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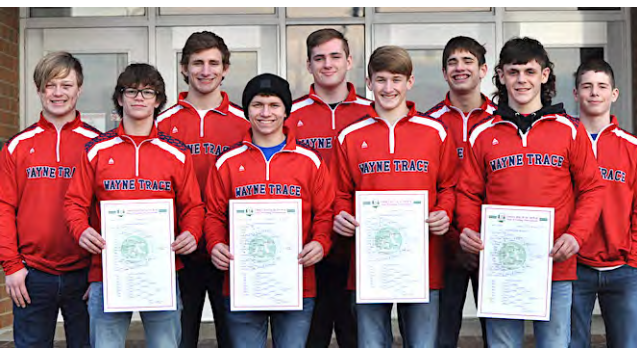
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ANOTHER SCHOOL RECORD BROKEN FOR WT



The 2020-2021 Wayne Trace Wrestling Team broke yet another school record. Coach Clemens recalls telling this team at the beginning of the season, "You guys have the potential to be the best wrestling team thus far in Wayne Trace history." These wrestlers are quite possibly proving Coach Clemens correct. Earlier this season the Raider wrestling team set a school record by having 4 individuals capture a milestone victory by recording their 100th individual varsity win. Then to finish the regular season the Raiders captured the GMC Title for only the second time in school history. This time the Raiders will be representing Paulding County with 9 District Qualifiers. In years past, the Raiders have twice been able to qualify 8 wrestlers for the district tournament. During the 2005-2006 season the Raiders sent John Coyne, Jake Reuille, Jared Hogans, Colton White,

Lucas Jacomet, Trevor Wilson, Robert Kennedy and Corbin Griffiths. Then in 2013-2014 the Raiders again were able
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BILLMAN GARNERS DISTRICT 7 COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS



Doug Billman

ANTWERP - After leading his squad to a second straight Green Meadows Conference championship and a 20-1 over
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TWO TO RUN 48 MILES IN 48 HOURS FOR LOCAL NON-PROFIT.



Two Van Wert locals are expressing their generosity through an extreme running event, with all funds raised being donated to Haven of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter located in Van Wert, OH. Ultra-runners Shane Leeth

and Nick Leeth will be completing the David Goggins Challenge beginning on March 5th, 2021. The David Goggins challenge involves running 4 miles every 4 hours for 48 hours. Shane and Nick
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ANTWERP MANOR KING AND QUEEN



The residents at Antwerp Manor Assisted Living did not let COVID stop the crowning of their 2021 King and Queen. Although our celebration was delayed a week, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keller were chosen by the residents.

The royal couple, Charles and Diane, moved to Antwerp Manor from Wauseon, Ohio. They are the proud parents of two sons and three grandchildren. Congratulations Charles and Diane!

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LAROSE CALLS ON CONGRESS TO REJECT FEDERAL TAKEOVER OF ELECTIONS

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose called on the United States Congress to vote against House Resolution 1, a bill that would effectively take over control of how states conduct elections. HR 1 imposes significant changes that ignore both the United States Constitution and the unique election systems across the 50 states in an effort to standardize how states vote.

"Ohio's November 2020 election was the most successful on record, but Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Chuck Schumer want to wipe it all away with a massive power-grab," said LaRose. "Remember, each state election system is unique - shaped by time and trusted by their respective voters. Forcing uniform standards, procedures, and expectations into state election systems, some far different than others and not built for those requirements, is like forcing a square peg into a round hole. It won't work."

Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution states that "[t]he Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof," but that "the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of choosing Senators." In Federalist Paper No. 59, Alexander Hamilton contended that such regulation was only necessary "whenever extraordinary circumstances might render that interposition necessary to its safety". Moreso, state-level elections and the election of the presi-

Community Calendar

- March 3**
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- March 5**
 - Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm
- March 9**
 - PC Democrat Party Meeting @ Paulding Eagles 7pm
- March 10**
 - Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm
- March 12**
 - Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm
 - Hicksville KofC Fish Fry 4:30-7pm
- March 13**
 - Paulding Fish & Game Gun Show 8a-2p
 - Sports Card Show 10a-3p @ Allen Co (IN) Fairgrounds
 - Thirty One Bag Bingo 10 am @ Edgewood Park
- March 19**
 - Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm
- March 21**
 - Cecil Comm Church, Ruth Bennett piano Concert & refreshments
- March 26**
 - Paulding KofC Fish Fry - 4-7pm
 - Hicksville KofC Fish Fry 4:30-7pm

To add your event to the calendar email info@westbendnews.net Continual Events must be resubmitted once per month



dent have remained outside of the purview of congress.

However, the question of whether it's even within the power of congress to take
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SERVANT HEART AWARD



Jada Gross - Mrs. Bradbury's Fifth Grade Class

Jada Gross is always kind to everyone she sees. Every morning she shows up to school with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. If she sees that one of her classmates needs help, she willingly gives up her time to help them. When we came back from adoration she helped students hang up their rosaries. If a student drops something or needs help cleaning up a mess she is one of the first to help. I often hear her give compliments to other students or ask them if they need help. Jada is an excellent example of serving with a heart like Jesus.



Anya Mead - Mrs. Bradbury's Fifth Grade Class

Anya Mead serves with a heart like Jesus. She often reminds others to write in their planners or sharpen pencils for the class. One day after lunch, she got Chromebooks out for each student who was down washing hands and put them on their desks. She also sweeps the floor without being asked. Anya does all of these things with a smile and a positive attitude. Thank you for all of your great contributions to our class.

THE GRACE OF GOD

By: Doris Applegate

We read in Genesis 10:8 where the name Nimrod comes up - He began to be a mighty one (hunter) in the earth and was also the grandson of Noah's son, Ham. Nimrod founded the city of Nineveh and Babylon. He was cruel and did not obey God, but elevated himself as a god and caused idolatry to be great among the people. He built the Tower of Babel, threatening God to send another flood, thinking the tower would be high enough to stop a flood.

The city of Nineveh was situated on the bank of the Tigris River - opposite the modern city of Mosul, archaeologist have uncovered magnificent palaces of Assyrian kings. King Sennacherib's palace has revealed amazing secrets of the past. King Sargon II made Nineveh the capital of Assyria.

A library that held 22,000 clay tablets has been discovered and hold accounts of creation and the flood. Sennacherib built a wall 40 - 50 feet high around the great city. In II Kings 19:17 and Isaiah 10:13-14 we see how cruel the Assyrians were and how Israel dreaded them. This is why Jonah did not want to go and warn Nineveh to repent. He knew how evil they were and probably wished that God would destroy them. Here is where we see the grace and mercy of our great God. He wanted the people of Nineveh to be saved by repenting.

God does not desire anyone to perish. He loves His creation and sent Jesus Christ so that we can be saved. At that time in history God sent Jonah to tell them that God would destroy the city in 40 days! Jonah ran away when God gave the command to him and after being in the BIG FISH for a while and then being vomited up on the land, Jonah was a "sight to see" and ready to obey God. Read his story in the Book of Jonah 1:3. When he shouted the warning throughout the streets of Nineveh, the king heard and ordered all people and animals to fast and put on sackcloth. Even the animals went without food. The king himself took off his robe, put

on sackcloth and sat in ashes. He said, "Perhaps God will turn away from His fierce anger and spare us."

God did hear the cries of the people and repented of destroying them. What a great story of grace. Fasting and prayer is something we all can do to see our loved ones and our country come back to God.

Amen.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
Were there more than twelve apostles? Are there apostles today?*

In addition to the original twelve, Matthias was chosen as Judas' replacement by the disciples, apostles and God by lots (Acts 1:15-26). Barnabas, Paul and James, the half brother of Christ, were also called apostles. Acts 14:14 - "Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out," Galatians 1:19 - "But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother."

"Apostle" means a "sent one." In its strictest sense, Christ kept the number at twelve (Revelation 21:14). These were men who had to company with Christ from the baptism of John unto Christ's ascension, and had seen His resurrected body. Acts 1:21-22 - "Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection."

Later men looking for prestige and power falsely claimed to be apostles. II Corinthians 11:13 - "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." See also Revelation 2:2. They had neither the appointment from the Lord nor the accompanying miraculous gifts of signs (II Corinthians 12:12). Such are those who claim to be apostles today.

In the looser sense of the term of apostle, godly missionaries are sent ones and go as ambassadors for Christ.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com
KIDS' KORNER

Hi, everyone! Have you been enjoying the snow? I have. I think it's very pretty when it falls.

In the parable of the Rich Fool, why did the landowner tear down his barns? It was because God had blessed him with an enormous harvest of grain. He was very happy with that harvest, but realized his barns weren't big enough to store all of it. So, he built big-



ger barns and decided that now he could just relax, because he had plenty to feed himself and his family for a long time.

The problem was that he failed to recognize that God had given him that great blessing. Instead, he became greedy and selfish. God called him a fool and told him that his life was going to be taken

away from him, and then what good would all his possessions do him?

No matter how much or how little God gives us, we need to remember that He is the One from whom all blessings come to us. Remembering that, we need to give thanks to Him.

The things of this world will never be enough to save us for eternity. All earthly things will come to an end. Only God endures forever, and He is the One who calls us to Himself and offers us forgiveness and life that is eternal. To Him be all glory, honor and thanks forever.

As we enter into the season of Lent, let's look ahead a bit and answer this question for next week: Who betrayed Jesus into enemy hands, and what did he receive for doing so?

See you next week! God's peace be with you. Stay warm, safe, and well.

Pastor Tim
Mhrtim@gmail.com

FRIDAYS AT FIRST RETURNS DURING LENT

First United Methodist Church in Van Wert is offering a time for people in the community to enter His house of worship for a time of meditation and reflection. The sanctuary will be open from 12 noon to 12:45 pm while organist, Gloria Wendel plays quiet meditative hymns surrounding this time of Lent. Lent is the season leading up to Easter where followers of Christ prepare through prayer and repentance.

Fridays at First will be held every Friday in the month of March. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this solemn time, should enter the sanctuary through the brown Tower Doors on Central Avenue. Signs will direct you to the entrance. You may come and go as you wish anytime between 12:00 and 12:45 pm.

