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COMMUNITY & LOVE IN ACTION

THANK YOU!



The residents and staff of Antwerp Assisted Living want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our wonderful Valentine surprise. Special thanks to Denise Coleman of Petals and Vines and her family and friends who helped make our gift of flowers and balloons possible. We are truly blessed to live in such a loving and caring community.

Jennifer Ramsier,
Activity Director

Community in action was witnessed this past week in the small rural towns of Paulding County Ohio. It was demonstrated astronomically with the impending Valentine's Day on Sunday. It wasn't the single act of one person but a mindset of a small town community who cares for one another. This pandemic has brought out the



worst in some people but has also brought out the best in most others. On the Tuesday evening before Valentine's Day, the small flower shop in Antwerp, Petals & Vines, was brainstorming ways to show some love to our elderly people who have been cooped up & isolated from loved ones in their Assisted Living homes for almost a year now. With a simple Facebook post announcing a fundraiser for one of the Homes in the county, the grassroots effect went beyond all measure and within a minuscule timeframe all the money was raised for not one, not two, not three, but ALL FOUR Assisted Living facilities in Paulding County!

People from all over the region clamored at the opportunity to be a part of such a special gesture for Valentine's Day. From as far away as Florida to our neighbors across the county and even into Allen County Indiana

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PAULDING FFA DONATES TO PC DOG KENNEL



Pictured left to right is Paulding County Dog Warden David Bash, Max the dog and Paulding FFA officer Hailey Weidenhamer presenting the donation to the dog kennel.

By: Mason Schlatter, Assistant Reporter

On Wednesday, February 10 a couple of the FFA officers went to the Dog Kennel and gave the local dog warden a

donation check. The Paulding FFA made their annual charitable donation to the Paulding County Dog Kennel. The donation will be used to pay

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CARNES WINS THE PAULDING COUNTY SPELLING BEE



Shown in the photo are Allison Carnes, Antwerp Middle School and Myrriah Manz, Oakwood Elementary.

The Paulding County Spelling Bee took place on Monday, February 8 at the Antwerp Elementary School. The young

people who were able to participate had won their respective bees at their home schools in

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The deadline for the West Bend News is Fridays at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

OHIO ADDS APPROXIMATELY 4,000 COVID-19 DEATHS TO DEATH TOTAL

COLUMBUS - The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) announced today that as many as 4,000 COVID-19 deaths may have been under-reported through the state's reporting system. These deaths will be added to the state's death count during the coming week.

Process issues affecting the reconciliation and reporting of these deaths began in October. The largest number of deaths were from November and December. Although being reported this week, the deaths will reflect the appropriate date of death on the state's COVID-19 dashboard.

ODH will continue working with the Auditor of State's office, which has been engaged in an audit of COVID-19 data since September of 2020.

The issue related to the unreconciled COVID-19 deaths was identified by the Ohio Department of Health during

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Baby boy Waylon Jacob Sanders was born at Defiance Regional Hospital on February 6th, 2021 at 1:30 a.m. weighing 8 lbs 1 oz and 20.5 inches long.

Waylon's proud parents are: Jacob Sanders and Nicole Mills, Antwerp, OH.

Grandparents are: Denny and Lacey Sanders, Antwerp, OH and Billy and Shari Mills, Antwerp, OH.

Waylon's aunts and uncles are: Holly Sanders, Melanie and Randall Mills, Antwerp, OH, Jeremy Grothe, CA. and Mia Schaffer, Paulding, OH.

Community Calendar

- February 17**
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- February 19**
 - Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm
- February 20**
 - Woodlan Blood Drive 8a - 2p @Woodburn Comm Ctr
- February 21**
 - Jane Nice at 2 p.m. at the JPHS museum
 - Comm Ch Movie - 6pm; "Courageous Living In Turbulent Times"
- February 23**
 - Maumee Go Getters Meeting "Big Red Barn" 7pm
- February 24**
 - Defiance Senior Center Food Boxes 1-2:30 in Defiance, 12:30 - 2 in Hicksville
- February 26-28**
 - Four Old Broads show - 7:30p Fri & Sat; 2:30p Sun @ Huber Opera House
- February 26**
 - Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm
 - Hicksville KofC Fish Fry 4:30-7pm
- February 28**
 - Cecil Comm Ch Concert - 6pm; "Harvest Time Gospel Singers"

March 5

- Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm

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KIDS' KORNER

Hi Again! Have you had a good week? Every day, every week is great when we live in God's love.

Last week's Bible trivia question was about what Old Testament event that pointed forward to a New Testament event. Did you figure it out?

In the Old Testament God saw all the corruption that was taking place on earth and so decided to wash it all away. He sent a great flood that destroyed all human life, except for Noah and his family. That flood wiped sin from the face of the earth. Noah and his family exited the ark to find a world that had been cleansed, purified.

In the New Testament, John the Baptist preached about a baptism of repentance. Reflecting the great flood, John called all to repent of their sin and turn to God.

Jesus introduced a baptism by the Holy Spirit. In this Baptism, water applied to the person along with the Word of God brought forgiveness of sin and the increase of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

It is good that we remember our own baptism and the wonders that God worked in us through it. In my churches the baptismal font is set up in the front of the sanctuary as a reminder of that baptism. Every time we see it we should be reminded that God has placed His name on us and that we are His.

For next week, in the parable of the fig tree (Luke 13:6-9), how long would the tree

be given to bear fruit before it would be cut down?

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

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
Is abortion ever justified in God's eyes, or mercy killing or suicide when little or no quality of life exists?

God is to control the giving and taking of life. Job 1:21 - "And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Revelation 1:18 - "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (See also Acts 17:25; Genesis 9:6). Every life is precious in God's sight, so much so that He gave His life for each soul. Hebrews 2:9 - "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

Years ago a member of our church came to me and said the doctor recommended an abortion of their expected child because he suspected Down's syndrome. I told the father that abortion was not God's will. They gave birth to a perfectly healthy, beautiful baby boy who grew into a fine man.

A wonderful, sweet lady in our church acquired Alzheimer's disease. The advanced stages left her curled up in a fetal position unable to speak, respond or do anything. I could see no quality of life. However, after I would go and pray for her I would visit other people in that facility and led several to Christ. I realized I would not have been

there had she not been there. She was still being used of God through me to see souls saved.

I have seen a number of suicidal people in very bad circumstances turn to Christ and learn how He could deliver them.

God's ways are above our ways. When it comes to quality of life, He sees it from an eternal perspective and not just an earthly one.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

WORRY OR TRUST

By: Doris Applegate

Yes, it is easy to be fearful and worry about our future and the future of our country, but the Lord Jesus Christ has commanded us NOT to be anxious or worry. We are to "cast all of our cares on God because He cares for us!" (1 Peter 5:7)

Worry is a killer and causes us to have many health problems. God will take care of you through every day, all the way. God does love us and we are more valuable than the sparrows that He feeds. It pleases our Heavenly Father when we trust in Him.

Just as a child puts their little hand in "Daddy's" hand so can we put our hands in God's big hand. Remember the song "Put your hand in the hand of the man (Jesus) who stills the water, put your hand in the hand of the man who calms the sea!" As we "rest" in the promises of God we then become "partakers of the divine nature." (2 Peter 1:4) The times and events we are facing will surely get worse because the days and mens hearts are EVIL.

As we progress into the "end times" before the return of Jesus, we will see two different groups of people. One group will have the Glory of God upon them and serve God with greatest of passion, the other group will be drawn further on into evil and corruption. What ever path we choose to take will determine our end. "Now is the time, now is the day, the choice is ours to take the RIGHT way." "Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life." (John 14:6) Jesus wants us to come to Him (Matthew 11:28 & 29). He will give us ALL that we need to walk and be victorious waiting for Jesus Christ to return.

Let the "sunshine" of His love fill your soul so you can shine some of that bright light onto someone else. Be one of the group who carries the GLORY! We may not know what is ahead - good or bad - but the following song can help and encourage us on our way:

I don't know about tomorrow,

I just live from day to day,
I don't borrow from its sunshine,

For its skies may turn to grey.

I don't worry 'bout the future,

For I know what Jesus said,
And today I'll walk beside Him,

For he knows what is ahead,
Many things about tomorrow.

I don't seem to understand,
But I know who holds tomorrow,

And I know who holds my hand!

AMEN

LITTLE SPROUTS EARLY LEARNING CENTER TO OPEN SOON

Paulding Church of the Nazarene will be starting a childcare ministry called Little Sprouts Early Learning Center this June. After hear-

ing about the need for more childcare in our area, especially for infants, they began praying about and discussing this need and feel that God has led them to serve our area in this capacity. Amber Gochenour has been appointed as the director of the center. She and her husband Ian were both born and raised in Paulding, and are happy to be raising their three daughters here as well. Amber has several years of experience as a registered nurse, most recently in the public health field. She is excited about this new chapter and can't wait to serve our community in this way. Childcare will be available for children six weeks through twelve years.

Little Sprouts is planning on opening June 1, 2021. Church volunteers are busy planning and carrying out the necessary renovations to get the center started. Registration will begin in March. The center will be licensed through the state of Ohio and will be able to take children who are eligible for tuition help through NOCAC. They will be offering fulltime care, preschool, and before and after school care. Both the church and Little Sprouts are located at 210 Dooley Drive, Paulding. For updates and information follow Little Sprouts Early Learning Center on Facebook, and pauldinglittlesprouts on Instagram. You can also email PauldingLittleSprouts@gmail.com for more information about available times and tuition and to get on the quickly growing interest list.

ANTWERP MANOR HAPPENINGS

Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living. We are located at 204 Archer Drive in Antwerp, Ohio and we are currently welcoming new residents!

Despite COVID-19 and quarantine the residents were still given a fun Super Bowl Party on Sunday evening. Marti Overmyer, Robin Cline, and Jennifer Ramsier prepared their favorite dips, cheese balls, nachos, smokies, and pigs in a blanket and delivered these treats door to door.



Pictured is Peggy Klender. Peggy gets pleasure while in quarantine reading books that our local library provides.

The residents really appreciate the new books from the Antwerp Library. Although we have a large selection of books here the newly released books are enjoyed. Thank you to the Antwerp Library staff for providing us with this service.

Once again, we appreciate the entire community for remembering our residents during this trying time with cards, pictures, snacks, and flowers. You are certainly appreciated!

Please feel free to contact Jennifer Ramsier @ 419-258-1500 with any questions that

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

—1 John 4:10



Dick Gasser who was not only enjoying the snacks but very busy cheering on his favorite team! Despite the pandemic the activity department tries very hard to keep the residents engaged and entertained!

you might have about becoming a resident at Antwerp Manor. She will be more than happy to assist you.



REGIONAL BURN CENTER TREATS PATIENTS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

Last summer, a woman Pablo Campos had never met approached him and said she felt compelled to pray for him. Pablo was taking a break from operating a crane outside the city's water pollution control plant. He remembers that encounter, but not the events about to unfold.

As Campos resumed work, the swing brake on the cab of the crane did not lock, allowing the boom to come into contact with a power line. When he touched the plates, it sent thousands of volts of electricity through his right hand and body, exiting from his right foot. The shock stopped his heart.

A first responder on the scene, Officer Scott Lewis moved quickly and with the help of others, used a defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to revive him before quickly transporting him to Lutheran Hospital's Regional Burn Center.

"I just remember waking up in the hospital, no clue what had happened, whatsoever," explains Campos. "I do remember hearing my wife tell me, 'Breathe, breathe.'"

