ohio ranks near the bottom at 43rd in overall unemployment recovery since the beginning of the pandemic. While other states led by conservative Republican governors are leading the nation in economic recovery, Ohio is lagging far behind under the cocktail of corruption and big government liberalism that has defined Mike DeWine's term as Governor.

3 Ohio is suffering through a labor shortage and young people are still leaving our state in droves.

4 Ohio businesses are already suffering from a severe labor shortage under Mike DeWine's leadership, and there's no sign it's going to get better any time soon. The next generation of Ohioans are leaving Ohio to seek opportunities elsewhere...as many as 40% of a school's graduates leave the state. The first step to making Ohio a land of opportunity again is to fire Mike DeWine and elect a real conservative governor like Jim Renacci to lead our state.

5 JobsOhio's bureaucracy and budget has ballooned without any measurable increase in jobs.

6 Since its formation, JobsOhio has more than doubled its budget for salaries and benefits for staff, and it's prospered to the point where it's sitting on nearly \$1 billion in assets. Yet there has been no corresponding increase in the number of new jobs created per year. As Jim Renacci pointed out this month, "The highly paid staff should be laid off and their duties should be returned to state

government agencies. Meanwhile, these big surpluses should be spent on small businesses or returned to taxpayers"

Jim Renacci issued the following statement: "While Ohio's economy suffers, Mike DeWine and his well-paid friends at JobsOhio are patting themselves on the back today and celebrating yet another

year of their failed government experiment. The first step to putting Ohio back on the road to prosperity is firing Mike DeWine, who spent months needlessly locking down our economy and killing Ohio jobs. We need a true conservative agenda to open Ohio for business again—and that's precisely what I'll deliver as Governor."

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R> Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (11) persons on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

Kristen R. Gipple 9/14/02) Hicksville, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Dominic D. Turner (6/11/92) Louisville, KY; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Dominique D. Davis (1/30/92) Indianapolis, IN; Improperly handling firearms in motor vehicle (2 counts), F4 specification for forfeiture of weapon

Melinda Gonzales (9/5/84) Paulding, OH; Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F4

Eldridge R. Wells, Jr

(3/16/99), Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana, F5

Richard T. Alford (7/26/82), Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to comply iwthan order or signal of a police officer, F3

Joshua K. Clark (2/19/86), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Gary E. Schaffer (1/18/76), Cecil, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Cody L. Adkins (9/12/91), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Newlyn W. Baker (8/28/78), Haviland, OH; Illegal cultivation of marijuana, F1; Possession of marijuana, F2

Allen W. Foute (3/4/67), Sherwood, OH; Aggravated ossession of drugs, F5; Operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them - OVI, M1

BRAVES PULL AWAY FOR WIN OVER PATRIOTS

Visiting Blackhawk Christian pulled away from host Heritage over the final three

quarters to pull away for a 54-37 win over the Patriots in girls basketball action Tuesday evening.

The two squads played to an 11-11 tie at the end of eight

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EXCHANGE STUDENT PRESENTS @ HERITAGE LIONS MEETING



Jan Hockemeyer and Cindy Wolf gathered all of the donations for the gift bags for shut-ins and the elderly.



Miriam Lomidze, exchange student from Georgia.

The Heritage Lions met on Tuesday at the Hoagland Community Center. Miriam Lomidze, a Heritage Junior and exchange student from the country of Georgia, gave a very interesting talk on the culture of her country, including their dances, language, traditions, history, and handwriting. She showed the Lions where Georgia is located, how they used to be a part of the USSR

until 1991, and how Russia remains a threat on their northern border. Miriam will remain in our country until next June. She said that many things are different in the US from what she is used to, but she seems to be coping very well and enjoying her year abroad.