A community-wide Good Friday service will then be held on Friday, April 2 at 12:05 pm. Local pastors and guest musicians will lead the service. Readings will be shared from the Holy Scriptures describing the crucifixion of Christ. A procession of the cross will start at the YWCA on Cherry Street in Van Wert. Anyone wishing to join in the procession should be there by 11:45 am. The cross will be carried down Main Street and enter the church during the service.

The entire surrounding community of Van Wert is invited to attend this meaningful one-hour service. Guest musicians include vocalists, Jakob Schaufelberger, Joel Trisel, Mary Ann Falk, and Sheila Chilcote-Collins among others. Accompanists are Scott Turner and Annette Hoverman.

First United Methodist Church follows local Covid-19 safety protocol. First Church is located at the corner of Central Avenue and Jefferson Street across from Fountain Park. Pastor Chris Farmer is the Lead Pastor.

MAKING CRP PRODUCTIVE CROPLAND

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres are fields that private landowners put into conservation for 10-15 years to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and/or to improve the environment. Landowners are paid an annual government rental payment in exchange for keeping acres in permanent vegetation. In 2020, Ohio had about 49,300 acres of expiring CRP acreage with about 34.7% or 17,123

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity."

—Jonah 4:2

acres that went back into crop production. Indiana had about 98,700 acres expire and 34.6% or 34,200 acres converted to crop production. High grain prices tend to cause more CRP acres to leave while low grain prices increase CRP sign up.

Landowners usually put their worst performing or "worn out" cropland into CRP. Some land is Highly Erodible Land (HEL) with severe soil erosion, poorly drained, or just hard to farm. These fields tend to have low soil fertility, poor soil structure, poor soil health, and overall low crop productivity. On hilly land; gully erosion, lost topsoil, and exposed subsoil creates less productive soils. These fields have less soil organic matter (SOM) and tend to seal over, so standing water and poor drainage make it difficult to raise crops profitably. Sometimes irregular shaped fields close to winding streams or ditches are placed in CRP to make farming easier.

After 10-15 years in permanent vegetation, many CRP fields become quite productive (at least for a while) after having been "rested" or "protected" due to improved soil health. Often SOM increased with darker soil color changes noticeable leading to better soil structure (soil crumbles). Sometimes drainage is improved due to deep roots breaking up compacted soil layers. How long this land remains productive depends on how the land is managed after it comes out of CRP.

Typically, most farmers worry about the "thatch", uneven soil, weeds, and insects. Farmers often burn off heavily matted or thick vegetation and till or plow to even the soil. Tilling releases many stored SOM nutrients and improved

soil structure allows for higher crop yields for a few years. Corn is often planted first with extra insecticides and fungicides followed by soybeans. After a few years, the soil starts to deteriorate quickly as SOM is burnt off. The CRP soil will start losing its color, become harder to farm, and start to seal off. Before long (3-7 years), a restored productive soil is back to performing poorly again.

Some no-till farmers are trying a different approach. Their goal is to maintain the improved soil structure and improved soil health by maintaining it. One strategy is to buyout the CRP contract 1-2 months before it expires in October. Buy out the CRP contract in August, mow the field, and try to plant a cover crop to main soil diversity. Soil tests are taken, but may be confusing. Organic and plant available microbial nutrients may not always show up on soil tests designed to measure inorganic nutrients. SOM levels and the carbon to nitrogen(C:N) ratio needs to be monitored. High C:N ratios favor soybeans, low C:N ratios favor corn which have more nitrogen (N) available. In healthy soils, more N is tied up by soil microbes, so corn benefits from 40-70 pounds of actual N up front at planting, especially if the C:N ratio is high (above 25 C:N ratio). The microbial population doubles with every ten-degree Fahrenheit increase in soil temperatures. The mineralization of N from soil microbes may be slow in the spring until soil temperatures warm up, and corn is a heavy N feeder.

Most farmers plant soybeans 1-2 years with a cereal rye cover crop followed by

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Antwerp Conservation Club
Event Schedule
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.
March 20th - Concealed Handgun License class. For more information and to register, contact McDougall Firearms in Antwerp
• 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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WHERE ARE THE BARBER POLES?

Penny For Your Thoughts By: Nancy Whitaker

Remember those red and white striped poles and what they indicated? Those poles usually meant that the place was a barber shop. The old local barbershops used to be a place where men could go in and get a shave and a hair cut for (2 bits)

Actually the skill of barbering dates back to the times of Pharaohs. Their barbering tools consisted of a sharp stone or an oyster shell. Mov-



ing on to a later time, barbers also performed surgery. (oh my). In the fourteenth century in England, barbers formed into two classes: those who practiced barbering and those who practiced surgery.

I often wonder about how our early ancestors washed their hair and we know there was no conditioners or good shampoo.

I have read accounts of men who wore the powered wigs and wonder if they ever washed their hair or took off the wig.

Most men of the colonial times were smooth shaven and many of the rich wore

those wigs.

In speaking of barbers and hair cuts, I think of all the various hair cuts men have got through the years. We already know that women's style has evolved quite a bit since the early 20th century. The 1910's were all about a handlebar mustache and slicked-down hair.

Also in the 50's and 60's we saw the appearance of many rock and roll singers who inspired side burns, duck tails, and flat tops.

Of course men are vain too, especially about losing their hair. They too, will buy products to grow hair and may tuck a toupee on top.

We also have the Mohawk still around and a lot of guys prefer the bald look and shave their heads.

Taking a little boy for their first haircut is always memorable.

I remember my little brother getting his first haircut and how he screamed and hollered and was scared that they were going to cut his ears off.

He used to get a haircut called The pineapple. It was short on top and had a little tuft of hair on top.

Years later my brother grew a long pony tail. That was a style that stuck around a while and long hair on a guy is coming back into style.

Today a guy can go into a beauty shop and get their hair washed styled and cut.

Now I don't go looking for barber poles but I think today guys are comfortable visiting a beauty shop. Sometimes a beautician can cut and style a more complex hairstyle than a barber.

So where have all the barber poles at? I was just curious how many there is and do the men barbers work on ladies hair?

I am curious how much would an old barber pole cost?

Let me know about your hairstyles and barbershop poles and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

HOW CAN WOMEN OVERCOME OBSTACLES TO FINANCIAL SECURITY

On March 8, we observe International Women's Day, a celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Of course, women still tend to encounter more obstacles than men in the pursuit of financial security. Let's consid-

er a few of them.

To begin with, women are still more likely to leave the workforce, at least temporarily, to raise children, resulting in lower contributions to employer-sponsored retirement plans such as 401(k)s. And women are often the ones who become full-time caregivers of aging parents or other relatives. Caregiving duties can exact a big financial toll: The lost wages, pensions (including 401(k)s and similar plans) and Social Security benefits that a woman loses to become a full-time caregiver amount to more than \$300,000 over her lifetime, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Women also may be more susceptible to financial downturns. Consider the COVID-19 pandemic: Just a few months ago, in December, women lost 156,000 jobs, while men gained 16,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which also reported that women accounted for 54% of the jobs lost from the pandemic in 2020.

And women are not unaware of their circumstances and outlook. Just 41% of women are confident about retirement, compared with 56% of men, according to a survey by Edward Jones and Age Wave.

But if you're a woman, you can take steps to help improve your financial outlook. Here are a few suggestions:

Take full advantage of retirement plans

If you are still working and your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Put in as much as you can afford each year and increase your contributions when your salary goes up. Also, within your plan, you'll want to choose the mix of investments that can help provide the most growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance. Also, even if you contribute to a 401(k) or similar plan, you may also be eligible to fund an IRA, which gives you even more investment choices.

Evaluate your Social Security options

You can typically start taking Social Security benefits when you're 62, but your monthly checks will be much larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. You might also consider whether you'd be better off by taking spousal benefits, if you're married and your spouse earned more money than you. You're generally even eligible for spousal benefits if you are divorced, as long as you were married at least 10 years and you haven't remarried.

Look for unexpected income opportunities

Even after you've formally retired, you may still find ways to receive some earned income. Perhaps you can work part time or do some consulting. And if you're a caregiver, you might be able to receive some compensation for your work. Many local governments pay non-spouse caregivers who act as personal attendants, although the rules vary greatly by state and county.

These certainly aren't the only ways you can improve your financial status, but they may prove useful to you. In any case, be aware of the challenges facing you and do whatever you can to brighten your future.

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over how states run elections isn't even the most important question. Instead, the better question is "should they?" In the 59 presidential elections since 1789, each has resulted in the successful election of a President. Voting laws have evolved across the 50 states, providing more and more access, security, and accuracy. Over time, each of those same 50 states have created their own unique election systems. From who administers the elections, to how votes are cast, to how a vote is protected - each system was born of federalism.

Like human beings, no voting system is perfect. Improvements and changes happen as the people, working through their respective state legislatures, see fit. In Ohio, a state whose elections have long been under the national spotlight, we've developed a system which has ensured voters have confidence in the outcome of elections. As a result, voter turnout is at an all-time high, voter fraud and voter suppression are exceedingly rare, and our efforts to strengthen the security of our elections have become a national model. Even as we faced enormous challenges, last year we in Ohio ran the most successful election in our state's history. It's no surprise that other states are now coming to us to learn our best election practices so they can mirror them back home.

That's how it's supposed to work. One of the great motivations of federalism is the state role as a laboratory for democracy, with each state innovating to become a better version of itself, and sharing those lessons with other states. That experiment has allowed our nation to become the best in the world. We need to keep that experiment going and encourage Ohio's congressional delegation to vote against House Resolution 1.

Secretary LaRose will soon be sending a letter to congressional leadership and Ohio's congressional delegation requesting a no vote on HR 1.

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will start their runs Friday, March 5, 2021 at 11:00 PM and will be running at 11, 3, and 7 until the final run on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Interested runners are encouraged to reach out to the Haven of Hope Facebook page to run a leg or two with Shane and Nick Leeth.