Campos had deep burns through the bottom of his foot

and his hand was mostly exposed flesh with four fingers fully exposed. Despite the severity of his injuries, he recalls the comfort and attention given by the Burn Center staff from the beginning. "The nurses and the staff were always right there when I needed something or someone," recalls Campos. "My wife was there every moment she was allowed and they treated her so well, too. We got to know the staff. They cared a lot about my progress."

"When he came in, not only did he suffer from the burns, he suffered cardiac arrest in the field," says Byron Arrivillaga, RN, BSN, MHA, Nursing Services Director, Lutheran Hospital Regional Burn Center. "Some of the measures we had to put in place were to preserve brain function. It was that serious. But after he woke up from his induced coma, he was a go-getter, up and ready to go - he went home just a couple of days after waking up."

Just months after the experience, Campos feels everything's pretty much back to 100% and he's back at work. Working with a physical therapist, he is able to do many of the things he was able to do prior to the accident, including making a full fist and holding a hammer. "My body had totally shut down. You start appreciating life more than ever. I am very fortunate to be here and with my family," reflects Campos. "I think the doctors did a tremendous job. Because of them, I'm here, I'm alive. I came in with very little chance of surviving but whatever they did, it just worked out."

The Lutheran Regional Burn Center offers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services. "If a person's burn needs attention or causes enough concern to visit an ER, physician or urgent care center, the Burn Center can help," says Arrivillaga. "On any given day, we receive calls about accidents at home that result in burns; for example, a recent case was a child with a scald from pouring food on his chest. This is something we can easily mitigate as we treat burn patients every day."

Even though his stay was short, the impact on Campos was big. "Every time I come back to the Burn Center, everybody knows me by name. They're like 'Hi, Pablo!' I don't want to say I miss coming over but I do miss the fact that ev-

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Event Schedule

February 27th - Concealed Handgun License class. For more information and to register, contact McDougall Firearms in Antwerp

March 10th - LET'S GET SOCIAL. 6-8pm We are bringing back social nights. Play some cards games. Possibly bingo. We will be serving hot sandwiches. Looking forward to seeing you again.

• Annual memberships Now available for 2021! Join for the first time or renew your membership now! Annual memberships run from Jan 1 - Dec 31.

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WE ALL NEED A SMILE

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

Do you like to tell jokes or are you like me and it takes you a while to get the punchline?

I am not really good at telling jokes or "getting" a joke. Sometimes I will think of the joke days later, get the punchline and start laughing. I used to play the keyboard



with Harmonica John Wistner. We played many many shows and every at each show he told the same jokes. Plus I worked with John Wistner for 13 years.

The thing is, when I heard him tell the old jokes, I was to laugh as if it was my first time hearing it. It was a lot of fun and other people laughed which is the whole idea of a joke.

I love surfing the internet looking for recipes, music quotes and unusual topics. People are very clever and I know one thing though (I could never make it as a stand

up comedian). I know I would get excited and probably tell the punchline first.

I recently ran into something which I found was funny and since we are telling about jokes what better place to share it?

The subject is : VanGogh Family members and it seems as if he had many including;

His dizzy aunt --- Verti Gogh

The brother who ate prunes --- Gotta Gogh

The brother who worked at a convenience store --- Stop N Gogh

The grandfather from Yugoslavia --- U Gogh

His magician uncle --- Where-Diddy Gogh

His Mexican cousin --- A Mee Gogh

The Mexican cousin's American half-brother --- Gring Gogh

The nephew who drove a stage coach --- Wells-Far Gogh

The constipated uncle --- Can't Gogh

The ballroom dancing aunt --- Tang Gogh

The bird lover uncle --- Flamin Gogh

An aunt who taught positive thinking --- Way-to-Gogh

The little bouncy nephew --- Poe Gogh

A sister who loved disco --- Go Gogh

And his niece who travels the country in an RV --- Winnie Bay Gogh

The fruit loving cousin--- Mane Gogh

Of course, the above writing is on several different websites but I liked it. Did you? Of course, you did, I saw you smiling.

Do you think Van Gogh would like his relatives? Do you think he would have smiled? Let me know and I'll Give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

Protect Benefits for Children with Special Needs

PROTECT BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have a child or other family member who has special needs due to physical or mental conditions, you face a variety of challenges planning for their care, including financial ones. You may also have some well-meaning relatives who want to help, but who may not realize that their moves could actually result in some serious lifestyle and monetary problems for your loved one. Fortunately, by planning ahead, you can

avoid these potential traps. As you probably already know, individuals with special needs are eligible for a variety of government benefits and local programs that provide assistance with housing, medical needs, specialized equipment, independent living, job training and other services. You may also know that some of these programs require participants to meet financial criteria to qualify for benefits. Usually, this isn't a problem if your loved one has little income and few assets.



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Difficulties can arise, though, when other relatives, such as grandparents, include loved ones with special needs in their estate plans by naming them as beneficiaries of insurance policies or retirement assets, or as beneficiaries of any trusts the grandparents have established. In these situations, loved ones who receive or inherit a sizable amount of assets may then be ruled ineligible for some important services.

Hopefully, your relatives will have informed you of their plans. If so, let them know that although you appreciate their generosity, the way they've chosen to show it could have unanticipated - and harmful - effects. You could then suggest ways they could structure their gifts to be more valuable.

Specifically, they can help through a special needs trust, either one that's already been created or one they create for their gift. A special needs trust is designed to help people with special needs use financial gifts or inheritances for a variety of purposes while keeping their eligibility for some government programs and other services. There are two main types of special needs trust:

First-party special needs trust

An individual with special needs, their legal guardian or the court can establish a first-party special needs trust benefiting that individual. The first-party special needs trust is funded by the individual's own assets, either through earnings or an inheritance or a personal injury award. A first-party trust contains a "payback" rule, which means that when the individual beneficiary with special needs dies, the trust must pay back the state for certain benefits received.

Third-party special needs trust

A relative or person other than the individual with special needs who wants to include that individual in their estate plan can set up a third-party special needs trust. The third party trust is funded with assets from someone other than the individual with special needs. With a third-party trust, no "payback" provision is re-

quired. Many issues are involved in establishing an appropriate special needs trust. Consequently, you'll need to consult with your legal advisor to determine your next steps. Afterwards, you'll want to involve everyone in your family who could contribute to a trust, so they'll all know what to expect and how they can participate. Once the arrangements are made, you can all feel like you've done your part to make things easier for the loved one in your life with special needs.

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

Edward Jones. Member SIPC.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MAUMEE GO GETTERS 4H CLUB

The Maumee-Go-Getters 4-H Club will be having their 1st meeting of the year on Tuesday, February Feb. 23 at 7pm. We will meet this year at "The Big Red Barn" 5333 Thimlar Road New Haven, IN 46774. We will be decorating gingerbread houses and learning more about 4-H, changes in project rules, and future opportunities within 4-H. Please wear a mask. Our future meetings are planned for: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, and July 13. Please contact Renee' at maumee-gogetters@gmail.com to reserve your spot for the Feb. 23 meeting or if you have any questions. Do you know of any friends interested in learning more about 4-H? Please invite them too!

Mini 4-H is Kindergarten-2nd grade. Traditional 4-H is grade 3-12. Visit <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/allen> to look for 4-H events, newsletters, projects and rule-book, etc.

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for up keep and maintenance for the dog kennel and to help care for the dogs. The Paulding FFA loves giving back to the community and helping local organizations.

The Paulding FFA values animals and wants to help ensure that all the dogs in our county are well cared for and returned to their homes when they become lost. The members enjoyed visiting with the dog warden, David Bash, and visiting the dogs that were there at that time.

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a routine employee training.

As these deaths are added to the counts, the daily reported death counts will be high for a two to three-day period. After this increase, normal processes will resume, with increased quality assurance related to the death reconciliation process.

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erybody was just so friendly, every time."

Campos does not know if it was divine intervention on behalf of the woman who stopped and prayed for him that summer day before the accident, but he does know he could not have had better care from the Lutheran Regional Burn Center. Learn more here: <https://www.lutheranhospital.com/burn-center>

SPELLING BEE WINNER RECEIVES CHECK



VFW Post 5087, represented by Keith West, gives donation to Allison Carnes, winner of the Paulding County Spelling Bee. Every year, Post 5087 provides a check for both the bee winner and runner-up.

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the county.

The evening started off with 10 contestants and they were excited. Ashley Shepherd was the host. The pronouncer was Doug Grooms of Van Wert City Schools. The 10 contestants were the following: Braxton Peters, Antwerp; Allison Carnes, Antwerp; Micah Jones, Christian Home Educators of PC; Lucy Conley, Divine Mercy School; Myrriah Manz, Oakwood Elementary; Jack Daege, PAULDING Elementary; Nicholas Hatcher, Paulding Middle; Noah Schlatter, WT Grover Hill; Brock Knowles, WT Payne; and Jordan Hale, Wayne Trace JH.

The first word of the opening round was "locker" and spelled by Braxton. Jordan Hale was the first to miss his word - "hazelnut". By round two, two young people had fallen out of the running.

By round five, there were only 4 spellers left on the stage. By the end of the fifth round only one was left but Braxton was not able to seal the win with the word "frigate". The four spellers were back in.

It was down to two spellers for the last couple rounds, going back and forth between Allison Carnes and Myrriah Manz. Round 11 set Manz up for a potential win, but then she was not able to complete 'whirlybird'.

It was in the 18th round that Allison Carnes clinched the title of spelling bee champion, with Myrriah Manz sitting in the runner up spot.

Allison Carnes is the daughter of Brian and Angela Carnes. She battled 18 rounds to win with the word "complacency."

The second place finisher was Myrriah Manz, daughter of Sam and Shelby Manz. Special thanks to Antwerp Exchange Bank and Antwerp VFW Post #5087 for sponsoring the awards to the top two finishers.

Allison is invited to move on to the online regional qualifier via the Scripps online testing platform. The top finishers on the online regional qualifier will advance to the Northeast Indiana Regional Spelling Bee on March 6, 2021. This spelling bee will be administered virtually through a teleconferencing platform, and the regional champion will represent the Northeast Indiana Regional Spelling Bee program in the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee this summer.

Happy 90th Birthday "PAPA" Harry Cottrell WE LOVE YOU! -Kelsey, Natalie, Braylon, Braxton, Marshall, Aylah & Cora



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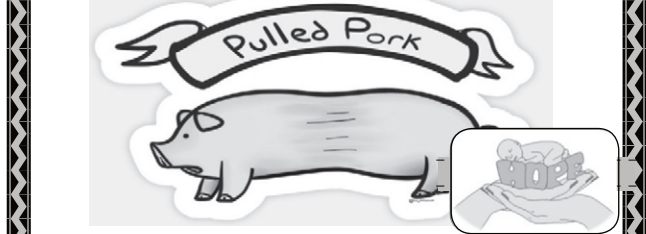
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Dr. Ella Thompson Fast

MILITARY HISTORY OF PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry
Dr. Ella Thompson Fast

Dr. Ella Thompson Fast was one of, if not the, first woman doctor in Paulding County. She was born March 10, 1871 in Ohio. She was one of eight children born to William and Nancy (Clemens) Thompson. Both her parents were born in Ohio. While she was young, her mother passed away, April 27, 1881. Her father passed away on October 2, 1886. They both are buried in Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio.

She met a gentleman named Dr. Leroy Fast, born September 3, 1867, Center Township, Mercer County, living in the Grover Hill area, after a courtship, he proposed marriage. They were married June 5, 1890, in Clinton County, Ohio then moved to Cecil, Ohio, with this marriage, two daughters were born: Edith Francis Fast, September 3, 1892, in Cecil, Ohio. Then Bernice Ella Fast, April 17, 1893, in Paulding.