The Lions then filled over 50 Christmas bags for local shut-ins. Meijer, Nolan Repair, and Darlington donated goodies to go in the bags, and Thrivent Financial helped with a cash gift. The 4th grade class at St. John-Emanuel Lutheran School adorned each bag with their colorful drawings. Several Lions volunteered to deliver the bags to shut-ins and the elderly in the area. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

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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the newest Board of Trustees member by NSCC CFO Jenny Thome. Schwarzbek represents Defiance County as a resident of Sherwood, and he is the current President and CEO at The Sherwood State Bank. Schwarzbek's official term began on June 10, 2021 and runs through June 9, 2027. Schwarzbek replaces Laura Howell, whose term expired June 2021.



PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez provided a public health update to the Board, reiterating the College's position that there is no vaccine mandate in place for employees, students or guests of the College. Dr. Hernandez noted that the College does not intend to implement a vaccine mandate of any kind unless lawfully required to do so by a higher authority. Dr. Hernandez specifically noted that nursing programs and students completing the clinical portion of their programs will have an opportunity to complete their program regardless of their vaccination status, including processing any vaccine exemptions necessary to do so.

In other Board action:

- Approved the employment of Amanda Heil as Recruiter-Admissions, and John Mueller as Faculty-Industrial Technology Electrical.
- Approved the transfers of Maddie Fagan to Admissions Advisor-Early Admit, and Cayla Swisher to Administrative Assistant-TRIO.
- Approved the 2021 Affordability and Efficiency Plan Report
- Approved the Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization project for the College's air handlers
- Approved the 2020-2021 College Financial Audit
- Approved a Career Tech Scholarship revisions (allowing part-time students to ap-

ply, and allowing students pursuing a different career path than their original field of study to apply)

- Approved an Anti-Hazing Policy, and changes to the Code of Student Conduct, referencing Senate Bill 126 (aka "Collin's Law")

- Approved miscellaneous employment contracts (including probationary faculty and non-teaching faculty) and two resignations.

COVID-19 BACKLOG CASE TO BE ADDED TO DAILY COUNTS DEC. 14-16

As a result of a laboratory reporting backlog, the 24-hour daily case counts change will be artificially inflated on Dec. 14, 15, and 16. The exact number will be reflected in a disclaimer on the dashboard each day, and will not be finalized until all laboratory files are processed.

The backlog of approximately 7,699 positive COVID-19 tests was caused by manual reporting errors at two laboratories. The backlog includes both new cases and updated information for cases that were previously recorded. The files are being processed and will be assigned

Sudoku solution from page 9

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STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING INJURY CRASH IN VAN WERT COUNTY

Tully Township - On December 19, 2021, at approximately 8:40 P.M., troopers with the Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to a single vehicle injury crash on U.S. 30 near milepost 6 in Van Wert County.

A 2020 Freightliner Cascadia, operated by Jay Notz, age 75, of Amberg, Wisconsin, was traveling eastbound on U.S. 30. Mr. Notz drifted off of the left side of the roadway, and drove into the median. Mr. Notz attempted to re-enter U.S. 30, and struck a guardrail. The vehicle continued eastbound in the median where it struck a concrete culvert, and came to final rest after striking the bridge pillar at the Lincoln Highway overpass.

Convoy Fire and EMS transported Mr. Notz to Van Wert Health where he was treated for non-life threaten-

ing injuries. U.S. 30 was shut down for approximately eight hours for recovery, bridge inspection, and the crash investigation. The roadway has since been re-opened.

Assisting troopers on scene was the Ohio Department of Transportation - Van Wert facility, Convoy Fire and EMS, Van Wert County C.E.R.T., and Hague Towing and Recovery.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages drivers and occupants to always wear their seat belts, and never drive distracted or impaired.