Shane Leeth states, "Running the 48 hour challenge is a great opportunity to test my physical and mental fitness. As the day goes on and the fatigue begins to set in you need to start relying on your mind to get you up and out the door. This also gives me an opportunity to give back to the community by raising money doing something I truly enjoy." Nick Leeth adds, "Mental Resilience has always been a topic that has fascinated me. This 4x4x48 challenge that David Goggins has started is a great way to test my own mental resilience and raise money for a great cause. I believe that it is important to give back to our local com-

munity, and I am very excited to raise money and awareness for Haven of Hope's mission."

It was important for Shane and Nick to find a local mission that benefits those living in the Van Wert community. "Haven of Hope provides a wonderful service by providing local homeless people a warm, safe place to sleep each night. In addition to providing a safe haven, the organization has strong Christian values and seeks to lead those that need shelter into a more productive, independent life," stated Leeth.

The community is invited to make a donation online to support the initiative by visiting [paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3997284](https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3997284) or visit the Haven of Hope website at www.havenofhopevw.org. T-shirts are also available, with proceeds being donated to Haven of Hope.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY HELPS PATIENTS STAND, RELEARN WALKING

A robotic exoskeleton, offered exclusively in this region at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne, is helping severely injured patients to stand and relearn how to walk. This wearable medical device also helps patients to gain confidence and freedom. This advanced technology is being used for patients with stroke and spinal cord injuries and is the only exoskeleton indicated for acquired brain injury.

"It's such an exciting time to be at the Rehabilitation Hospital Fort Wayne. This robot is innovative, one-of-a-kind, and an excellent piece of technology to advance our patients' recovery," says Shylene Ruggio, MD, Medical Director. Ryan Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer, adds, "This remarkable technology enables many of our patients to experience walking after suffering a spinal cord injury, a brain injury or a stroke."

Therapists are using the device to help patients walk earlier in their rehabilitation process, which can help improve walking speed and distance, which are critical factors for the best possible recovery. To walk in the device, the patient is strapped into the suit while motors drive the hip and knee joints.

Each year, nearly 60 million people suffer from acquired brain injury, 15 million suffer a stroke, and as many as 500,000 individuals experience a spinal cord injury (SCI). Clinical evidence suggests that including the

exoskeleton gait (walking) training during inpatient rehabilitation for stroke improves independence in functional mobility. Most patients take an average of 400 steps their first time training in the device. It is the most clinically used exoskeleton, with patients around the world having taken more than 125 million steps and counting.

Greg Parrett, Director of Therapy, said, "We are excited to provide our patients with access to this advanced treatment option and we are proud to be at the forefront of a new standard of care for stroke survivors." The exoskeleton's software enables clinicians to increase a patient's strength by customizing support for each leg independently, engaging the patient throughout their course of treatment.

The exoskeleton medical device available at the Rehabilitation Hospital is approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for use with stroke and spinal cord injuries from L5 to C7 and is the only exoskeleton with FDA approval for use with acquired brain injury patients. The technology and accompanying software is the only exoskeleton available for rehabilitation institutions that can provide dynamically adapting amounts of power to either side of a patient's body, challenging the patient as they progress.

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wheat, barley or oats and then a multi-cover crop mix with legumes, clovers, and pollinators before going to corn. Fields should be scouted for insect pests and beneficial predators. Beneficial insects like ground beetles, lightning bugs,rove beetles, and spiders may reduce the need for insecticides. Insecticides are deadly to beneficial predator insects. Many beneficial insects need a flowering pollinator to complete their life cycle. Sometimes a field may need leveling in some places, but the goal is to minimize any tillage. Tillage burns up SOM but also buries and preserves weed seed that the beneficial insects need to survive. Mycorrhizae fungi (150-200 species) thrive in undisturbed soils and restore soil productivity. Once a soil has healed and becomes productive again, it's important to try to maintain that soil productivity for many years. Correction: The Ohio H2O program for manure application allows cover crops to be hayed or grazed.

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MILITARY HISTORY OF PAULDING COUNTY



**By: Mark Holtsberry
Alfred N. Wilcox**

Alfred N. Wilcox was born March 9, 1864, in Ashland County, Ohio. He was the son of Rev. James Monroe, a Methodist minister, and Delia (Travis) Wilcox. James Wilcox was a Civil War Veteran from Minnesota serving in the Cavalry. I guess that explains Alfred's willingness to serve.

Alfred went to Oberlin



College for two years, then he became a school teacher and studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1891. In Paulding, he formed a partnership with John Snook, under the name of "Snook & Wilcox". They tried many cases in law for the next thirty years. John would prepare the cases in the office, while Alfred would present the same in court. He won the majority of the cases tried, except for the Charles Hart murder trial.

Alfred was married to Miss Annie Marie Ice, who was born August 8, 1871, the daughter of Joseph and Anna Marie (Latty) Ice. Falling ill, Annie passed away, October 21, 1895. She was laid to rest in Live Oak

Cemetery, Section 1, Row 8. Alfred, heartbroken and alone, continued to practice law and received attention of the state Republican party. Alfred ran for Congress in 1898, only to be unsuccessful.

In Paulding, when the talk of war became a topic of local interest, Alfred and a few of Paulding's prominent citizens, began organizing the arrangements to recruit a company from Paulding to serve in the Spanish American War. This process took about three weeks. A hundred names of possible recruits were secured without difficulty. The required financial backing was pledged by the citizens. They boarded trains and went off to Camp Bushnell, Columbus then off to Georgia for training. Alfred was elected to serve as 1st lieutenant of his company, Company M. 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, having missed being elected captain by only 2 votes. It was customary, at that time, for the men of the company to vote on their command officers.

Alfred was mustered into service on May 10, 1898 at the age of 34. This also was the same year his father died. James was laid to rest in Live Oak Cemetery. Alfred served with his company and was mustered out on February 10, 1899.

Joy came back into the life of Alfred at 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 1899, when he married Ruth Barnes, (daughter of Erwin B. and Rosa A. (Williams) Barnes, one of the leading families of the community). They were united in marriage by the Rev. William Hook. From the church, they drove to Cecil to board a Wabash train heading east. They honeymooned at Mackinac Island, amidst the beautiful scenery and cooling breezes of that favored spot.

On April 12, 1900, a son, Marshall Erwin Wilcox, was born into this union, followed by Jeanne Wilcox in 1910. They lived in Paulding on North Main Street, and this family was seen attending the Methodist church where he took an active role. Alfred was also a member of the local Masonic Lodge. By 1925 he was the leading trial attorney in Paulding, but a large law firm in Columbus, Ohio, needed a man with his talent, so he moved to the capital city, where he became

known for the rest of his life as an outstanding attorney.

On November 27, 1926, Alfred filed for his pension, that he had earned for serving in the Spanish American War. On November 10, 1928, Alfred passed away at the age of 64, leaving behind his wife, Ruth, son Marshall and daughter Jeanne. He was laid to rest in Live Oak Cemetery, Lot 48, Block F. Grave 3. His military tombstone serves as his permanent marker. Alfred once said, "I would rather be a big duck in a small pond, than a small duck in a big puddle". He lived to be a man in a small town as well as in a large city.

Until Next Time

JIM BANKS LEADING CHARGE AGAINST #BIDEN-BAILOUT

Democrats have been hoping the publics' attention has been occupied watching a made for TV show trial of the former president in the Senate, because they've been trying to quietly load up a \$1.9 trillion budget reconciliation bill with special interest pork and other liberal goodies.

The RSC isn't letting them get away with this. That's why we've put together the following document listing all the left-wing items Democrats are hoping the public won't find about.

Please help us share this fact sheet with EVERYONE you can so the American people know EXACTLY how their tax dollars are being spent.

Job Killing

- New federally mandated minimum wage would result in 1.4 million jobs lost, with younger Americans with less formal education being hardest hit.

- Unemployment benefits would come with a weekly \$400 bonus on top of regular payments, and last for up to nearly a year and a half. Under this plan, 53% of Americans would effectively receive a raise for being unemployed.

- Creates a program that through September 2021 would pay 85% of a person's COBRA premiums when they leave a job, including by quitting. Subsidies would come in the form of an advance refundable payroll tax credit.

Pro-Abortion

- Democrats blocked an amendment with Hyde language that would ensure that federal benefits used to pay for COBRA health insurance premiums are not used to provide abortion services.

- Maintains ability for Planned Parenthood to receive PPP funds.

Promotes Illegal Immigration

- Stimulus checks could go to families where a parent is an illegal immigrant.

- Allows subsidies paying for 85% of COBRA premiums to go to illegal immigrants.

Keeping Schools Closed

- Provides \$130 billion on top of the \$110 billion already given to schools, even if they remain closed. Students, in particular at-risk and low-income students, face lifelong consequences of these closures.

- Unconscionably gives labor unions—including those teachers unions fighting against school reopening—access to PPP funding worth up to \$10 million per union.

- Provides no opportunities for families to receive education funding intended for a student, if the student is not being served by their school districts.

Soft on China

- Allows funding to go to colleges that have partnerships with companies that are owned or controlled by communist China. Democrats rejected a GOP amendment to fix this.

- Allows funding to go to colleges and universities that have partnerships with Confucius Institutes.

Budget-busting Spending

- Over \$1 trillion remains

unspent while Democrats push Biden's \$1.9 trillion budget-buster.

- Provides an additional \$1.5 billion to Amtrak, which is already sitting on roughly \$1 billion of unspent aid

- Provides \$30 Billion for transit grants, available through FY 2024, of which \$26 billion (87%) would go to urban area transit entities. This is almost three times the total annual outlays through the FTA.

- \$8 billion in operating expense, debt payments, and development projects aid to largely urban airports, available through FY 2024.

- Provides a \$350 billion bailout for state and local governments despite limited declines in overall revenue last year. Such funding effectively subsidizes unwarranted shutdowns that kills businesses and livelihoods.

- \$3 billion in aid to supplement payroll costs for certain U.S. aircraft manufacturers.

- Democrats on the Education & Labor committee blocked an amendment that would have required agency Inspector Generals to audit and report on the use of COVID-19 funds.