The happy family lived in Paulding, Ohio. Ella then entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine, where she graduated in 1896. She started the practicing of medicine in a partnership with her husband. She was a beautiful woman and the Fast's had a lovely home at 216 North Williams Street, in Paulding, where they entertained their large circle of friends. The girls went to school in Paulding where they also graduated.

Edith went onto College at the University of Michigan, 1912-1915. For some unknown reason, Edith did not finish college. She met a gentleman named, Anthony Royce Grierson, he was serving in the United States Army, enlisted in the Reserve Corp, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 21, 1917. Edith and Anthony were married June 30, 1918. Anthony served with Medical Department in Chicago until he was honorably discharged, January 4, 1919. Edith and

Anthony settled in Sandusky, Ohio. They had a daughter named, Phyllis Edith Grierson, born February 21, 1926 in Sandusky, Ohio. Edith being such an independent woman, traveled to Cherbourg, France, and England June 4, 1928 on the ship "Carmania" and returning to America, on the ship "Berengaria", September 14, 1928. Something happened with the marriage, and Edith moved to Las Vegas, Nevada to live with her daughter. Anthony remarries a woman named, Elizabeth A. Clemons. Edith passed away November 27, 1963, in Las Vegas. Her body was brought home to be buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio. Anthony passed away March 4, 1965, in Sandusky, Ohio. He was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Sandusky, Ohio.

The daughter, Phyllis, passed away, April 1, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Her burial site is unknown. She never married. Edith's sister Bernice was married to Manford F. Hoover, from Oakwood, born July 30, 1890, son of Andy and Mary (Taylor) Hoover.

Manor was serving in France in World War I. Corporal Company L. 162 Infantry. He was honorably discharged June 19, 1919. They were married July 20, 1919. Bernice did graduate from College, but not sure where from. They lived in St. Joseph, Indiana before moving back to Paulding, and lived on Harrison Street. Manford and Bernice were self employed. They never had children.

Bernice passed away May 22, 1957. Manford passed away June 13, 1973. They are buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio. Dr. Ella Fast and her husband, Dr. Leroy Fast were separated for a while, on January 23, 1918, Dr. Leroy Fast was serving as a Medical Doctor, during World War I, with the rank of Captain, serving in the Officer Reserve Corp at Fort Riley, Kansas, then he was sent off to Dallas, Texas, where he was honorably discharged, on August 24, 1918. They both practiced medicine until their deaths. Ella, December 31, 1945 and husband, Leroy, November 24, 1949. They are buried side by side in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio. Ella set the standard for the opportunity for woman to succeed in the medical field.

Until Next Time!

SPACE HEATERS POSE SAFETY CONCERNS, MAY CAUSE HIGH ELECTRIC BILLS

Freezing temperatures may have you reaching for your space heater... but your local electric cooperative asks you to think twice. Electric space heaters are convenient, but don't forget about their high cost and the safety precautions that may get overlooked.

During this frigid week of single digit temperatures, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) and North Western Electric Cooperative (NWEC) want to help their member-owners avoid unexpected high winter electric bills, and fire and electric shock hazards from space heaters.

"Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the United States," said PPEC Energy Advisor Peter Niagu. "Safety should always be a top consideration when using electric space heaters."

Always inspect the heater for cracked or broken plugs before each use. To avoid overheating an outlet, which could result in a fire, plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet, and never use an extension cord or plug any other devices into the same outlet.

When using electric space heaters, always check the manufacturer's recommendations. Here are a few basic safety tips to keep in mind:

Never place flammable objects such as curtains, bedspreads, table clothes or cleaning supplies closer than 3 feet.

Never use near wet areas such as kitchen sinks, baths, showers, etc.

Be careful to place on a stable flat surface to avoid tipping over.

Keep away from children and pets. Even a brief touch can cause severe burns.

Be sure to check for frayed insulation on cords and never use with an extension cord.

Turn off space heaters when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep.

Cost is another factor to consider when using space heaters. For example, using two space heaters for just two hours a day could add nearly \$20 to your monthly electric bill.

To see how much a space heater costs to operate, visit your cooperative's website to find their space heater energy calculator. PPEC's space heater calculator can be found by visiting www.PPEC.coop and clicking the blue "Energy Calculators" button at the top of the page, then "Heating and Cooling." NWEC's can be found at www.nwec.com under the Programs & Education tab > Energy Efficiency > Perform your own audit > Heating and Cooling.

"Space heaters warm people, not rooms," Niagu said. "Don't try to heat your entire home with them."

To stay warm without turning up the heat, try these tips:

- Dress in layers.
- Use blankets.
- Try microwavable heating pads.
- Leave your oven open after baking to release the heat (but do not attempt to heat a room by keeping an oven open while it is running).
- Keep your feet warm with

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



January SOM are: Seated L-R Xylem Kashner, Aden Stoller, Kollin Reichert, Angel Bautista, Ellie Wilt and Jude Miller. Standing Paisley Greear, Jennifer Lopez, Lane Miller, Brenna Beining, Brayden Sinn, Jensen Beining, Amber Stoller, Campbell Volk, Sawyer Antoine and Camden Kimmel.

thick socks or slippers.

Drink warm beverages (warms you from the inside out and keeps hands warm)

Reverse your ceiling fan so it spins clockwise to push warm air down.

Try a humidifier (humid air feels warmer than dry air).

Clear your heat vents, registers, and radiators so heat can circulate.

Do something active, like cleaning or getting up to move periodically so your body doesn't get stiff and cold.

Remember that the colder it is outside, the harder your heating system has to work to keep your home warm - which is why electric bills are typically higher in the winter.

Have questions about how to keep your winter electric bill down? Call PPEC at 800-686-2357 or NWEC at 800-647-6932 for customized energy efficiency advice tailored to your home. Stay warm and safe out there!

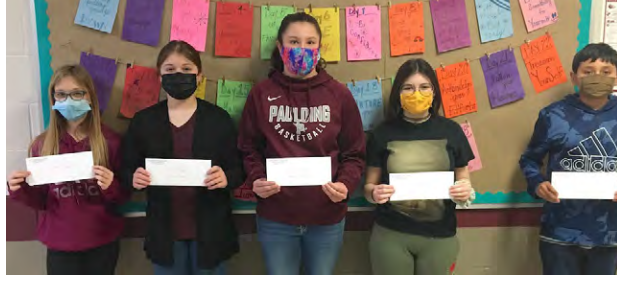


JANE NICE TO SPEAK OF MURDER @ JPMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The John Paulding Historical Society will hold its annual membership meeting and election of officers and directors on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the museum located across from the fairgrounds in Paulding. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The program for the afternoon will feature author Jane Nice, who will speak about the research she has been doing for a book she plans to write about the 1894 murders of siblings Ashby and Elsie Good three miles north of Paulding, as well as the conviction and execution of Charles Hart five months after the crime was committed. In addition to internet searches, resources at the state and local level have uncovered details about the case. Nice, a Paulding resident for more than 30 years, is a

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL JANUARY SOM



Shown in the picture are the January Students of the Month for Paulding Middle School. From left are Madalyn Dierksheide, Raleigh Sanders, Kat Burtch, Libby Dotterer, and Giovanni Linares.

former high school English teacher who has written feature articles and a biography, Married to Millie: The Humble Life of Herb Monroe, while raising three kids on a farm with her husband.

Her passion for history and true crime led her to her current project.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Covid-19 guidelines will be exercised.

WOODLAN BLOOD DRIVE

Woodlan will be hosting a blood drive on February 20, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Community Center

How to sign up: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=woodlanhs>

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments. Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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CONGRESSMAN LATTA VISITS PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL



Congressman Bob Latta visited Paulding County Hospital on Monday, February 8th to discuss the impact that the pandemic has had on the hospital. In addition, the discussion involved how the hospital is administering COVID-19 vaccines to those currently eligible in the community.

One of the main topics of discussion centered on vaccine availability and the limited quantities coming to Paulding County from the State. Currently, Paulding County is not able to meet the demands of those who are currently eligible and wish to receive the vaccine.

Congressman Latta asked the question: "If there was something early on that you could have changed as an organization to prepare, what would it have been?" Ron Goedde, CEO, Paulding County Hospital quickly stated: "Additional Clinical and Nursing Staff. How could we have gotten more clinicians to step in and help out? This would have helped to prepare for the masses we were expecting." Many Paulding County Hospital employees stepped up and were cross-trained to help better serve the needs of the organization. "It's been challenging, but

it has really pulled us together as an organization. Communication is key," stated Goedde.

Currently, between Paulding County Health Department and Paulding County Hospital combined, both entities have been able to vaccinate 1,515 healthcare workers and eligible community members to date. Both entities have been working closely with the State of Ohio and remain committed to provide safe and effective COVID-19 vaccinations to currently eligible residents of Paulding County.

Please beware of COVID-19 Vaccine fraud and scams! We have been informed of an increased rate of fraud and scams related to COVID-19 vaccine rollout. Please be aware of the following:

- If someone calls, texts, or emails you or a family member promising access to the vaccine for a fee, you should not share your personal or financial information.

- No one should ask you to pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.

- No one should ask you to pay to get early access to a vaccine

Paulding County Hospital appreciates the communities

support and patience as we work through the process of providing vaccines to eligible individuals in our community who wish to receive it, following the State of Ohio's phased approach. It is important to remember that precautions are still needed to slow the spread of the virus. Please continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, and social distance.

For up-to-date information regarding Paulding County Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic please reference our website at pauldingcountyhospital.com/covid19vaccine

PAULDING COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS COVID-19 CRISIS FUND APPLICATION

Applications are again available for the Paulding County COVID-19 Crisis Fund. This will be a second round of grants aimed at assisting businesses in Paulding County with relief due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since last April, United Way and the Paulding County Area Foundation have marketed a donation relief fund called the Paulding County Ohio Crisis Fund. The fund was established in cooperation with the Paulding County Area Foundation and United Way of Paulding County to assist those businesses in need due to the pandemic. Monies received in this fund have been, and will again be dispersed through the Paulding County Economic Development office.

All funds were locally donated with the premise of helping local businesses overcome and survive the statewide limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic. In an outreach effort, to help as many local businesses as possible, every dollar collected will continue to be dispersed back into the county in the form of grants to Paulding County based businesses. This is a 100% grant. Repayment of the grant is not expected as a grant is defined as a sum of money given by a government or other organization for a particular purpose.

Any business with less than 20 employees that has been affected by the Ohio statewide shutdown for the COVID-19 pandemic may apply. Applications can be found on the PC Economic Development website www.pced.net under the "Incentive Programs" tab or picked up at the PCED office at 102 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. All grant applications must be filled in completely and must be returned to the office or postmarked by March 12, 2021. Fund disbursement amounts will be based on the final donation amount collected and the number of eligible applicants. The intended purpose of this grant is to help offset mortgage, rent, and/

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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL JANUARY PAULDING PRIDE WINNERS



Shown in the picture are the forty-five students who received Paulding Pride cards in the month of January.

Students at Paulding Middle School receive Paulding

Pride cards for going above and beyond what is normal-

ly expected from a Paulding Middle School Student.

or utility bills. Questions about the grant application can be directed to Tim Copsey, PCED Director at (419) 399-8282. Individuals or businesses can still donate to the relief fund. Please send a donation to the Paulding County Area Foundation, 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, OH 45879, and indicate Crisis Fund Donation. Questions on the donation fund can be directed to Lisa McClure at (419) 399-8296.