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NORTHWEST STATE APPOINTS NEWEST BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER AT DECEMBER MEETING

The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, December 10. Following roll call, Mickey Schwarzbek was sworn in as

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12/20/21 - 1/3/22
Part Time STNA Instructor
As Soon As Possible
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Vantage Career Center Position Posting
12/20/21 - 1/3/22
Superintendent Secretary
January 2022
Job Objective: Serves as confidential executive secretary to the superintendent. Provides administrative support that assists with the effective management of career center operations. To view minimum qualifications and the full posting please visit www.vantagecareercenter.com, employment.
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Vantage Career Center Position Posting
12/20/21 - 1/3/22
Maintenance (non-certified)
As Soon As Possible
Job Objectives: Duties will include electrical, HVAC and building safety systems. Position will include duties of cleaning, painting and general custodial work. Hours are as needed/as scheduled. To view minimum qualifications and the full posting please visit www.vantagecareercenter.com, employment.
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12/9/21 - 12/23/21
Custodial 2nd Shift (non-certified)
2021-2022 School Year
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Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, a Vantage Career Center non-certified employment application & resume by Thursday, December 23, 2021 @ 4p.m. to:
Rick L. Turner, Superintendent
818 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891
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Paulding Exempted Village Schools has a 2nd Shift Custodian position open. Salary and benefits per negotiated agreement. Please submit an application found at: www.pauldingschools.org under 'Employment' to Ken Amstutz at k_amstutz@pauldingschools.org, or by fax to 419-399-2404 by 12/20/21.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the children and staff of the Woodburn Christian Children's Home!

Treasured moments in life connect what we believe to what we experience. At the Woodburn Christian Children's Home, we believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, the perfect representation of God's eternal love. We believe Jesus saves people from their sins. Belief in this central Truth, confessed during baptism, is a treasured moment of eternal hope. At WCCH, this Truth is not lost amidst the busyness of the Christmas season.

Family is also a source of treasured moments. We believe family is the primary



place to teach children faith, hope and love. Most often, this teaching occurs within the experiences of family-based relationships. For example, recently, the girls at WCCH had a treasured experience at the Daddy-Daughter Date Night, hosted by the Harlan Church of Christ. Each young lady in our care, dressed in a formal gown, shared laughter with their house-dads while enjoying a special meal and games. New to most of the



girls, the evening taught that each child is a valuable, cherished child of God. The

event was a treasured experience.

Each day, children at WCCH discover Truth about God's love through our valuable staff and you, our treasured partners. Your Christmas season giving is central to our mission. The hope of Christ always fills in the cracks of life. Merry Christmas!

—In Service to Him,
Joe Heins Executive Director

BESTRONG & COURAGEOUS Expansion Update

Our treasured moments of faith and experience were connected together while crossing over the final hurdle of zoning and building permits. Construction of the new multipurpose Learning and Counseling Center is fully underway, with completion expected in 2022.

With the excitement of construction, let us all be reminded, *the new building is more than a building*. The new building is a vital tool for ministry that will impact thousands of children for decades to come.

Dedicated to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the learning and counseling center will be a central platform of hope, enabling WCCH to minister to children, communities of families and a Kingdom of churches. The new center will help children discover God's calling on their lives through biblical studies, academics, vocational exploration, and healing from abuse, neglect, and trauma.

The building knits together our mission to minister to children physically, emotionally, educationally, and spiritually. Discouraged children come to WCCH, but will leave as the next generation of Kingdom workers.

Please join the collective voice. Give sacrificially to the building project - don't miss a "once in a lifetime" opportunity. Visit our website to take a virtual tour of the new learning/counseling center (www.wcchonline.org).



- Phase I Funding Update: 66% funded in 8 months!
- Total Cash, Pledge & In-Kind Donations: \$1,057,026
- Phase I Goal (Learning/Counseling Center): 1,600,000