- Congress provided \$150 billion to the Coronavirus Relief Fund for state and local governments to cover pandemic-related expenses. It is unclear how much of the funds have been spent so far and whether the funds used met the letter of the law.

Misplaced Assistance

- Eliminates income limits that prevent wealthy people from qualifying for the Obamacare premium subsidies.

- Crowds out small businesses with the most need for additional PPP funding by expanding eligibility to large, affiliated nonprofits, labor unions, country clubs, fraternities and sororities and publicly-traded internet news organizations.

- "Stimulus checks" that would give up to \$1400 per taxpayer and per dependent that would give money to some married couples with up to \$200,000 in annual income.

- Would nearly triple, to \$10,000, the amount of annual investment income that a taxpayer can have and still qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

- Would increase federal subsidies through the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, especially for high income earners. Specifically, this provision would move the beginning of the phase-out for this credit from \$15,000 to \$125,000.

Left's Social Justice Agenda

- Provides \$50 million in funding for EPA environmental justice grants, a thinly-veiled kickback to leftist environmental groups.

- Extends PPP funds to violent criminals, including those guilty of assault on a police officer and nonconsensual sexual crimes.

- Expands Medicaid eligibility, for five years, to incarcerated individuals 30 days prior to their release.

- Prioritizes funding based on identity politics while ignoring rural businesses and communities.

- Gives billions in subsidies and ban forgiveness worth 120% of debt to farmers and ranchers on the basis of race and ethnicity.
- Gives \$800 million in additional foreign food aid.

Liberal Welfare Wish list

- Incentivizes harmful Medicaid expansion by increasing newly expanded state's base FMAP by five percentage points for two years. Not only does this hurt state budgets, it also brings our nation one step closer to a complete federal takeover of our health care sector.
- Increase the size of Obama care premium tax credits for existing beneficiaries.
- Effectively place an excise tax on everyday Americans' pharmaceutical purchases by removing the Medicaid AMP rebate cap, which could create instances where drug manufacturers are paying Medicaid to supply drugs.

WAYNE TRACE FEBRUARY SOM



Wayne Trace Payne Elementary is pleased to announce our students of the month who have worked hard to accomplish this award. They are: Front Row: Wade Stoller, David Light, Kaylee Miller, Kendall Folsom, Bentleigh Raber. Back Row: Knox Miller, Owen Welch, Brass Mansfield, Emma Whitman, Adalynn Franklin, Ella Crosby. Not pictured: Krandon Crites, Emma Flory

- Expands Medicaid eligibility for five years, to incarcerated individuals 30 days prior to their release and to women for 12 months postpartum, an unrelated provision that should be considered on its own merits.
- Provides additional subsidies for LIHEAP (\$4.5 billion), a program ripe with fraud, waste, and abuse, that President Trump even sought to eliminate.
- Extends 15% increase in SNAP funding through the rest of FY 2021.
- Provides nearly \$600 million for additional paid leave for federal employees and postal workers.
- Would increase the Child Tax Credit (CTC) by \$1,000 per child over 5 and \$1,600 per child under 6. For 2021, the credit would be fully refundable. Would double the maximum EITC benefit to workers with no dependents.
- Would increase, by 20%, the maximum amount of federally subsidized wages for paid leave. Would allow self-employed people to claim up to 60 days annually worth of federally subsidized paid leave.
- Removes state matching requirement for the Child Care Entitlement to States (CCES) grant program, along with an almost 20% increase in funding for this program.
- Would, effectively, implement the Democratic Butch Lewis taxpayer bailout of pensions plan.

Congress has delivered bipartisan COVID relief as recently as December 2020. Why then is it

that the moment Democrats get the reins of power, we suddenly need to urgently pass \$1.9 trillion more?

Republicans will always stand ready to pass temporary and targeted assistance for those who are still being impacted—through no fault of their own—by the virus. But Democrats want to go at it alone and pass a partisan bill so they can achieve their own socialist priorities and destroy at least 1.4 million jobs.

What Congress has ALREADY appropriated on COVID relief with bipartisan support:

- TOTAL: \$4 trillion
- Direct aid to American households: \$1.29 trillion; Unemployment insurance: \$586 billion; Stimulus checks: \$458 billion; Rental assistance: \$25 billion; Testing and hospital visits: \$13.6 billion
- Small business loans: \$1.27 trillion; PPP funds: \$828 billion; 5.2 million businesses received loans
- State and local governments: \$578 billion; Law enforcement assistance: \$848 million; Fire-fighters grants: \$100 million; Healthcare: \$178 billion in grants to health providers; Funding for pharmaceutical companies: \$33.3 billion
- Vaccine rollout: \$8.75 billion
- Education: \$112.7 billion; K-12: \$68 billion; Higher education: \$36.6 billion
- Unspent money already appropriated by Congress: \$1 trillion
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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.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

NASA has given us all a great gift. Forget the Pandemic, the racism, politics, the Brute Squad attacking our Capitol. On July 18, 2021, we caught a glimpse of another world, courtesy of the latest Mars rover, Perseverance, and her brilliant team of scientists. It was a triumph of ingenuity, science, and technology. Launched last summer, Perseverance is a marvel, even more so as the team had to work in the face of pandemic challenges to stay on track and on schedule. They invented what they needed to meet the challenge;

they stayed the course, and rose to the task. How cool to launch to Mars, hover until a safe landing was in sight, and then softly, safely lower the rover onto the surface. Then, presto! Two pictures forwarded to Earth, postcards from the edge! Perseverance, what a great name; a reflection of our human aspirations here on Earth, and beyond! I hope this event inspires girls and boys to enter the space sciences and become our future guides to the universe.

Judith Snook
Antwerp, OH

IS IT FOOD POISONING?

I had stomach cramps not long after eating food I typically don't eat. How do I know if I had food poisoning or if it was something else?

The symptoms of food poisoning vary depending on the type of germ to which you've been exposed, but there are some common signs that can indicate whether you've been exposed to a foodborne illness.

The most common signs include stomach cramps, upset stomach, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever. Some bacteria, such as Listeria can cause flu-like symptoms.

It's important to note that symptoms of food poisoning can range from mild to serious and that some of them can come on as quickly as 30 minutes after you eat or as long as four weeks after you've eaten something that contains a foodborne pathogen, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The time it takes for symptoms of a foodborne illness to manifest really depends on the germ. For example, according to the CDC, if you consume foods that are contaminated with:

Staphylococcus aureus (staph), symptoms could appear as soon as 30 minutes to

six hours later.
Clostridium perfringens, symptoms could appear as soon as six to 24 hours later.
Norovirus, symptoms could appear as soon as 12 to 48 hours later.
Salmonella, symptoms could appear as soon as 12 to 72 hours later.
Clostridium botulinum (botulism), symptoms could appear as soon as 18 to 36 hours later.
Vibrio vulnificus, symptoms could appear as soon as one to four days later.
Campylobacter, symptoms could appear as soon as two to five days later.
E. coli, symptoms could appear three to four days later.
Cyclospora, symptoms could appear one week later.
Listeria monocytogenes, symptoms could appear one to four weeks later.

Some people may experience symptoms that last several hours or several days, said Sanja Llic, the state food safety specialist for Ohio State University Extension. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). "While most people experience only a mild illness, people with underlying conditions that weaken their immune system may experience severe outcomes that require them to be hospitalized," she said.

So how do you know if you should see a doctor for your symptoms? The CDC advises people to seek medical attention for severe symptoms, including:

- Blood in your stool.
- A high fever, typically over 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit, measured with an oral thermometer.
- Diarrhea that lasts more than three days.
- Frequent vomiting that prevents you from keeping down liquids, as this can lead to dehydration.
- Signs of dehydration, which can be marked by a decrease in urination, a very dry mouth and throat, or feeling dizzy upon standing.

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to duplicate 8 district qualifiers, this time including George Clemens IV, Tyler Showalter, Dustin Taylor, Ruger Goelzenleuchter, Matt Baxter, Jacob Dingus, Justin Pierce and Riley Moore. This year marks the first time in school history for the Raiders to be sending 9 wrestlers on to the District Tournament. Qualifying for the Raiders were; 120# Sectional Champ Senior Gabe Sutton, 126# Sectional Champ Junior Jarrett Hornish, 132# Sectional Champ Junior Hunter Long, 138# 3rd Place Freshman Graiden Troth, 145# Sectional Champ Senior Seth Meggison,

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152# Runner-up Sophomore Sam Moore, 160# Runner-up Senior Eli Moore, 182# 4th Place Freshman Nate Osborn and 285# 4th Place Senior Jake Graham.
120# Senior Gabe Sutton had a bye his first round, pinned Evan Pitts from Columbus Grove :34 seconds in the championship quarterfinals match. Sutton then pinned Colton Biederman from Ada in the championship semi-finals in 3:41. Gabe had a strong finish in the championship finals where he won by major decision 12-2 over Nick Kline from Coldwater.

126# Junior Jarrett Hornish also had a bye in the first round, then Jarrett pinned Aaron Modd from Kenton in 1:25 in the championship quarterfinals. In Hornish's championship semi-final match he pinned Mason Klosser from Coldwater in :21 seconds. Hornish pinned his way through the sectional tournament with a pin in the championship finals over Antonio Pettit from Ada in 2:12.

132# Junior Hunter Long also received a bye in round one. Long then pinned Marxen Bolinger from Spencerville in :52 seconds in the championship quarterfinals. Hunter continued his pin streak in the championship semi-finals by pinning Ethan Heitkamp from Coldwater in 1:15. In the championship finals Long recorded yet another pin over Anthony Hunt from Kenton in 2:12.

#138 Freshman Graiden Troth won round one with a bye. Troth opened his wrestling action in the championship quarterfinals where he met Jason Dues from Spencerville. Troth, who had lost to Dues earlier this season, was able to overcome the previous loss and recorded a 5-1 decision. In the championship semi-finals Troth lost by pin to eventual champ Kade Wireman from Allen East. Troth was then able to pick up a pin over Parker Mihm from Parkway in 1:30 in his consolation semi-finals match to punch his ticket to districts. In his consolation 3rd/4th place match Troth majorly decided Anthony Bodine from Delphos Jefferson 10-2.