LATTA RE-INTRODUCES NO VOTE, NO RAISE ACT TO ELIMINATE AUTOMATIC PAY INCREASES FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) introduced the No Vote, No Raise Act, legislation working to eliminate automatic pay raises for Members of Congress.

"Our focus in Congress should be on our work to make life better and safer for our constituents and country, not increasing our paychecks," said Latta. "The No Vote, No Raise Act removes automatic raises for U.S. Representatives and Senators. If a Member of Congress wishes to introduce legislation that would allow for a raise in salary, they can still do so, but this bill ensures they are on the record for that action, and there is a vote before such action is agreed upon."

Under current law, Members of Congress are slated to receive automatic annual adjustments unless stopped by Congressional legislation. Because the pay increases are automatic, Members of Congress can receive a raise without having to go on record to vote for it. Members of

Congress have voted to freeze Congressional pay over the previous nine years and have not received a salary increase since 2009.

LATTA RE-INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO PERMANENTLY REPEAL THE DEATH TAX

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) introduced the Permanently Repeal the Estate Tax Act of 2021, legislation that would eliminate the Federal Estate Tax, also known as the death tax. Latta introduced the legislation in previous Congresses and was a leader in the Ohio legislature of efforts to eliminate the Ohio Estate Tax.

"The death tax creates real and unfair consequences for our farmers, ranchers, and small business owners," said Latta. "The federal government shouldn't be taxing money that was already taxed, just because a person passes away. The death tax has an overwhelming economic impact due to the cost of life insurance and financial preparation needed to prepare for the tax. Americans deserve relief from this burdensome and unnecessary tax."

In sectors that require high capital investment, such as agriculture, families often struggle to meet the tax requirements imposed by the Estate Tax because their liquid assets are much lower than the value of the land, property, and equipment. Latta's legislation would repeal Chapter 12 of the tax code (estate tax provisions) and ensures that Americans

are not taxed on the increased value of an estate by retaining the stepped-up basis at death.

(Community & Love in Action Continued from Page 1)

all wanted to be a part of this selfless act of kindness. There are 176 residents living in Antwerp Manor, Vancrest of Payne, Gardens of Paulding and Country Inn Enhanced Living — and they all received a Valentine.

Reactions to this act of solidarity of community was echoed in the comments on social media:

"Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be part of this wonderful caring gesture"

"Thank you so much for making so many peoples Valentines special"

"It was so neat to come in tonight & see flowers in each resident's room & to be able to tell them where they came from & how the community came together for all the facilities in the county "

"You are all special people to give joy to all our county assisted living residents. Thank you"

"I cannot love this enough. You are awesome and this is evidence again that we live in an awesome community!"

These reminders that good is all around us are necessary to perpetuate hope for better days to come. Love for one another in these despairing times can bring a joyful hope that can multiply. It takes a village to demonstrate love — and Paulding County... demonstrate you did!

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Subway, Antwerp Manor Assisted Living

Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid

Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Valero Gas, Marathon

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop

Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General

Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrill Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospi-

tal, Paulding Kwik Mart

Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza

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

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living

Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

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

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

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RAIDERS TURN BACK TIGERS BY 20 IN HOME FINALE



Wayne Trace girls pounded the Tigers on Tuesday night's game. Shown here is Wayne Trace Sophomore Gracie Shepherd grabbing the rebound and scoring for the Raiders under the basket! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - In their final home game of the season the Lady Raiders had little trouble disposing of Holgate 41-21. The 20-point conference win keeps Wayne Trace in second place with a slim chance to tie for the conference title. The Raiders stand at 5-1, one game behind league leader Fairview who sits on top of the GMC at 6-0 with one game to play. The Raiders will close out their season on the road at Ayersville who will come in at 4-2. Meanwhile, Fairview will complete their regular season on the road at Hicksville (9-12, 3-3).

Wayne Trace was led in scoring by senior Katrina Stoller who poured in 17 points along with six rebounds, five steals, and three assists in a well-rounded performance on both ends of the court. Also scoring for the Raiders was Gracie Shepherd with eight, Sydnee Sinn adding seven, Rachel Stoller chipping in five and four points from Abby Moore.

The red, white, and blue jumped out early on the Ti-

gers with an 18-5 first quarter lead and continued to hold the upperhand throughout the contest. Defensively the Raiders were strong from start to finish and never allowed the Tigers to score more than six points in any quarter.

Justine Eis was in double digits with 11 to lead the Tigers on 4-8 shooting from two-point range while make all six of her free throw attempts. Lexa Schuller finished with four followed by three points from Jordyn Altman, two points from Elisabeth Willett and a point from Madison Clark.

Holgate won the battle of the boards 30-24 but the Raider defense forced the Tigers into 24 turnovers while committing 16.

CRESTVIEW EASES PAST LADY RAIDERS BY FOUR

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

MIDDLE POINT - It was a typical battle featuring Wayne Trace and Crestview last Monday in girls' basketball. Entering the rivalry match-up Crestview brought an impressive 15-3 record

while the Raiders were standing at 14-5. When the dust finally settled it was the Lady Knights slipping past the Raiders 44-40. With the win the Knights moved to 16-3 and Raiders falling to 14-6.

In the first quarter the Raiders were hanging close trailing by one when they bolted out to an 8-0 run to lead 17-10 after the first eight minutes of play. The Raiders increased their margin to 19-10 after scoring the first two points of the second period. However, it was at that point when the Lady Knights woke up with a run of their own - an 18-0 run - to regain their lead 28-19. Wayne Trace got the last points of the first half, a Rachel Stoller two-pointer, to put the red, white, and blue down at the midway point 28-21.

The third quarter opened with a quick Wayne Trace response from Christina Graham sparking the Raiders with five-points to pull WT within two at 28-26. Crestview would have an answer

and continue to have the upper hand and would enter the fourth quarter on top 38-32.

In the final eight minutes of play WT found themselves down by nine 41-32 but would answer. Two Rachel Stoller buckets and a Gracie Shepherd two-pointer plus two free throws had the red, white, and blue still in the chase, trailing 42-39 with just under two minutes remaining. However, in those closing seconds WT had several opportunities to cut into the Crestview lead but could not take advantage.

Scoring for the Raiders was Christina Graham nine; Rachel Stoller eight; Katrina Stoller eight; Gracie Shepherd seven; Sydnee Sinn three; Carlee Mead three; and Abbey Moore two.

Crestview was paced by the by the 13 points from Olivia Cunningham followed by Laci McCoy chipping in 11, Cali Gregory eight, Bailey Gregory eight and Raegan Hammonds adding four.

HOT SHOOTING RAIDERS DOWN PILOTS



Junior Cameron Sinn gets in the action inside the key to pull up a shot and score for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Wayne Trace Raiders completed the conference portion of their regular season last Friday with a home win over Ayersville. The Raiders handled the Pilots to the tune of 80-65 to finish GMC play at 5-2 - good for second place behind once beaten Antwerp.

The Raider's 80 points is the most points scored in a contest since their loss to Lincolnview 81-80 back on December 12. With the win the Raiders improve their overall mark to 16-5 and 5-2 in the league and will complete the regular season this Friday when they entertain Ottoville. For the Pilots, they fall to 11-8 overall and 3-5 in GMC play.

After a high scoring first quarter that had the Raiders trailing 23-17 the red, white, and blue owned the last three quarters. Wayne Trace outscored the Pilots by identical scores in the middle two frames - 19-10, in the second quarter as well as the third. At the half WT led 36-33 and then enjoyed a 55-43 margin after three quarters of play. The Raiders put up big numbers in the final eight minutes with 25 while holding the Pilots to 22 to secure the 15-point win.

Kyle Stoller was on top of his game, finishing with a double-double, including 18 points and 11 rebounds. The freshman connected on 6-10 of his two-point field goals, hitting his only three-point attempt and being perfect at the free throw line on all three of his tries.

Rounding out the Raider scoring was Cam Sinn with 14 on 6-7 shooting of his two-point attempts along with six assists; Trevor Sinn was also in double-digits with 11 along with six assists; Brooks Laukhuf finished with 12 and Trevor Speice added 10. Trevor added six assists and three steals. Also scoring for the Raiders was Grayson McClure with eight, Cameron Graham four and Garrett Williamson with three.

The Raiders shot very well from the floor hitting 21-31 of their two-pointers and 10-20 behind the arc for 61 percent. Ayersville won the rebound battle 34-29 and both teams recorded 11 miscues.

For the Pilots, Jakob Trevino and Brayden Amoroso each collected 17 points to lead Ayersville. Ike Eiden was in double figures with 10 followed by Ryan Clark with eight. Evan Clark added six, Blake Eiden five and Weston McGuire two.

THIRD QUARTER BLITZ SENDS ANTWERP PAST WOODLAN



Antwerp's Luke Krouse takes a shot from inside the three point line to score for the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

In a battle of cross-state rivals, it was the Buckeye State that claimed the win as Antwerp posted a 65-43 victory at Woodlan in a Monday night non-league boys basketball contest.

The visiting Archers led at every stop, including a 15-8 advantage after eight minutes of action before Woodlan trimmed the deficit to 28-27 at the intermission.

Antwerp, though, dominated the third quarter and outscored the Warriors 26-10 in extending the margin to 54-37 entering the final period. The Archers then put up 11 fourth quarter markers compared to six for Woodlan to wrap up the 65-43 win.

Landon Brewer led a quartet of Antwerp players in double figures with 16 points while Austin Lichty added 13 and Owen Sheedy chipped in a dozen. Jagger Landers also picked up ten for the Archers.

Luke Krouse (six), Hunter Sproles (five) and Kaden Recker (two) also scored for Antwerp.

Woodlan was paced by Joe Reidy with 21 points and Braden Smith added 13 markers.

Also finding the scoring column for the Warriors were DeJay Gerig (three), Alex Miller (three) and Lincoln Sparks (two).



Woodlan's Joe Reidy nails the three point basket to add to his 21 total points! See more pictures at westbendnews.net

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

If you have a child in the Wayne Trace District that will be Five years old before September 30th, 2021 now is the time to Register them for the 2021 - 2022 school year. This is for Transitional Kindergarten and Traditional Kindergarten. Please stop by the school or call 419-587-3414 Opt 3 for Grover Hill or 419-263-2512 Opt 4 for Payne to get your registration packet.

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LADY PANTHERS SEAL WIN AGAINST DHS



Paulding senior Jalynn Parrett sinks the first basket for the Lady Panthers in the game against Defiance! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The first quarter for Paulding hosting Defiance in Girls basketball brought the Bulldogs to their knees in the first few minutes of the game when the Panthers had a 15-0 run. It was Sadie Estle who brought the score to 5-5 in a tie and then Paulding took off to 18-5 lead with the help of Jalynn Parrett and Leigha Egnor, Maggie Manz, and Janae Pease, all hitting outside shots.

The next three quarters were much more tame, in fact at one point Defiance was able to cut the lead to only 6 points in the second quarter. In the second half Paulding gained once again on the points with Estle grabbing rebounds and shooting again underneath the basket.

Paulding completed the win with a 69-48 victory over the Bulldogs and now they are entering the tournament with a 16-6 record.

ARCHERS CLAIM OUTRIGHT GMC TITLE

SHERWOOD - Antwerp dominated the glass and rode that to a 61-50 victory over host Fairview Saturday night outside of Sherwood.

With the win, the Archers claim the outright Green Meadows Conference championship at 6-1 on the season and improve to 18-1 overall. The Apaches drop to 9-8 in all games and 2-4 in the league.