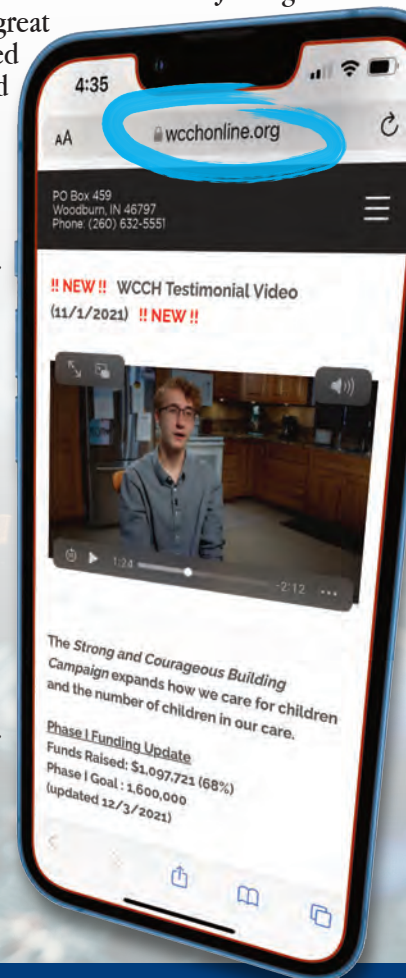
God Answers Prayers!

The story of Christmas is of Faith, Hope, and Love. The message of the Old Testament points to Jesus as the Savior, a hope the Israelites had been waiting for. The Promise of God was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus and his life.

Hope for all mankind was turned around when Jesus gave his life for each of us. This great sacrifice, which demonstrated God's love for us, is realized when his followers demonstrate a living sacrifice to provide in ministries such as taking care of orphans and widows. God's promises are not done only with the life of Jesus. But they are made real in all of us.

Woodburn Christian Children's Home is blessed by the people who God provides to make this ministry a success.

Check out our website (wcchonline.org), not only see the latest updates, but to look at the new testimonial video. Listen to our recent children to see the difference you have made in the lives of these young people!

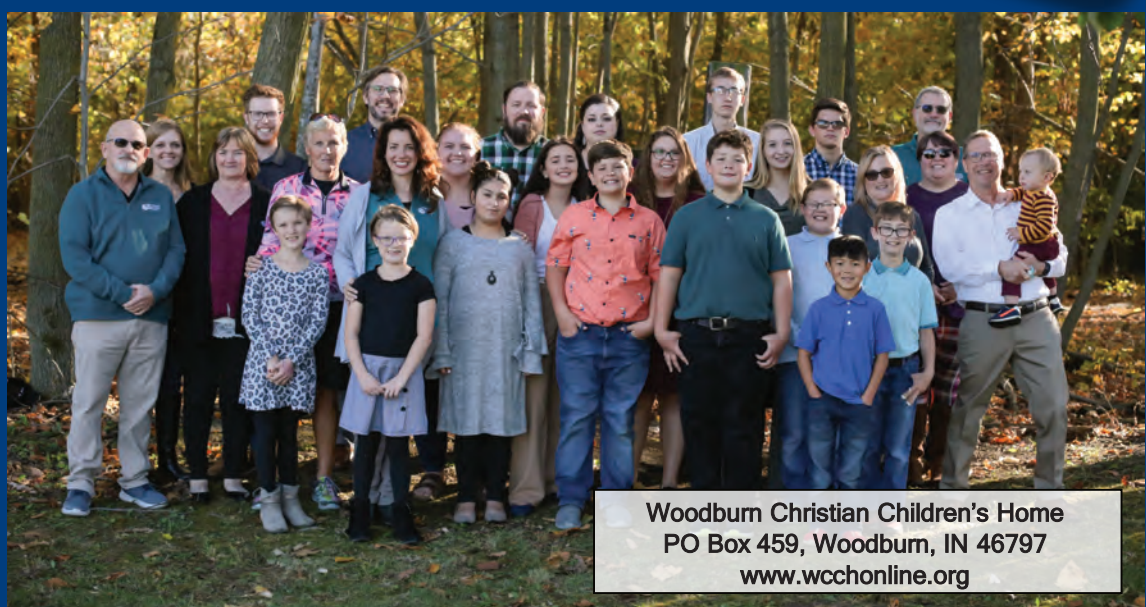


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