#145 Senior Seth Meggison had a bye first round, Meggison then pinned Alejandro

Adams from Spencerville in :36 seconds in his championship quarterfinals match. Meggison then ran into Logan Green from Parkway in his championship semi-finals match where he won by pin in 3:29. Seth then beat Coldwater's Grant Heuing for the title by decision 6-1 in the finals.

#152 Sophomore Sam Moore opened up his tournament in round one by pinning the #2 seed Damian Diaz from Kenton in 3:44. Sam then pinned Cameron Bober from Ada in 5:25 in his championship quarterfinals match. Moore kept his hot streak going and pinned Joey Dailey from Delphos Jefferson in 3:32 in the championship semi-finals which solidified his spot to go to districts. Sam lost in the finals to Trenton Gatchell from Allen East by a 12-7 decision.

160# Senior Eli Moore had a bye in the first round. Eli opened up the day by pinning Eli Tobe from Coldwater in 1:24 in the championship quarterfinals. Eli then ran into the 3rd seeded wrestler in his bracket Mason Vonderwell from Delphos St. Johns in the championship semi-finals where he won by major decision 10-2. Unfortunately Moore lost in the finals to first seed Chase Miller from Allen East by decision 8-3.

182# Freshman Nathan Osborn started the day with a bye in round one. Osborn then pulled off a thrilling upset of the number 3 seed Tanner Blankemeyer from Columbus Grove pinning him in 4:23 in the championship quarterfinals. Nathan then lost by pin to second seeded Shane Ontrop from Coldwater in the championship semi-finals. Osborn punched his ticket to the district tournament in the consolation semi-finals by pinning Carson Roberts from Spencerville in 2:59. In his 3rd/4th place consolation finals match Osborn lost to Nolan Deppe from Bath by a fall at the 4:50 mark.

285# Senior Jake Graham started the tournament with a bye in round one. Jake then opened up his live action in the championship quarterfinals by pinning Gaige Horton from Delphos St. John's in :16 seconds. Graham then lost by a fall to second seed Eli Criblez from Allen East. Jake then

moved into the consolation semi-finals needing a win to move on to districts where he pinned Wil Fox from Coldwater in :25 seconds. In his 3rd/4th place match Graham lost by a major decision 7-16 to Brandon Dues from Spencerville.

Clemens added, "I am proud of what this team has accomplished up to this point in the season and I hope that the potential I believed in at the beginning of the season continues to motivate them this week at Districts."

The 9 remaining Raiders will travel to Troy, Ohio to the Hobart Arena where they will compete Friday and Saturday to try and punch that final ticket to the State Tournament. Good Luck Wayne Trace Wrestlers....Raider Nation is PROUD!!!!

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CAVALIERS RALLY IN FOURTH TO DEFEAT PANTHERS



Paulding Senior Andrew Adams scores a 3 point basket in the second quarter! more pictures at westbendnews.net

COLDWATER - Host Coldwater rallied from a four-point deficit after three quarters as the Cavaliers posted a 40-38 win over visiting Paulding in Division III boys sectional basketball action Wednesday night.

The visiting Panthers jumped out to a 12-4 lead at the end of one quarter before the host Cavaliers answered in the second stanza to tie the game at 25-25 after two periods.

Paulding responded in the third quarter, picking up eight markers compared to Coldwater's four as the maroon and white held a 33-29 advantage at the end of three quarters.

However, the host black

and orange then answered with an 11-point fourth quarter to rally for the 40-38 victory.

Myles Blasingame topped Coldwater with 15 points while Ethan Post added eight markers. Tyler Schwieterman and Zach McKibben finished with five points each for Coldwater and Kevin Fisher chipped in three. Carson Muhlenkamp and Jesse Meyer also had two markers apiece for the Cavaliers.

Paulding was paced by Blake McGarvey with 22 points and Payton Beckman finished with seven markers. Ethan Foltz (five), Andrew Adams (three) and Hunter Kauser (one) also scored for the maroon and white.

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ANTWERP FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

The Archer Freshman Boys Basketball team traveled to Tinora High School to battle the Ayersville Pilots for the Green Meadows Conference Championship on Tuesday February 23rd.

The boys in white jersey's trimmed in royal blue hit the court with an unblemished record of 12-0 on the season.

It was a low scoring affair through the first 2 quarters of action with Antwerp leading Ayersville 10-6 at the half. The 3rd quarter proved to set the tone for the remainder of the contest as the Archers put up 14 points during that 6 minutes of play. Antwerp led 24-12 after 3 quarters.

In the fourth quarter Antwerp put up 9 points compared to 2 for the Pilots and secured the win and the GMC title with a score of 33-14. This is Antwerp's 5th freshman boys GMC title overall. The last title Antwerp freshman won was in 2005.

Scoring for Antwerp: Carson Altimus-15, Reid Lichty-11, Cam Fuller-4, Cohen Hitzeman-2 and Xander Smith-1.

Jason Landers, Coach

RAIDERS OPEN TOURNAMENT PLAY WITH 25-POINT WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - The Wayne Trave Raiders opened D-III tournament play at home last Friday. The Raiders welcomed the Riverdale Falcons in sectional action with the red, white, and blue whipping their opponent 75-50. With the 25-point win the Raiders advance to the Lima Senior District on Thursday, March 4. The No. 2 seed Raiders will clash against No. 4 seed Lima Bath who defeated No. 3 seed Lima Central Catholic 57-52 in a mild upset. Tip-off is set for approximately 7:30 p.m. The opener will pit the No. 1

seed Ottawa-Glandorf Titans against fourth seed Coldwater.

In the Riverdale contest the Raiders and Falcons fought even throughout the first half of the opening quarter with the score knotted at 13 apiece before the Raiders delivered a 12-0 run to end the first quarter to take a commanding 25-12 into the second quarter.

The first quarter run extended to a 17-0 run early in the second frame when the Raiders went up 30-13 to put the game out of reach for the visiting Falcons. In the contest the Raiders top scorers were Brooks Laukhuf who netted 21 points with team mate Trevor Sinn chipping in 19. The first half came to a close with WT in control 45-29.

In the third frame the Falcons made a couple of mini-runs to trim the Raider's 16-point advantage to 12 but when the quarter came to a close the Raiders still in control by 15. However, the home team Raiders responded and opened the fourth period with a nine unanswered points thanks to six points from Laukhuf and three free throws from Trevor Sinn.

In the closing minutes of the contest Head Coach Jim Linder was able to utilize his bench and they responded with five points from Grayson McClure, Tyler Davis scoring a couple of buckets, Cameron Graham added a bucket and Garrett Williamson adding a free throw.

Joining Laukhuf and Trevor Sinn in the scoring column was Kyle Stoller who had a solid performance with a double-double including 12 points and 12 rebounds. Cam Sinn totaled seven points, four rebounds and five assists with team mate Trevor Sinn finishing with four points, four rebounds and four assists. Rounding out the Raider scoring was Grayson McClure five points, Cameron Graham four, Tyler Davis four and Garrett Williamson one.

Riverdale was led in scoring by a couple of double-digit scorers with Jackson Clark totaling 17 along with five rebounds and five assists. Drew Frey added 13 points for the Falcons who close out their season at 15-9.

BULLDOGS SWEEP NWC AWARDS

Columbus Grove Coach Chris Sautter and senior Blake Reynolds won the Northwest Conference Coach and Player of the Year awards in voting by the league's coaches recently.

It is Sautter's third consecutive NWC Coach of the Year award while it is Reynolds' second straight Player of the Year honor.

Joining Reynolds on the first team were Crestview's Kalen Etzler, Lincolnview's Collin Overholt, Paulding's Blake McGarvey, Columbus Grove's Tayt Birnesser and Lincolnview's Creed Jessee.

Second team honorees went to Spencerville's Josh Henline, Delphos Jefferson's Ian Wannemacher, Columbus Grove's Gabe Clement, Allen East's Tyler Clum and Paulding's Payton Beckman.

Garnering honorable mention were Ada's Micah Cook, Allen East's Gabe Criblez, Bluffton's Kyler Kinn, Columbus Grove's Trey Sautter, Allen East's Garrett Newland, Crestview's Gavin Etzler, Delphos Jefferson's Colin Bailey, Lincolnview's Clayton Leeth, Crestview's Carson Kreisler, Spencerville's Keegan Goecke and Lincolnview's Jake Bowersock.

STRONG SECOND HALF LIFTS OTTOVILLE PAST LADY RAIDERS IN DISTRICT SEMI



What looks to be an impossible shot by Wayne Trace's Rachel Stoller actually earns 2 points for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - After battling in the first half the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders trailed Ottoville by just two points 26-24 in their District IV semi-final contest. Last Thursday the two teams played center-stage at the Defiance district and after a close first half of play the Ottoville Big Green outlasted the Raiders in the second half to secure 47-36 win.

Following a very competitive first half the Ottoville Big Green quickly established themselves as the team to beat. The Big Green came out firing in the third frame and turned a two-point advantage into a twelve-point lead 39-27. The Raiders were leading at a 13-point deficit 42-29 heading into the final eight minutes of play.

The fourth quarter, a low scoring affair, saw the red,

white, and blue outscore their opponent 7-5 but it wasn't enough as the Raiders bow out of tournament play to end their season at 15-7.

For the Raiders, Katrina Stoller (one of two seniors on the roster) finished her high school career in Raider style with 15 points, nine boards, three assists and four steals. Carlee Mead, also a senior, finished her Raider basketball career. Gracie Shepherd added seven points along with six rebounds and three steals while team mate Sydnee Sinn added five points. Rounding out the Raider's scoring was Rachel Stoller with four, Rylee Troth three and Abby Moore with two.

Ottoville was paced by Nicole Knippen with a game high 18 points followed by Elise Kramer chipping in 15, Alexa Honigford seven, Tori Thomas five and Faith Gamble with two.

(Continued from Page 1)
all record, Antwerp head coach Doug Billman was named the Division IV District 7 Coach of the Year in voting by coaches in the association.