Antwerp outrebounded the Apaches 24-9 on the night, with Jagger Landers and Hunter Sproles both hauling down six boards in the contest. Landon Brewer and Luke Krouse both had four rebounds as well for the blue and white.

The Apaches led 14-11 at the end of eight minutes of action before Antwerp won the second quarter 18-12 to give the Archers a 29-26 halftime advantage.

Quarter number three saw the blue and white bucket 14 points compared to the black and gold's 11, giving Antwerp a 43-37 advantage entering the final stanza.

Landers topped the Archer effort with 23 points while Austin Lichty had 19 as well for the blue and white. Owen Sheedy (five), Sproles (five), Landon Brewer (five), Gaige McMichael (three) and Krouse (one) completed the Antwerp scoring.

Fairview was paced by Caleb Frank with 24 points while Russ Zeedyk added nine and Jackson Grine contributed eight.

Luke Timbrook, Brady Karzynow and Cade Ripke also finished with three markers each for the Apaches.

Fairview hosts Montpelier in a non-league battle on Tuesday before traveling to Tinora for a Green Meadows Conference game on Friday.

Antwerp closes its regular season with a game at Hilltop on Thursday.

PATRIOTS WRAP UP ACAC TITLE

MONROEVILLE - The Heritage Patriot boys basketball team wrapped up the ACAC regular season title with a 50-44 win over visiting Jay County Friday night outside of Monroeville.

The Patriots completed the ACAC schedule with a perfect 6-0 record and improve to 9-7 overall with the victory while Jay County falls to 5-8 in all games and 3-3 in the league.

Heritage led at every stop in the contest as the hometown Patriots opened an 11-8 lead at the end of one period. Quarter number two saw Heritage score nine more points while limiting Jay County to five in taking a 20-13 halftime advantage.

Heritage again won the battle of the Patriots in the third quarter, outscoring Jay County 16-11 to push the margin to 36-24 at the end of three periods.

Junior Kiel Eldridge and sophomore Luke Saylor each scored a dozen points to lead the way for Heritage with sophomore Nyles Knapke adding 11 markers. Junior Dalton Wasson added nine points and junior Leroy Lepper posted six to finish the Heritage scoring.

Eldridge completed the double-double with ten rebounds while Saylor added seven boards, four assists and five steals. Wasson and Deontae Cobbins totaled five rebounds and two assists apiece.

Dusty Pearson scored 13 points for Jay County and Ethan Dirksen added 11 markers. Bennett Weitzel had eight points followed by Joshua Dowlen (five), Adam Muhlenkamp (four) and Crosby Heniser (three).

Jay County has a double-header weekend at home as they host Norwell on Friday before welcoming in Seton Catholic on Saturday. Heritage hits the road twice with a visit to New Haven Friday night before traveling to Fort Wayne Canterbury Saturday.

LADY RAIDERS WIN AT ST. HENRY BY 14

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

ST. HENRY - Last Tuesday the Lady Raiders made the trip south to St. Henry and soundly defeated the Redskins 42-28. Wayne Trace put forth a solid defensive effort throughout the contest but it was an 18-0 run in the first half to set the tone for the Raiders 12th win of the season.

Leading by five, 13-8 after one quarter of play, the red, white, and blue continued to score in the second period while holding the Redskins at bay. WT turned their 13-8 first quarter margin into a 31-8 lead after scoring the next 18 points. The first half ended on a Sydnee Sinn bucket to put the Raiders in control with a comfortable 31-12 advantage at the break.

The third period produced little scoring with the Raiders putting up just four points to St. Henry's three. WT entered the final eight minutes of play in command 35-15. The Redskins never made much of a threat down the stretch as the Raiders coasted to a 14-point win 42-28.

Katrina Stoller paced the Raiders with 15 points along with eight rebounds and four assists with her play on both ends of the court. The senior also recorded nine of her teams 19 steals. Rachel Stoller added nine points followed by Gracie Shepherd and Sydnee Sinn with eight points each. Shepherd also had a solid performance with six rebounds, three steals and two assists. Ally Moore rounded out the WT scoring with two markers to go along with four steals and three boards. The Lady Raiders forced 29 Redskin turnovers while turning the ball over 16 times. St. Henry won the battle of the boards 35-27.

St. Henry, who falls to 2-14 on the season, was led in scoring by Miranda Siefring with seven points and seven rebounds and Lydia Werling who chipped in six points and added two assists.

Antwerp expanded the lead to 39-23 at the intermission, outscoring the Tigers 18-16 in the second quarter, before posting a 13-8 edge in the third quarter for a 52-31 margin entering the final period.

Jagger Landers led all scorers, posting a game high 28 points for the Archers and Owen Sheedy also reached double figures with 13 markers.

Luke Krouse chipped in five for the blue and white followed by Landon Brewer (four), Kaden Recker (three), Austin Lichty (three), Gaige McMichael (three) and Dylan Hines (two).

Bailey Sonnenberg topped the Tigers with a dozen points and Xavier McCord chipped in nine markers.

Other scorers for Holgate were Gavyn Kupfersmith (five), Micah Bok (five), Richard Bower (four), Hayden Hartman (three) and Robbie Thacker (three).

Holgate drops to 8-13 overall and 3-4 in the Green Meadows Conference with the loss.

Antwerp concludes its regular season with a road trip to Hilltop on Thursday.

PANTHERS GET NWC WIN OVER BULLDOGS



Paulding Junior Zach Gorrell launches a shot from the outside to nail his first three points of the game for the Panthers. Zach had 6 points in the 2nd quarter! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ADA - After suffering a tough loss Friday night to rival Crestview, the Paulding boys basketball team made the long trip to Ada Saturday evening for a Northwest Conference battle with the Bulldogs.

When the final buzzer went off, the bus ride home was a little more joyous for the maroon and white as Paulding held off Ada for a 52-48 victory.

Blake McGarvey topped the maroon and white effort with 17 points in the contest and Hunter Kauser chipped in ten markers. Nick Manz also had seven points for Paulding.

The remainder of the Panther scorers included Christian Bauer (four), Zach Gorrell (four), Payton Beckman (four), Ethan Foltz (three) and Andrew Adams (three).

Host Ada took a 17-12 lead at the end of one period before the Panthers responded by outscoring the Bulldogs 13-7 in the second stanza, grabbing a 25-24 halftime advantage.

The Bulldogs outpointed Paulding 13-12 in the third quarter to send the game into the final period tied at 37-37.

McGarvey connected on eight of ten free throws in the fourth quarter to lead the Panthers, who outscored Ada 15-11 for the victory. Ethan Foltz had a three-point play in the quarter while Gorrell and Kauser had a basket.

Micah Cook paced Ada with 19 points while Tristan Conley added nine markers. Cayden Murphy, Trent Ennis and Jake Poling all scored six points for the Bulldogs and Carter Conley added two.

The Panthers hit the court again Tuesday night with a road trip to Hicksville before hosting Edgerton on Thursday. Paulding is then scheduled to wrap up the regular season with a Northwest Conference road game at Lincolnview.

Ada also has three games remaining with road trips to New Knoxville Tuesday and Columbus Grove Friday before hosting Lima Temple Christian Saturday.

ARCHERS DEFEAT HOLGATE

ANTWERP - The Antwerp Archers clinched at least a share of the Green Meadows

Conference championship on Friday night with a 61-41 win over visiting Holgate as Antwerp improved to 17-1 overall and 5-1 in the league.

The blue and white dominated the first quarter and never looked back as Antwerp took a 21-7 advantage at the end of one period.

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PPEC MEMBERS RECEIVING MAIL BALLOTS

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is asking all members to watch for their mail ballots arriving with 2021 election information. PPEC members will be voting on:

Trustee Candidates running for election to the Board (only members who live in Districts 7 and 8 will vote)

Proposed Code of Regulations amendments (all members vote)

Only members who live in Districts 7 or 8 will vote for the candidate to represent their district on the board. Elected trustees will serve a 3-year term.

District 7 candidates up for election:



Kenneth Verhoff of Cloverdale



District 3's Tim Derck was also up for re-election, but the co-op did not receive any petitions from other candidates to run; As such, Derck will be re-elected by affirmation.

All members will vote on 9 proposed changes to the co-op's Code of Regulations, which have been reviewed and recommended by the PPEC Board of Trustees to help the co-op continue effective operations in a more remote/virtual environment - especially during pandemic circumstances with social distancing requirements due to COVID-19.

Members can vote by mail or online. Please note that to vote online, you will need your unique member number and passcode printed on your mail ballot.

Ballots must be received by March 5, 2021. Results will be announced at the PPEC Virtual Annual Meeting held via Facebook and YouTube LIVE Saturday morning at 10 am on March 20, 2021. Members who tune in for the livestream and leave a comment on one of the videos will be entered to win bill credits. The grand prize drawing is a \$100 bill credit; fifteen \$25 bill credits will also be drawn.

To learn more, see candidate bios, or read the full explanations for each proposed Code change, visit www.ppec.coop. Please call PPEC at 800-686-2357 with any questions. PPEC thanks all its members for active participation in the democratic control of THEIR community cooperative!



Ken Niese (incumbent) of Ottawa



Gary Hermiller of Ottawa
District 8 candidates up for election:



Justin Kerns of Fort Jennings



Adam Schnipke of Fort Jennings

SLOW START COSTLY IN KEY GMC MATCH-UP

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - In a key Green Meadows Conference showdown at the Palace last Thursday the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders fell short to Fairview 50-42. Both teams entered the contest boasting 4-0 GMC marks and with the Apache win, Fairview now sits alone atop the league at 5-0 while the Raiders and Ayersville share the second spot at 4-1.

Call it a slow start for the Raiders or a quick "out-of-the-gate" start for Fairview, it was an early 12-2 Apache lead that set the tone for the win. Wayne Trace managed to cut in the early lead and trailed 12-8 before Fairview scored the final points of the quarter to lead 14-8 heading into quarter number two.

The Apaches added to their lead to put the visitors on top 22-10 with an 8-2 run. Fairview went to the locker room in control 27-14.

The Raiders struggled to score and in the third period Fairview enjoyed a 33-22 margin midway through the period. The Apaches would proceed to pull away, outscoring the red, white, and blue 7-2 to take a 40-24 lead heading into the final eight minutes of play.

However, the Raiders didn't go away with Rachel Stoller and Christina Graham hitting a couple of big buckets along with two free throws from Sydnee Sinn to pull the Raiders within nine at 40-31. Still holding a nine-point advantage, senior Raider Katrina Stoller connected on a three-point goal along with a two-point bucket to put the Raiders within striking distance --trailing by just six 42-36. The Apaches would continue to keep the upper-hand and use 6-8 free throw shooting in the closing minutes to seal the GMC win.

The Lady Raiders shot well from the two-point area hitting 15-28 for 54 percent but connected on just 1-14 behind the arc. Uncharacteristically, the Raiders turned the ball over 18 times.

Katrina Stoller and Rachel Stoller paced the Raiders scoring with 13 and 10 respectively. Rachel also led the team with eight boards. Also scoring was Abby Moore with eight, Gracie Shepherd adding five along with seven rebounds and Christiana Graham with two.

Fairview got 15 points from Karrie Smith and 11 points from Kiersten Cline to lead the Apaches. Carrie Zedyk, Kelly Crites and Allison Rhodes each added six markers with Cassie Mavis, Olivia Ricia and Paige Ricia each with two points.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Emari T. Howard, Avon, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Anthony L. Edwards, Rich-ton Park, IL; OVI/under the influence; Case dismissed with costs

Anthony L. Edwards, Rich-ton Park, IL; Marked lanes; Case dismissed at states request

Anthony L. Edwards, Chicago, IL; Driving under OVI suspension; Guilty; ALS vacated immediately; Report to jail 2/3/21 @ 12 noon for two days

Emari T. Howard, Avon, IN; Distance of safety; Guilty; ALS vacated, pay all fines and costs from bond; 40hrs community service or \$352 in lieu of 40hrs community service; Defense withdrew motion to suppress

Emari T. Howard, Avon, IN; Equipment regulation; Case dismissed at state's request

Nathan A. Dobbelaere, Oak-wood, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Proof of insurance provided; Defendant to report to jail on 2/25/21 at 7:00 p.m. for three days; May complete DIP in lieu of jail days

Nathan A. Dobbelaere; Oak-wood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed at state's request

Tyler J. Holland, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay or collections 2/26/21; Defendant to secure a valid operator's license by end of term of community service

Kyle W. Zolman, Milford, MI; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aric H. Starnes, Fort Wayne, IN; Violation of protection order; Case dismissed per state

Douglas S. Schlatter, Defiance, OH; No deer tag; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by the defendant

Sheila A. Worthington, Ney, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ryan D. Fundum, Findlay, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Quinn P. Steffen, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Raheem R. Talbert, Detroit, MI; Open container; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Raheem R. Talbert, Detroit, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state; Costs to be taken from bond

Raheem R. Talbert, Sterling Heights, MI; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs from bond; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; Complete by 7/30/21

Raheem R. Talbert, Sterling Heights, MI; Driving under non FRA suspension; Case dismissed at state's request

Lavelle D. Richard, Toledo, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/26/21

Lavelle D. Richard, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/26/21

Jeremy Lee Akers, Paulding, OH; Obstructing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Write a letter of apology to the arresting agency and turn into APA officer

Caleb Jacobson, Defiance, OH; Possession of drugs; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant; All contraband shall be forfeited to the arresting agency and destroyed or put to lawful use

Caleb Jacobson, Defiance, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Dustin W. Cole, Hicksville, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Dustin W. Cole, Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Dustin W. Cole, Hicksville, OH; Disorderly conduct w/persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines

and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Carlisle Barker, Fort Smith, AZ; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Caleb L. Jacobson, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Must complete DIP by 7/30/21; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Defendant may complete DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; Complete by 7/30/21; Pay \$75 per month beginning 2/26/21; Pay or collect date 12/17/21

Caleb L. Jacobson, Defiance, OH; No taillights; Case dismissed at state's request

Christian D. Klender, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay or collection by 6/25/21

Dustin W. Cole, Hicksville, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Dustin W. Cole, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 10/28/22

Christian D. Klender, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay or collect 6/25/21

Aaron W. Woodby, Cecil, OH; Obstructing; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Layla A. Makame, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; Must provide proof of insurance by 2/9/21

Melvin J. Tablada Flores, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/26/21

Christian D. Klender, Paulding, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay or collection 6/25/21

Jonah B. Schlegel, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob A. Schabbing, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lincoln J. Schaffner, Middle Point, OH; Seat belt/drive;

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Larry Harris, Scott, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob L. Schwartz, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rollin J. Bullinger, Oak-wood, OH; Unauthorized use; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Re-pay court appointed fees; Maintain general good behavior; 30 days jail suspended

Matthew J. Lane, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Julie A. Holbrooks, Oak-wood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

CARRYALL TWP

2/8/21 Roemke Brian S Trust-ee to Kneubuhler Grag D Kneubuhler Kimberly D; Rd 220; 40.615 acres; Ne1/4 Ne1/4 Carry-all Twp S-17

2/9/21 Ratliff Elizabeth K to Smith Lindsey M; 607 S Erie St; 0.2089 acres; Lot 30 Jump Add Antwerp Vill

EMERALD TWP

2/9/21 Froelich Daniel Froelich Rose to Froelich Samuel; 17876 Rd 8 Cecil Oh 45821; 3.686 acres; Pt Ne1/4Ne1/4 Emerald Twp S-2

2/8/21 Baden Shawn P to Baden Shawn P; Rd 115 Cecil Oh 45821; 22.69 acres; Pt

PUBLIC HEARING

Carryall Township 2020 Annual Financial Report is complete and is available to review at the office of the Fiscal Officer. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Fiscal Officer, 15156 Road 23, Antwerp.

—Deb Wyckoff Carryall Township Fiscal Officer

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HEATH, CHACON HEAD TO STATE WRESTLING



Elijah Chacon - 145 went undefeated winning all 4 matches. Jacob Saylor - 182 went undefeated winning all 4 of his matches - at both Semi State and Regionals.

Photos by Melissa Amstutz

NEW HAVEN - Semi-state wrestling took place at New Haven on Saturday with a trio of local grapplers advancing to next week's state tournament at Banker's Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Leo senior Ian Heath (34-0) kept his undefeated season alive with four straight wins on Saturday, including a championship 13-5 major decision victory over Manchester junior Dylan Stroud at 132.

New Haven senior Elijah Chacon (36-0) also remained unbeaten on the year, claiming the title at 145 with a 5-0 decision over Western junior Hayden Shepherd.

Bulldog senior Jacob Saylor (32-2) was victorious as well, taking the title at 182 with a technical fall at 1:43 of Oak Hill senior Jeff Thompson.

Oak Hill won the semi-state championship with 76-1/2 points followed by Western (67-1/2), Northridge (64-1/2) and Carroll (63).

Locally, New Haven took fifth with 55-1/2 points and Leo was 12th with 35 points.

Wrestlers from Leo who saw their seasons come to an end in the semi-state include sophomore Bryce Clark (106), senior Sam Ford (113), senior Jacob Veatch (120), sophomore Spencer Hart (126), sophomore Emery Crawford (145) and senior Hunter Prah

(195). Heritage senior Clay Riddle and New Haven senior Jon Loudon also had their careers come to a close in the 285-pound weight class.

The state wrestling tournament will take place starting Friday, February 19, with the conclusion scheduled for Saturday, February 20.

GARRETT WINS WRESTLING REGIONAL

FORT WAYNE - The IH-SAA wrestling regional was held at Carroll High School on Saturday with the Garrett Railroaders capturing the team championship with 137 points while host Carroll took second at 103 points.

Leo finished third at 98-1/2 points while New Haven was sixth at 64 points and Heritage took 13th with eight points.

Senior Jacob Veatch of Leo won the individual title at 120 with a pin of Garrett senior Keegan McComb in 2:50 while senior Ian Heath was victorious in the 132-pound class by defeating Fort Wayne Snider senior Reakus Shelton 7-4.

New Haven senior Elijah Chacon claimed the championship at 145 with a pin of Garrett sophomore Wayne Wells IV in 1:31 and senior teammate Jacob Saylor was a winner at 182, posting a 10-4

win over Concordia Lutheran senior Sam Hudson.

Also advancing for the Lions are sophomore Bryce Clark at 106 with a second-place finish while senior Sam Ford took third at 113. Sophomore Spencer Hart posted a third-place finish at 126 and sophomore Emery Crawford was fourth at 145. Senior Hunter Prah moved on at 195 by taking third place with New Haven senior Jon Loudon finishing second and Heritage senior Clay Riddle took third at 285.

New Haven freshman Karrington Cooper saw his season end at 106 while Heritage freshman Andrew Mirelez and Woodlan sophomore Karson Moore both wrapped up their years in the 113-pound class. Bulldog sophomore Aidan Carter fell in first round action at 126 as did Leo freshman Ben Pennington at 138.

Others seeing their seasons come to a close were Leo freshman Riley Stewart (152), New Haven senior Cameron Mason (152), Bulldog junior Camari Kirk (160), Woodlan sophomore Jake Roemer (160), Heritage sophomore Morgan Andrews (160), Leo freshman Eli Coorman (170) and Leo sophomore Levi Pence (182).

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PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (16) persons on Thursday, February 11, 2021.

Mindy L. Contreraz (8/12/75), Payne, OH; Non-Support of dependents, F4 (two counts)

Jason A. Harlan (9/11/76), Wabash, IN; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Chelsea DL. Wilhelm (10/1/87), Napoleon, OH; Possession of fentanyl, F5

William J. Stucky (4/17/69), Payne, OH; Counterfeiting, F4

Tony M. Hanson (5/10/72), Paulding, OH; Operation while under the influence of alcohol, OVI, F4 (two counts)

Jessy R. May (3/12/95), Antwerp, OH; Engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, F2

Barry B. Watson (8/10/69), Paulding, OH; Non-Support of dependents, F4

Matthew T. White (5/31/83), Oakwood, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Wesley C. Andrews (2/11/97), Paulding, OH; Sexual offender registration, F4

Daniel Dakota LaFountain (9/12/92), Paulding, OH; Theft, F5

Matthew C. Wehrman (10/10/92), Marion, IN; Possession of marijuana, F3; Operation while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, OVI, M1 (two counts)

Anthony D. Greene 5/20/96), Warren, MI; Failure to comply

with order or signal of police officer, F3; Improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle, F4

Ashley M. Altaffer (12/29/90), Address unknown; Failure to appear, F4

Christian L. Dale (5/10/89), Toledo, OH; Having weapons while under disability, F3

Cambrea M. Zimmerman (6/13/97), Adrian, MI; Possession of fentanyl, F3; Possession of methamphetamine, F3

Kevin L. Johnson (4/23/93), Detroit, MI; Failure to comply with order of signal of police officer, F3; Operation while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, OVI, M1

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NITROGEN AND CROP DISEASES

Nitrogen (N) is the fourth most abundant plant nutrient with about 80-85% N sequestered in protein, 10% in genetic components (DNA & RNA), and 5% in amino acids (protein building blocks). Nitrogen makes proteins like enzymes (speed up chemical reactions), hormones (regulate plant functions), and N increases cell growth. Nitrogen strengthens plant cell walls (cellulose), is used in plant energy transfer (ATP), and in photosynthesis (chlorophyll); effecting many plant processes. If a plant has balanced N, it has less disease; but when N is either deficient or in excess, expect more disease and insect problems in the field, garden, with ornamentals, or house plants.

The rate of N application and the form depends on the plant's life cycle. Nitrogen deficiency or excess N may change the cell wall to become leaky, promoting more diseases. Early on, plants need more nitrates for growth with ammonium sources increasing as the plant matures to increase yield. N stressed deficient plants can't make full proteins while excess N lowers plant defenses to both disease and insects. Plants typically absorb N in the oxidized form as nitrate (NO3-) or the reduced form as ammonium (NH4+). Ammonium is 25% more plant efficient than nitrates because it can be easily converted to amino acids but to avoid toxicity, plants need it in small doses and it is easily converted to soil nitrate. Soil health keeps these N forms plant available to optimize plant growth and yield.

Nitrogen interacts with many other plant nutrients. Potassium (K) promotes the increase of nitrates and plant growth, but too much K decreases yield. Adequate phosphorous plus chlorine decreases nitrates and enhances plant ammonium N forms to increase yield. In soybeans, calcium and cobalt are needed for Rhizobium microbes to fix atmospheric N into protein. Supplementing cobalt (a micronutrient) and calcium in soybeans at the right time may increase soybean yields by 3x! Molybdenum, manganese, iron, and magnesium are involved in nitrogen transformations and protein synthesis. As my high school math teacher (Dave Laudick) use to say: It's as clear as mud! Soil organic matter is a storehouse of many essential micronutrients and allows soil microbes and plants to thrive in a buffered and safe environment. Yes, it's complicated but worth knowing if yields improve.