Archer junior Jagger Landers, junior Luke Krouse and senior Austin Lichty all were selected to the Division IV first team along with Hicksville's Landon Turnbull, Toledo Christian's Trevor Wensink, Pettisville's Cayden Jacoby, Edon's Drew Gallehue and Pettisville's Max Leppelmeier.

Antwerp freshman Landon Brewer and senior Owen

Sheedy garnered honorable mention as well for the blue and white.

In Division III, Paulding senior Blake McGarvey was selected second team all-District 7 while the Wayne Trace quartet of junior Cameron Sinn, freshman Kyle Stoller, freshman Brooks Laukhuf and junior Trevor Sinn all received honorable mention.

Panther senior Payton Beckman, senior Hunter Kauser and junior Christian Bauer also received honorable mention.

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ARCHERS CAPTURE SECTIONAL TITLE



Antwerp Senior Owen Sheedy puts the ball up for a two-point attempt, only to be fouled by Spencer Clingaman. Sheedy went on to score his free shots. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - The Antwerp Archers moved on down the tournament trail Friday night as the blue and white posted a 63-54 Division IV sectional victory over Stryker.

Antwerp took a 16-10 lead at the end of eight minutes of action and the Archers expanded the margin in the second quarter, taking a 33-24 advantage at the intermission.

After the blue and white widened the lead to 49-37 at the end of three periods, Stryker made things interesting by cutting the deficit to two points before Antwerp pulled away to wrap up the 63-54 win.

Antwerp with 24 points while Austin Lichty and Luke Krouse both chipped in nine markers.

Owen Sheedy also had eight points for the blue and white followed by Gage McMichael (five), Hunter Sproles (five), Landon Brewer (two) and Kaden Recker (one).

Stryker was led by Kaleb Holsopple with 23 points and Spencer Clingaman reached double figures with 13 markers.

Also finding the scoring column for the Panthers were Jacob Caldwell (five), Amos Sloan (four), Brandon Bowers (four), Joe Ramon (three) and Levi Barnum (two).

RAIDERS SEND NINE TO DISTRICTS; WT FINISHES SECOND AS A TEAM

LIMA - The Wayne Trace wrestling team had an outstanding weekend at the Division III sectional tournament as the Raiders advanced nine wrestlers to district action at Troy High School March 5 & 6.

Gabe Sutton (120), Jarrett Hornish (126), Hunter Long (132), Graiden Troth (138), Seth Meggison (145), Samuel Moore (152), Eli Moore (160), Nathan Osborn (182) and Jacob Graham (285) all are moving on for the Raiders after grabbing top four places.

Allen East won the sectional championship with 222-1/2 points while Wayne Trace finished second at 197 points. Coldwater (159-1/2), Parkway (130), Columbus Grove (124), Spencerville (110), Kenton (99), Lima Bath (73), Delphos Jefferson (61) and Delphos St. John's (47-1/2) rounded out the top ten teams. Completing the list of schools were Lincolnview (46), Ada (44), Lima Central Catholic (26) and Crestview (18).

Sutton claimed the title at 120 with a 12-2 major decision win over Coldwater's Nick Kline and Hornish took the championship at 126 after pinning Ada's Antonio Pettit in 2:12. The Raiders' Hunter Long also was a first-place finisher with a pin of Kenton's Anthony Hunt in 2:12 and Seth Meggison was the fourth Wayne Trace winner after recording a 6-1 decision over

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON TO HOST OHSAA BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association and the University of Dayton have announced that the upcoming OHSAA girls and boys basketball state tournaments will be held at UD Arena in March after the Ohio Department of Health and Public Health - Dayton and Montgomery County approved a variance to allow a greater number of fans at each game.

The girls state tournament will be held Thursday, March 11, through Saturday, March 13, while the boys state tournament will be held Friday, March 19, through Sunday, March 21. For both state tournaments, the semifinals will be at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., and the championship games will tip off at 10:45 a.m., 2 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

The divisional order of play this year is Division IV, III, II and I. Spectrum News 1 will televise the championship games, while the semifinals will be streamed live through OHSAA.tv.

"We are so excited that the University of Dayton has such a strong desire to host our basketball state tournaments and for all they did to receive a variance to allow more fans to attend," said Doug Ute, OHSAA Executive Director. "We thank the health department officials for their cooperation as we worked through this request and we are committed to following the safety protocols they have in place. Our schools have gone through so much since last March and we are thrilled that the season will culminate with the state tournaments at such a great venue as UD Arena."

The specific number of fans permitted per game will be announced at a later date.

"We thank the Ohio Department of Health and Public Health - Dayton and Montgomery County for working with us to provide high school students with the opportunity to play here at UD Arena," said Scott DeBolt, University of Dayton Senior Associate Athletics Director and Executive Director of UD Arena. "The state tour-

namment is an experience that the players, coaches and fans will remember for the rest of their lives and we are proud to be able to host these great events this year."

Last May, the OHSAA announced the University of Dayton would host the OHSAA girls basketball state tournaments in 2021, 2022 and 2023, but the COVID-19 pandemic put the location of the 2021 state tournament in question due to spectator limitations and costs associated with the tournament.

"We especially thank Scott DeBolt and the staff at UD Arena for working with us on the financial side to allow the state tournaments to happen there this year," Ute said. "We all can't wait for the future when we can get back to normal attendance and pack the arena for the state tournaments."

The 2021 OHSAA boys basketball state tournament was scheduled to be held at St. John Arena at The Ohio State University, but that facility is not available due to the pandemic.

Girls Basketball Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Girls/Girls-Basketball-2020-21/2021-Girls-Basketball-State-Tournament>

Boys Basketball Statewide Brackets: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Boys/Boys-Basketball-2020-21/2021-Boys-Basketball-State-Tournament>

QUICK START PROPELS BLAZERS TO WIN OVER WARRIORS

BUTLER - Host Eastside got off to a hot start and never looked back in non-league boys basketball action against Woodlan last week as the Blazers cruised to a 65-44 victory over the Warriors.

The Blazers opened a 22-6 lead at the end of eight minutes of action and expanded the margin in the second stanza. Eastside bucketed 18 points in the period compared to a dozen for Woodlan as the Blazers recorded a 40-18 halftime margin.

In the third quarter, Eastside had 15 points and Woodlan scored 13 as the Blazers secured a 55-31 margin entering the final period.

PAULDING & ANTWERP PLACE WRESTLERS AT ARCHBOLD TOURNAMENT



Eli Reinhart of Antwerp has Michael Betz of Fairview in a near fall position, giving him 3 of his 15-0 score against Betz. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Archbold wrestling sectional took place on Friday and Saturday of the last weekend in February. There were several placements from the area with full tournament results available at trackwrestling.com.



Jeremiah Smith of Paulding set in the down position falls to Kaleb Barnes of Delta. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Paulding Dillon Shough attempts to get the pin or get near fall points over Edger-ton's Blake Flower. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Fairview rival, Michael Betz, in the 126 weight class. Trayce Lengacher of Antwerp also placed 5th when he won over Dominic Johnson of Ayersville in the 138 weight class.

Paulding sent wrestlers also to the Archbold sectional. Dawson Lamb picked up a fifth place placement in the 145 class, and Jeremiah Smith of Paulding picked up a 6th place finish after he fell to Kaleb Barnes of Delta in the 160 weight class.

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Shown here with Mrs. Donita Brandenburg are the children in the Tuesday/Thursday group: River Stoller, Savannah Coil, Sawyer Stoller, Ayden Good, Celeste Hollar and Hadley Mohr. In front is: Julia Gochenour, Macklen Osting and Mylann Good.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers wanted to build a snowman, but it was too cold to take them outside! So, we made one inside on our giant blackboard! Each

child got a turn to add something to our creation. For more information about our upcoming summer program or fall preschool registration, call 419-399-KIDS (5437).

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, received a call from London Correctional Facility about a hawk that was stuck in their facility. Officer Teders responded and located a Cooper's hawk in an atrium between the yard and the housing units. Officer Teders was able to safely capture the hawk, which was healthy and uninjured. Officer Teders transported the hawk to the nearby London State Fish Hatchery and released it.

During the 2020 white-tailed deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Tyler Eldred, assigned to Morrow County, observed an individual running across a field while dressed in camouflage and carrying a hunting rifle. Contact was made with the man and it was determined that he was hunting deer. When asked about wearing the re-

quired hunter orange, the man pulled out an orange stocking cap from his pocket and stated he had removed it from his head because he was hot. Two other individuals were contacted in the same group. Neither of them were wearing hunter orange. All three were nonresidents and were hunting without a hunting license or a deer permit. The individuals pleaded guilty in the Morrow County Municipal Court and paid fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In January 2021, warm weather and favorable winds let anglers enjoy some wintertime fishing on Lake Erie. State Wildlife Investigator Kevin Good, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, observed many good catches of walleye and a few good perch catches during that time. While Investigator Good was checking licenses, he observed many anglers carry electronic versions of their fishing licenses instead of the traditional paper version. Investigator Good used the opportunity

to introduce the anglers to the new HuntFish OH app. Many of the anglers downloaded the app and Investigator Good showed them how to use it. All the anglers that were exposed to the app were impressed and complimented the Ohio Division of Wildlife on having such a convenient tool available. HuntFish OH is free and available for Android and iOS users.

In July 2020, State Wildlife Investigators Matthew Fisher and Kelsey Brockman, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, were patrolling the central basin of Lake Erie. A fishing vessel was spotted trolling for walleye and the investigators contacted the two individuals to see how many fish they had on board. After fishing licenses were checked and fish were inspected, the investigators found two walleye that measured under the 15-inch minimum size. A summons was issued for the violation for possessing undersized walleye.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Jason Warren, assigned to Ashtabula County, spends a great deal of time contributing information for fish and wildlife research. Officer Warren has collected various road-killed wildlife species that have aided in important wildlife research for biologists. Officer Warren has reported road-killed bobcats, black bears, river otters, and most recently a fisher in Ashtabula County. A fisher is a small mammalian carnivore in the weasel family. While fishers are rarely reported in Ohio and currently classified as a species of special interest, some are showing up along the Pennsylvania border. In addition to road-killed animals, Officer Warren also receives trail camera pictures of fishers from landowners. All reports are monitored by wildlife biologists. If you have an interesting wildlife sighting to share, report it online at wildohio.gov.