Common N related corn diseases are gray leaf spot, stalk rot due to late season N stress (N deficient), and increased aflatoxin due to high nitrates. In soybeans, to much N increases mosaic virus and Rhizoctonia. In wheat, take-all is increased by nitrates, decreased by ammonium; too much N increased powdery mildew; but higher N levels decreases Stagonospora nodurum. Balanced N fertilization is a key to decreasing most diseases.

Time of N fertilization is important. Corn side dressing reduces N leaching and denitrification losses but also decreases Pythium and Rhizoctonia BUT may increase Fusarium and Gib-

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

WAYNE TRACE SEVENTH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL WINS TOURNAMENT



Pictured are (Front Row, L-R), Tanner Laukhuf, Micah Sinn, Jack Schoenauer, Ryan Parker, Blake Dunn and Griffin Williamson. In the back row are (L-R) Eric Reinhart, Carter Clemens, Caden Sinn, Lance Whitman, Lance Maenle, Riley Manz and Coach Derek Miller.

The Wayne Trace Seventh Grade Boys Basketball Team captured the Hicksville Tournament to conclude its season with a 42-18 victory over Edgerton. Wayne Trace concludes he season with a record of 15-1 overall and won all eight games it played against current Green Meadows Conference members.

berella stalk rot. Adding a N inhibitor to fertilizer or liquid manure may decrease corn stalk rot by keeping N in the ammonium form late season. In soybeans, avoid over using glyphosate because it chelates or ties up manganese, iron, calcium, and zinc which can affect plant N fixation. In wheat, delaying N fertilizer until spring promotes take-all but avoids excess winter N when its cold and wet, so less Rhizoctonia. Best solution, put on a small amount of N in fall to promote tillering and delay spring N applications until late spring using granular or urea forms of N to reduce foliar leaf stress from liquid N sources.

There are four strategies to reducing diseases associated with nitrogen. The 4 R's are the right form, right time, right rate, and right place. Use a balanced N fertilizer program with sufficient N in the right form for optimum

growth. For corn starter, 25% nitrates and 75% ammonium, is a good mix but placement (2"X2", 2"X4") is critical to avoid root stress. Weather, pH, soil conditions (compaction), soil texture, moisture, biological activity, etc. all affect N transformations and plant uptake. Building SOM buffers soils and helps control or moderate these factors. Make timely N applications to avoid N deficiency, excesses, or losses. Modify the soil environment by changing pH (lime), add cover crops to build soil organic matter, reduce soil compaction, add a N inhibitor, avoid over using glyphosate, or supplement with micronutrients to assist in optimal N utilization and less crop disease. Source: Mineral Nutrition and Plant Disease, 2018.

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On January 29, a nurse from Interim Healthcare requested an officer to do a welfare check on a patient. The

officer went to the residence and verified the person was okay and reported back to the nurse.

On January 29, a water main break was reported on Kroos Dr. The Officer found the water pouring out of the manhole cover and then contacted the Village Administrator.

On February 3, one of the local businesses received a fake \$5 bill. The Police Dept. obtained the counterfeit bill.

On February 3, a resident received a letter from Ohio Job and Family Workers Compensation telling her that she was receiving unem-

ployment benefits. The officer provided her with a packet of information in reference to contacting the Attorney General's office and BWC.

On February 4, a disturbance was reported at the Antwerp Police Dept. The officers arrived and found that one of the individuals had already left. The officer obtained statements, prepared a report and forwarded it to the Paulding County Prosecutor.

On February 4, a resident contacted the Police Dept to unlock a vehicle. The officer went to the residence and unlocked the vehicle.

On February 5, it was reported that a semi-truck slid off the road on Road 21. The Antwerp Police contacted the Paulding County Sheriff's office.

On February 5, the Antwerp School made a report with the Police Dept. in reference to a driver that ran the stop sign arm of a school bus. The driver was contacted and cited.

On February 5, a business owner requested nightly security checks on their business while it is being renovated.

On February 5, the Police Dept. was requested to keep the peace on Buffalo St. for a person moving out of a residence while taking their belongings.

On February 7, a resident reported that she was receiving unwanted messages from an individual on Facebook Messenger. The officer investigated and found that the individual was not receiving the messages as stated, but rather a friend was receiving them that the complainant was cheating on her boyfriend. The officer recommend that she unfriend the suspect.

On February 9, the Crisis Center in Defiance called in reference to a person from Antwerp who had called and made suicidal threats. The Police Department was asked to make a welfare check on the individual. The police department reported back to the Crisis Center. The individual had already gone to the hospital for help.

On February 10, a person from the Antwerp Library called the Village Administrator stating that the parents who picked up their children at the bus stop were then doing donuts in the Library parking lot. The parking lot is now being monitored for such activity.

On February 10, a resident of the Park Avenue Villas reported that she was receiving unwanted text messages and emails from the same suspect that the Antwerp Police department had arrested previously for trespassing. He is currently out on bond. The court was notified and the prosecutor's office was sent the report.

On February 11, a man contacted the Police Department in reference to having his property returned. He was a prior defendant in the G-Mart break-in. He wanted his items back. He said the court was releasing his items. The Police Dept. had not received the notification.

On February 11, a man contacted the Police Department, 419-258-2627. They are always ready to serve the residents of the Village of Antwerp!

WHY DO WE HAVE MEMORIAL TOMBSTONES?

By: Caroline Longardner

What does our culture/generation dwell on or care to leave behind when they die? (Don't put off planning or not care enough). Some people only leave a 'temporary' tombstone in a somewhat remote cemetery with no actual "identity" left behind to prove they even had a life. Most people feel that they were born for a reason — (that is another story).

Just drive thru the cemeteries and you will see all that is left to show that some individuals ever took a breath or resided in a certain community. Their TOMBSTONE will usually tell you: their full name, their birth date, their death date, who they married, when they married (usually), and possibly their children (if you are lucky). If they were a Veteran of a War — MAY have some indication on the grave somewhere.

When that stone wears down into the ground by the elements and the family does not care anymore, and eventually that little country cemetery does not get the lawn cared for as it did previously you are gone and will likely be forgotten.

However, some local genealogy society or historical society might have copied the genealogical info in that cemetery in book form for the local library. Your obituary might also be on file there. (Your voting, tax, and military records might be on file at the library, too). The courthouse has records also, but they are not in a "family story record". Records get lost, destroyed, etc.

If this individual did not do their genealogy or place their family info with a lineage organization or historical society for future generations (including pictures) and made sure the family got copies, also — all of their (your) life's history will be lost.

Some deceased people have big beautiful stones and epitaphs. They are proud of their lives. Other people don't seem to care if they have left any legacy or trail to mark when their lives leave this earth.

Don't you want to be remembered MORE than just by the stone that is in the cemetery? (If you even have one!) Don't count on your children to write a glorious epitaph or book for you. You need to do your own TRUE autobiography and lineage chart. If you want your family to be remembered, WRITE IT DOWN, PRINT IT OFF AND DISTRIBUTE IT TO FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARIES (such as the Ft. Wayne Lib. or your local library and family members who will appreciate it).

There are millions of graves on this earth that no one remembers who is buried there. Some have a stone, some do not. There are lots of unsolved mysteries. The Native Indians made the prehistoric SERPENT MOUNDS in Adams Co. Ohio.

Was this a burial ground or were these Indians reaching out to their religion somehow? They were said to be made about 100 B.C. (It appears to be a snake spread over a small group of hills with a large "egg" in it's

mouth). It seems to be facing "East").

In the EASTER ISLANDS there are huge statues weighing hundreds of lbs. The MERRIVALE STONES in Dartmoor in SW England laid in a long double row more than 2,000 years ago. The building of STONEHENGE in 3 parts over 2,000-3,200 yrs. ago were more puzzles. The stones were carried to their final resting place by someone or something of colossal strength. Who put them there and why?

What purpose did these immense monuments have? They were obviously placed there by perhaps a race of GIANTS? Was it for Pagan worship? Actually, according to the Bible, there was a race of Giants who COULD have done it. If our readers will read up on the history of GOLIATH and his race of people in the Old Testament of the Bible, they were a race of GIANTS and they were around for several generations.

It seems like some of these mysterious huge stone works were built to worship the sun or an afterlife culture. As many of these stone monuments are many centuries old, those stone works, obviously, are going to last longer than our present generation's stones being placed in our local cemeteries. Some historical groups are now maintaining the historical grounds on the most prominent ones.

There are MEGALITHS STONE CIRCLES in many parts of the world. Sometimes it has been shown that the stones were used to measure the rays of the sun

and moon for the seasons and certain lengths of time. Some were phallic symbols or fertility symbols.

Statues for observatories for looking at heavenly bodies have been popular for many centuries. (These are ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORIES).

The Egyptian "builder/numerologists" were pretty intelligent when building the pyramids for burial (or whatever) and in doing so, may have figured out the dimensions of the earth.

"A Greek writer of the 2nd Century B.C. (AGATHARCIDES) refers to the existence of a small pyramid at the apex of the main structure. This was 1/176 the total size of the Great Pyramid. Multiplying the height of the small pyramid by the estimated total pyramid height and then by 100,000 gives a figure of 131,383,296 feet — which is the exact circumference of the earth". Ref Unsolved Mysteries p.29

Ref: Holy Bible; World History; Ohio History

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The Paulding County Commissioners, acting for the Village of Paulding, will receive sealed bids for the Skate Park Equipment Replacement Project.

Bids will be received at the Paulding County Commissioners office located at 115 N. Williams Street B-1 Paulding, Ohio 45879 on March 1, 2021 at which time and place bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids received after 9:30 a.m. (local time) on March 1, 2021 will be returned unopened.

Bids will be received on a unit price basis as outlined in the bid documents.

The project consists of installing new skate park equipment for citizens to use. The current equipment in La Fountain Park is aged and its equipment is made of wood; this will be replaced by steel equipment.

Bids must be signed and submitted on the separate bidding forms included in the Bidding Documents, sealed in the provided envelope, and shall be accompanied by either a Bid Guaranty Bond in the amount of 100% of the Bid amount or by a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit on a solvent. Bid security, furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the Bid.

All contractors and sub-contractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable, use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance is compulsory under the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9.

Attention of bidders is called to all of the requirements contained in this bid packet, particularly to the Federal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates, encouragement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) utilization, various insurance requirements, and various equal employment opportunity provisions.

The Bidding Documents, which include Drawings, Specifications and blank bid forms, may be examined and obtained at the office of Maumee Valley Planning Organization, 1300 E. Second Street, Suite 200, Defiance, OH 43512. After posting, Bid Documents can be found on the web at mvpo.org/bid.

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MAINTENANCE POSITION - **Ability to make up to \$32.96 (including shift premium) an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive.** The shift available is Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am. This position requires 2 years of technical training plus 2 years of related work experience or equivalent. The desired applicant should have the following qualifications in mechanical: The ability to use machine tools (drills, grinders, and welders), perform work on motors, belts, and chains, the ability to trouble shoot situations, occasionally make replacement parts. The applicant should also have the following qualifications in electrical: The ability to replace fuses and set circuits breakers on high and low-tension circuits, diagnose electrical trouble, read blueprints, pneumatics and electrical schematics. The applicant must also be able to work from simple wiring diagrams. The hourly rate is dependent on experience and qualifications. Applicant MUST be willing to attend additional schooling, paid for by the Company, but is considered a requirement for the position.