State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, was on patrol during the 2020 white-tailed deer-gun season. After observing a large group of hunters in a field, Officer Porter contacted them to check licenses. After checking all individuals for hunting licenses and deer permits, Officer Porter proceeded to answer many questions. He also took the time to provide the hunting party with additional copies of the current hunting regulations, as well as copies of blank permission slips. The group was appreciative, and Officer Porter was pleased with such a positive experience. Regulations are available for free at license vendors, wildohio.gov, or on the HuntFish OH mobile app.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In September 2020, State Wildlife Officer Logan Ambrister, assigned to Belmont County, was patrolling Piedmont Lake with State Wildlife Officer Brad St. Clair, assigned to Noble County. Officer Ambrister was approached by a man at the boat ramp marina who said that his wife had gone hiking with their dog on the nearby Buckeye Trail. He had expected her to return an hour ago, but she was not back. The man was not able to reach her on the phone, and was getting worried because the trail had

some rough terrain. Officer Ambrister and the man started at the opposite end of the trail and hiked toward the beginning, while Officer St. Clair waited at the marina with several other individuals in case she came back. Officer Ambrister and the man hiked about a mile when the officer received a call over his radio from Officer St. Clair that the woman and her dog had returned, and both were in good health. The trail had taken her much longer than she expected, and she had lost it somewhere along the way. Officer Ambrister and the husband hiked back to the marina where they were greeted by a smiling face and a wagging tail.

In November 2020, State Wildlife Officer Ted Witham, assigned to Jackson County, received a phone call from a concerned hunter. The individual stated that he was part of a group that had leased a property for deer hunting, and they had located a baited area with several tree stands that did not belong to anyone in the group. The individual provided a map of the property to Officer Witham with the location of the corn and the tree stands. During the white-tailed deer-gun season, Officer Witham arrived at the baited area just as shooting time was starting. He found a hunter in a tree stand who did not have written permission to hunt on the property, and also did not have a deer permit. Officer Witham then located a second hunter who also did not have written permission to hunt on the property. Both individuals received citations for hunting without written permission, and the first individual received an additional citation for hunting deer without a deer permit. Both individuals pleaded guilty to the charges in the Jackson County Municipal Court and were ordered to pay \$520 in fines and court costs.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

During the 2020 small game hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, and State Wildlife Officer Mathew Bourne, assigned to Clark County, were patrolling Caesar Creek Wildlife Area. The officers received a report that three hunters shot at a pheasant while aiming their shotguns toward a parking lot and across the road. The officers contacted all three hunters while they were still in the field. Officer Keller then deployed K-9 officer Scout to locate the ammunition components in the field. K-9 officer Scout quickly located all the pertinent ammunition components in the tall vegetation. After examining the evidence, it was determined that the hunters had indeed shot across the road. All three individuals were charged with shooting on, from, along, or across a roadway. The defendants were subsequently found guilty in Warren County Municipal Court and each individual paid \$225 in fines and court costs.

After receiving a complaint about nonpermitted hunting occurring on private property that bordered Clark Lake Wildlife Area, State Wildlife Officers Jasmine Grossnickle, assigned to Miami County, and Matthew Bourne, assigned to Clark County, offered to assist wildlife management per-

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL FEBRUARY SOM



Paulding High School announced their February House Students of the Month. They are from left to right: House Palmarium-Jamy Hunt, House Excellentia- Kaylyn Cox, House VVV-Reid Johanns, and House Stupendum- Esther Rocha.

sonnel in resolving the issue for neighboring landowners. Wildlife management staff visibly marked the property boundaries with the help of the two officers. Neighboring landowners were contacted to let them know how to handle issues that might arise in the future regarding people hunting without permission on their property. Call or text the Turn In A Poacher (TIP) line 1-800-762-2437 to report a wildlife violation.

NEW TECHNOLOGY KEEPS PARENTS CONNECTED TO THEIR FRAGILE NEWBORNS

When a newborn is placed in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), parents and baby may have to spend some time apart. To enhance the family experience and alleviate some of the stress of being separated, Dupont Hospital and Lutheran Hospital have installed live-streaming cameras so parents can see their infants at any time.

The cameras' live-streaming capability enables parents and other family members to see their child's progress 24/7. Parents and other family members log on through a secure network with a personal password - the camera is at the bedside, capturing every moment in real-time.

"No one ever wishes for their infant to be in the NICU, it is such an emotional journey for a parent," says Dupont Hospital's NICU Team Specialist, Shelby Albertson, RN, BSN. "As a nursing team, we feel that the cameras will aid us as we walk through the journey alongside our families and support them

throughout their stay. When a parent has to leave their child in our care so they can return to work or care for their other children, it is never easy. We hope by offering a 24/7 live stream camera, we can ease the transition for families that are unable to be at the bedside with their baby. Our goal is to utilize the cameras to give us another layer of support for easing the hearts and minds of our NICU families that so graciously entrust their baby's care to our team."

Danyel Smith-Jackson, a mother of twins, stated, "...I absolutely love the cameras. I love being able to see my baby anytime I want to check-in. It gives me peace of mind. Dad and I enjoy being able to now be home with one of our girls and still be able to check on the other anytime, until she comes home, too."

The easy-to-access app includes a One-Way Patient Update tool that enables the clinical staff to send parents vital updates and precious moments through text, photo or recorded video, further engaging parents in their infant's care.

Monica Arney, RN, Lutheran Hospital, says, "The app/cameras are very user friendly. They make it so easy for us as nurses to communicate information with parents when they can't be here with their little ones. I just love that parents have the ability to check-in anytime they want."

The implementation of this new technology means parents can be active members of their infant's care team, staff can work with parents more efficiently and par-

PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED

Long Range Transportation Plan

Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) has been working with county and local officials, nonprofit organizations, citizens, and the Ohio Department of Transportation to update the Long Range Transportation Plan - *Moving Together 2045*. The plan illustrates the existing transportation conditions in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, and Williams counties, and provides the vision, goals, and strategies needed to both sustain and improve various transportation modes in the region.

A virtual public meeting to present on the plan will be held on March 30th, 2021 at 6:00pm via the platform: Zoom. A link to the meeting will be available online at mvpo.org/mt2045, the MVPO Facebook page, or can be requested via email at transportation@mvpo.org. If anyone is unable to attend the Zoom meeting, they can call the MVPO office at 419-784-3882 for a copy of the meeting presentation.

The draft plan is available online at mvpo.org/mt2045. A physical copy is also available upon request. MVPO would appreciate any public input on the plan. Comments can be submitted online at aforementioned web address or emailed to transportation@mvpo.org. Public comments will be accepted until April 25th, 2021.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 on February 17, 2021, entitled, "A RESOLUTION INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 307 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, ON B-2 GATEWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND AMEND SECTION 311 ENTITLED "PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL, ACCESSORY USE TABLE" FOR B-2 DISTRICT TO INCLUDE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING UNITS AND TWO FAMILY DWELLING UNITS AS PERMITTED USES IN B-2 DISTRICT, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution initiates the process to amend the Zoning Ordinance, specifically to amend Section 307 on B-2 Gateway Commercial District to remove several subsections and revise the language on signage, and to amend Section 311 (the Permitted, Conditional, Accessory Use Table) for B-2 District to allow single family dwelling units and two family dwelling units as permitted uses in B-2 District with residential improvements based on R-2 zoning.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02 on February 17, 2021, entitled, "A RESOLUTION INITIATING AN AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, TO REZONE CERTAIN LOTS ADJACENT TO ERIE STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP FROM R-2 MULTIPLE FAMILY DISTRICT AND B-1 DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-2 GATEWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution initiates the process to amend the Official Zoning Map to re-zone or change the classification of certain lots adjacent to Erie Street from the current classifications of R-2 Multiple Family District and B-1 Downtown Business District to the classification of B-2 Gateway Commercial District. A list of the affected parcels and a copy of the official zoning map highlighting the area to be re-zoned are available for review in the Village Administrator's office.

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

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The Grover Hill Elementary sixth graders in Miss Kathy Sinn's Science class created, tested, and showcased their roller coasters for the rest of the students and staff. They tried to apply their understanding of force and motion along with potential and kinetic energy. They did an excellent job in spite of all of the missed class time – go away winter!

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WARRIORS PICK UP ROAD WIN OVER EAGLES

ELKHART – The Woodlan boys basketball team picked up its third win in the last four games on Friday night with an 87-67 road win at Elkhart Christian.

The host Eagles jumped in front at the end of one quarter, posting a 17-14 advantage, but it was all Woodlan the rest of the way.

In the second quarter, the visiting Warriors scored 22 points while limiting the Eagles to 14 as Woodlan posted a 36-31 halftime lead.

Quarter number three was much of the same as the Allen County squad totaled 27 points while the Elkhart County squad picked up only 17, putting Woodlan in front

63-48 entering the final stanza.

The Warriors then expanded the margin in the fourth quarter, scoring another 24 points while holding the Eagles to 19 as Woodlan cruised to the 87-67 victory.

Woodlan improved to 2-3 on the road this season and 7-9 overall this year. Elkhart Christian falls to 7-10 in all games this year, including 3-5 at home.

The Warriors face a busy schedule this week with three games in four days.

Woodlan (2-2 ACAC) starts play with a road trip to Eastside (13-4) on Tuesday before the Warriors travel to South Adams (13-5, 3-1 ACAC) for a battle on Wednesday. On Friday, Woodlan make the trip to Monroe to take on Adams Central (8-10, 2-3 ACAC).

MORE THAN \$100 MILLION GOING TO RURAL COMMUNITIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Department of Transportation announced that \$100.8 million in federal transportation funding is being awarded to 54 cities, towns, and counties in rural portions of Indiana to invest in local road and bridge

improvements as well as sidewalk and trail projects. Combined with local funds, approximately \$124.9 million is being invested in infrastructure in communities receiving funds.