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FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio – Wildlife District One

In January, State Wildlife Officer Brian Motsinger, assigned to Union County, participated in the Ohio Division of Wildlife's annual river otter survey. This is a valuable tool for tracking river otter populations, and the survey is conducted statewide during the winter with wildlife management staff, wildlife officers, and other conservation professionals. With the help of Brent Nickels from the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District, Officer

Motsinger surveyed five separate creeks in Union County. The two individuals checked around bridges for tracks, evidence of feeding behavior, and other distinguishing marks. No river otter signs were observed. However, Officer Motsinger did find plenty of white-tailed deer and mink tracks.

During the 2020 deer-gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Tony Zerkle, assigned to Fairfield County, received a call through the Turn In a Poacher hotline (1-800-762-2437) reporting a hunter not wearing the required hunter orange clothing. Officer Zerkle responded to the area and observed the hunter not wearing hunter orange. When Officer Zerkle identified himself,

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the hunter stood up and began to quickly walk the other direction. Officer Zerkle closed the distance and ordered him to stop several times. It was not until Officer Zerkle yelled, "If you run, you go to jail," that the man stopped. He was issued one summons to the Fairfield County Municipal Court for hunting without the required hunter orange clothing during the deer-gun hunting season. He paid \$275 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio – Wildlife District Two

During the 2020 deer-gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Ryan Kennedy, assigned to Hardin County, received a call through the Turn In a Poacher hotline (1-800-762-2437) about someone hunting without permission. Officer Kennedy responded to the location and contacted two individuals who were observed hunting on the property without the landowner's permission. Officer Kennedy issued both hunters a citation for hunting without permission and each paid a \$150 fine.

In the fall of 2020, State Wildlife Investigators Kevin Good and Jason Hadsell, assigned to the Lake Erie unit, were on patrol when they saw a boat with one person trolling for walleye. When they looked closer, they saw that the angler was fishing with six rods. The investigators contacted the man and confirmed he had a fishing license. The investigators told the angler to reel in his additional rods, and he was issued a summons for fishing with more than three rods at a time. Upon further investigation, it was discovered the same angler was issued a similar citation the year before. Over the course of the day, Investigators Good and Hadsell spoke with nearly 100 anglers and issued three citations for fishing with too many rods, and one for no fishing license.

Northeast Ohio – Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Matt Madgar, assigned to Cuyahoga County, received a message about a golden eagle that was preserved by a taxidermist in the 1800s and in private possession. The owner no longer wanted the mount. Officer Madgar collected the bird and arranged its transfer to the Ohio Division of Wildlife headquarters in Akron. Despite being more than 150 years old, the mount is in very good condition, but not able to be displayed in a home because of the chemicals that were used to preserve it. This also required

proper precautions to ensure the safety of staff while handling it. Seeking guidance on protocol for possession of a federally protected species, Ohio Division of Wildlife staff contacted the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for advice. Because the mount pre-dates the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940, the eagle can be legally transferred to a museum without issue, where it will educate visitors about the recovery of this important species. Golden eagles are rare in Ohio, but are sometimes reported during the winter months along the Lake Erie shoreline or over expansive grassland habitat in southern Ohio.

While on patrol in Jefferson County, State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, received a call regarding individuals hunting without permission. Upon responding to the property owned by a power company, Officer Porter located two hunters who were riding an ATV. After contacting the two individuals, Officer Porter explained that they were on property without permission. Both individuals were issued summonses for hunting without permission and paid fines and court costs of \$300 each.

Southeast Ohio – Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Eric Lane, assigned to Perry County, received information from a concerned individual who believed his neighbor had harvested two bucks during the deer hunting season. The individual gave Officer Lane the individual's name and contact information. Officer Lane called the residence and spoke with the neighbor, who stated that he did harvest two bucks, but one was a button buck. Any deer harvested with antlers less than 3 inches long is considered an antlerless deer. Officer Lane confirmed this information through harvest records and verified that there was no violation.

In October 2020, State Wildlife Officer Brad St. Clair was notified of two illegal trash dumps in Noble County. The trash at the sites included insulation, paint supplies, construction materials, power tools, clothing, diapers, and more. Through his investigation, Officer St. Clair identified three individuals who were responsible for dumping the trash. The individuals appeared in the Noble County Court and were found guilty of the violations. They were ordered to pay \$987 in fines and court costs.

Sudoku solution

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TOURNEY ENTRY DEADLINE

Deck, shuffle board, pool, snooker, and quiz tournaments - entry deadline is March 10, 2021.

Mail to Lynn Lichty at 7874 RD 424, Antwerp, OH 45813.

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BROOKE WEIDENHAMER PLACED THROUGH UF STUDENT TEACHER PROGRAM

Brooke Weidenhamer, of Paulding, has been placed as a student teacher for the University of Findlay's spring semester. Weidenhamer is in a student teaching position at Van Buren Middle School in Van Buren, Ohio.

Weidenhamer is pursuing a degree in middle childhood

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**FINANCIAL PARTNERS
FCU PROVIDES FINANCIAL
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Financial Partners FCU is bringing financial literacy education to over 1,540 students and residents in Allen County. Students at 12 schools and the surrounding community will now have free access to Banzai, an award-winning online program and content library that allows users to practice real-world finance from the safety of their home or classroom using any internet-enabled device. At a time when a solid foundation of practical financial knowledge is critical, these resources will make a huge impact on users.

A teacher at Antwerp Local High School says, "My students LOVE this program. Many have no insight at all in their personal finance future. Thank you for providing them this opportunity."

Through the Banzai online courses, students try out managing a budget, saving for a goal, and dealing with unexpected financial pitfalls. Teachers are able to easily monitor and grade student progress remotely. Other resources, which include articles, calculators, and personalizable Coach ses-

sions, explain everything from the basics of filing your taxes to how health insurance works. These resources are available at financialpartnersfcu.learnbanzai.com.

"Thanks to Financial Partners FCU, area students will now have access to a wide array of courses and resources designed to help prepare them for our increasingly complex world," says Morgan Vandagriff, co-founder of Banzai. "We wouldn't be able to provide these tools without their support."

For 4 years, Financial Partners FCU has worked with Banzai to build financial literacy in the Allen County community by investing time, money, industry experience, and a variety of credit union resources. Now, they're taking their commitment to education a step further. Through their help, students have access to Banzai learning tools, virtual or in-classroom presentations from a Financial Partners FCU expert, and even class visits to a branch to see it all in person.

"We at Financial Partners FCU are proud of our 4-year partnership with Banzai and our surrounding area schools," says Dave Shuey, CEO of Financial Partners FCU. "We feel it is vital for young people to get a foundational education of finances and Banzai has the ideal program. We appreciate

the support of the teachers and schools that have participated in the program."

Banzai resources are used by over 72,000 teachers across the U.S. These educational tools align with Indiana's state curriculum requirements, making the program a fun way for students to gain vital skills and an ideal way for anyone in the community to increase their financial literacy. After finishing the Banzai courses, users will know how to track where their money is and what it's for, recognize financial trade-offs, and plan for a financially sound future.

Teachers interested in using Banzai can visit financialpartnersfcu.teachbanzai.com or call 888-8-BANZAI.

For more information about Banzai visit teachbanzai.com

For more information about Financial Partners FCU visit financialpartnersfcu.org

BULLDOGS PUT PAIR ON ALL-NE 8 TEAM

The All NE-8 girls basketball teams were released recently with a pair of New Haven athletes taking first team honors.

The Lady Bulldogs' A'Varcia Nard and Kayla Williams each recorded first team honors along with Norwell's Kaylee Fuelling, East Noble's Avan Beiswanger, Columbia City's Maiah Shelton, Bellmont's Lauren Bleke, Huntington North's Taylor Double, Norwell's Maiah Shelton, Bellmont's Morgan Shifferly and Columbia City's Hayley Urban.

Leo's Leah May was named to the second team as were Norwell's Lauren Bales, Huntington North's Reece Colclesser, Bellmont's Kenzie Fuelling, DeKalb's Madzie Hickman, East Noble's Karly Kirkpatrick, Columbia City's Rebekah Marshall, Norwell's Mackenzie Toliver, East Noble's Carly Turner and Columbia City's Madison Woodward.

Recipients of honorable mention were Huntington North's Leah Campbell, DeKalb's Lillie Cone, Bellmont's Sydney Keane, Huntington North's Grace Sell and Bellmont's Faith Morris.

INTRODUCING: CLINT VANCE, PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER



Politics can be a tricky hill to climb for people at the foot of the hill. Sometimes a person wonders if it's worth it and if they can make a difference. Clint Vance has stepped up to this challenge! Vance ran for the office of county commissioner in 2020 against Tony Zartman and won the primary. Zartman's term completed at the end of the year after serving the county since 2009. After the primary, the November election loomed ahead where Vance faced off against his Democratic opponent, Tom Sinn, whom he defeated.

Between the time between election and January 1st, Vance regularly went into the Commissioners' office, even though he was not required, to learn and understand the workings and operations of the office.

Vance came into the public office with some experience as he had been previously on the school boards at Paulding Exempted Village Schools and Vantage Career Center, and also sits on the boards of Habitat for Humanity and John Paulding Historical Society.

Clint says he is a new, conservative voice with a different perspective for Paulding County. He believes that this will be the time to shape the next 200 years, referring to the bicentennial of Paulding County that took place in 2020. He intends to lead younger generations to give Paulding County a serious look as a great place to raise their families, work and retire.

One thing that some people think is that the commissioners are the "bosses" of the

county. Vance doesn't look at it that way. Yes, they are decision makers, but only in the sense that his position is actually working for citizens of the county and not the other way around. Vance says that he wants feedback — good, bad, and great ideas. One person does not do this alone, nor should they try. Providing information on any topic can only make the Commissioners more prepared.

Clint Vance will be in charge, with Roy Klopfenstein and Mark Holtsberry, of the county budget. There are millions of dollars that pass through the system and being responsible for those tax dollars can be daunting. He served on the Paulding Exempted Village School Board which had one of the largest budgets in the county. Vance stated, "I had a lot of learning to do. The road was bumpy at times, but we did get things done." He continued, "The relationships that I have built while serving on both boards have carried on and I look forward to relying on those to complete projects if any were to arise in the future."

What does Clint think of windmills that have benefited county residents and taxpayer institutions? "The conversations must continue in Columbus," says Clint. A couple years ago several politicians introduced a measure to stop the construction of the windmills in rural counties by using increased setback rules. There is still one wind project that is pending in the county, but no more until the laws become friendlier again to wind energy. Clint states, "It might not be my top priority in office however as long as the county and her residents continue to benefit from wind and solar, I will be an advocate for this alternative energy."

The Paulding County Economic Development office works closely with the commissioners office to bring about jobs and economic growth to Paulding County. Vance expects to work hand in hand with PCED director, Tim

Copsey, to make sure the benefits are continued and create potential for the county residents. "When you have a guy like Tim, the potential is endless for our county!" Clint continued, "I would also like to be a part of the county's strategic future planning. I will also assist in any project as needed or when inquired."

There are many county employees that also question what might happen when the leadership changes. Vance wants to reassure the employees that when tough decision have to be made, he will be fair and honest and he expects each one to be the same. They will always be able to go and communicate with him about their concerns.

Clint Vance was born in Paulding County right at the Paulding County Hospital. He graduated from Paulding High School with his twin brother in 2009, who coaches Paulding sports and works for PEVS. He is a full-time farmer, and substitute school bus driver and resides in Cecil. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in science of agriculture. His mother retired from Paulding Schools and dad retired from GM and farming. Vance is also a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Paulding.

Vance looks forward to serving the citizens of Paulding County. If you have a concern or comment, contact him at the Paulding County Commissioners' office.

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