Types of projects receiving funds include 32 bridge rehabilitation/replacement projects; 11 resurfacing/reconstruction projects; 6 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects that include work such as sidewalks, ADA ramps, and trails; and 5 traffic safety projects.

“Local transportation improvements are critical to growing and enhancing Indiana's communities,” INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness said. “Our sustained commitment to modernizing local roads and bridges, adding sidewalks, and growing our trail networks sends a clear message that we're building cities, towns and counties that are primed to attract and retain talent and spur job growth in the 21st century economy.”

A list of all communities receiving funds is online at <http://www.in.gov/indot/2390.htm>.

For this latest round of funding, rural communities will design, develop and purchase land for projects that would be bid during the fiscal year beginning July 2025. While the funds awarded now are dedicated to construction, INDOT will be financially participating in design, engineering, and right of way acquisition components of these projects.

INDOT dedicates approximately 25 percent of its federal highway funds to supporting local projects each year. Metropolitan Planning Organizations distribute those funds to cities, towns, and counties within the state's larger urbanized areas while INDOT distributes funds outside MPO areas. Communities must pay at least 20 percent in local matching funds and meet other federal requirements to receive federal funding.

Rural communities were invited to submit project applications to INDOT for potential funding during a call for projects announced in October 2020.

MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 18TH, 2021

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

Chief's Report: The new police squad car is in and is in the process of being outfitted with lights, cameras, etc. The chief mentioned that the property on Main Street that was storing vehicles is no longer doing so at this time after a conversation explaining the city's position.

Superintendent's Report: The mayor explained the costs involved in decommissioning wells within the city limits that are not being used anymore. There may be an option that would lower the cost by about half but IDEM would need to approve this option prior to moving forward. It was determined at the Board of Works and Public Safety earlier tonight to wait at this time until all options are explored.

Mayor's Report: The mayor discussed Bald Cyprus Road and the potential contract submitted from A & Z Engineering to prepare right of way for this road for future construction, which is not to exceed \$76,460. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to proceed with the prepared contract by A & Z Engineering as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. The mayor mentioned that the city has officially been awarded \$500,000 for the Mainstreet Streetscape Phase II project as a part of the Stellar Designation. The mayor asked the council if they had received an email regarding the upcoming fire and EMS territory meetings. He asked that at least two Council members be present at the first meeting if possible. Councilmen Watts and Thompson confirmed that they would attend.

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

January 4th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the January 4th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The clerk-treasurer explained that the threshold for the purchasing agent of the city of Woodburn to spend without additional formalities is currently \$25,000. The Board of Works and Public Safety, or the current purchasing agent of the city of Woodburn, would benefit if the threshold were increased to \$50,000. This change is allowed by state statute and its adoption through Ordinance 21-1394 is a prudent action. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 21-1394 (Modifying Purchasing Policy Threshold) by title only, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 21-1394, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to suspend the rules to waive any additional readings and approve Ordinance 21-1394 as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Ordinance 21-1394 is adopted as presented.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Watts went over proposed details regarding the potential use of the American Legion by the Woodburn Clothing Bank. After discussion, it was determined to wait until a future date to move forward with this proposition. Councilman Martin gave an update on the streetscape project details.

Audience: A resident asked if the city intends to make the American Legion property handicap accessible. The mayor mentioned that after an upcoming inspection, the city intends to do this.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

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

OHIO EPA AND THE OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Ohio EPA and The Ohio Academy of Science are accepting applications for the 2021 Environmental Education Fund scholarships. The deadline to submit applications is April 15.

“I encourage all Ohio college students who are eligible and working toward careers in environmental science and engineering fields to apply for these scholarships,” said Ohio EPA Director Laurie A. Stevenson. “We are honored to help foster learning and achievement, especially with those students who one day will use their education and skills to protect human health and the environment.”

The merit-based, non-renewable scholarships will be awarded to junior and senior year students enrolled at Ohio public or private colleges/universities/community colleges demonstrating their knowledge and commitment to careers in environmental sciences or environmental engineering. Students will be selected based on academic performance, as well as research, employment/internships, leadership, letters of recommendation from education or environmental professionals, and other criteria.

Up to \$5,000 is available for students entering their collegiate junior or senior year in four-year and five-year programs and up to \$2,500 is available to students entering the second year in two-year degree programs. A total of \$50,000 will be awarded this year.

Since the scholarship program began in 2000, \$964,950 has been awarded statewide to 380 students at 51 Ohio colleges and universities. Funding comes from civil penalties collected by Ohio EPA for violations of air and water pollution control laws. The scholarship program is administered by the Ohio Academy of Science.

Additional information about the scholarship is available by calling Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education at (614) 644-2873 or

THE WEST BEND NEWS
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

visiting www.epa.ohio.gov/oeo. To learn more about the Ohio Academy of Science, call (614) 488-2228 or visit www.OHIOSCI.org.

PANTHERS TAKE SIXTH IN NWC WRESTLING

BLUFFTON – Paulding posted a sixth-place finish in the Northwest Conference wrestling tournament held at Bluffton High School.

Sophomore Dawson Lamb recorded a second-place finish in the 145-pound weight class as did junior teammate Jeremiah Smith at 170.

Senior Chastity Gribble picked up a sixth-place finish in the 138-pound weight class for the Panthers while junior Aden Moore was sixth at 285.

Junior Brody Fisher (160) and sophomore Alfonso Ca-

sio (152) each took fifth place in their respective weight classes.

Fourth place finishers for the maroon and white were freshman Dillion Shough (195) and sophomore Cayden Breier (182).

In the junior high Northwest Conference meet, the Panthers took sixth place as a team with 63 points.

Seventh grader Skyler Snyder took fourth at 104 while fellow seventh grader Xsenia Casiano took fourth at 110.

Paulding seventh grader Alan Griffith placed third at 122 with eighth grader Karson Mudel taking second at 142.

Two other Panther seventh graders placed in the tournament as well. Xander Schwab placed third at 160 and Laila Stiltner was fourth at 150.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Judge Tiffany Beckman

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff, VS.

Bernard R. Flint, et al., Defendants,

Case No. CI 20-139

TO: Bernard R. Flint, deceased, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Bernard R. Flint; Unknown Spouse of Bernard R. Flint; Michael R. Flint, deceased, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Michael R. Flint; Unknown Spouse of Michael R. Flint; Sharon A. Nelson, deceased, Unknown heirs, administrators, executors or assigns of Sharon A. Nelson, Unknown Spouse of Sharon A. Nelson; Gary L. Flint, Unknown Spouse of Gary L. Flint; Randy L. Flint and Unknown Spouse of Randy L. Flint

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

Please take notice that an amended complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Bernard R. Flint, life estate; Michael R. Flint, Sharon A. Nelson, Gary L. Flint and Randy L. Flint, remainder interest, to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 276 Page 517 of the Paulding County Records.

The real property in question is situated in the Village of Broughton, and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:

A part of the West Half (1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Town Two (2) North, Range Three (3) East, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 726.15 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 32, Town 2 North, Range 3 East, Paulding County, Ohio, on the Section line between Sections 29 and 32; thence West a distance of 216.50 feet; thence South a distance of 201.20 feet; thence East a distance of 216.50 feet; thence North a distance of 201.20 feet to the place of beginning, containing One (1) acre of land, more or less.

Also known as being part of Outlot 12 and Outlot 13, Section 32, in the Village of Broughton, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio.

Auditor's Parcel #22-03S-022-00

Property Address: 14850 SR 613, Paulding, Ohio (Broughton)

Ann Pease, Clerk
Court of Common Pleas
Paulding County, Ohio
By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of your real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Respectfully submitted,
[Signature]
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 S. Walnut Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8270

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes: LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff, VS. MICHAEL D. GEIGER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 20 105

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

301 East Plum Street, Cecil Parcel Number: 15-02S-007-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Five Thousand Twenty-one and 35/100 (\$5,021.35) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the First day of April, 2021, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 15th day of April, 2021 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

PAULING MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER AT CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY



Recently, Pauling Middle School students and staff members volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Ms. Brooklyn Miller, Mr. Elias Jimenez, Jocie Hawk, Claire Miller, Greyson Harder, and Mrs. Sarah Steward.

PAULING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition
Ashley N. Poston, Indianapolis, IN; Open container; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Warrant and warrant block recalled
Ismael Escarcega, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today
Ismael Escarcega, Fort Wayne, IN; No tail lights; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today
Taylor William Suss, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay or collections 2/26/21; Warrant and warrant block rescinded
Jill Julien, Chesterfield, MO; Possession of marijuana; Defendant to pay all costs; Case shall be dismissed
Courtney S. Wilder, Paulding, OH; OVI/under the influence; Guilty; Defendant to pay restitution of \$177; Standard probation; May complete DIP in lieu of jail days, comply by 6/25/21; Must secure valid operator's license by end of term; Must be evaluated by Westwood Behavioral
Michael Evans, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Allen L. Schooley IV, New Haven, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Allen L. Schooley IV, New Haven, IN; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Randy M. Castillo, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Samuel A. McCorkle, Napoleon, OH; OVI/under the influence; Case dismissed at state's request
Cameron P. West, Defiance, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant agreed to pay in full by 4/30/21
Xavier M. Wickizer, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Eugene Weidenhamer, Defiance, OH; Assured clear distance; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs today
Yael E. Esparza, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant to pay \$50 per month until paid in full; Pay or collect date 9/24/21
Yael E. Esparza, Fort Wayne, IN; No tail lights; Guilty; Pay or collect 9/24/21
Jason Ruder, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Maciej Konsik, Barrie, ON; No tail lights; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Mohammed H. Abdullah, Dearborn, MI; No tail lights; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Sagar Trehan, Greenwood, IN; No tail lights; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Dennis L. Coulter, Toledo, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Douglas B. Mansfield, Payne, OH; Negligent assault; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant may complete DIP in lieu of jail days; Must complete 80 hours community service; Standard probation
Douglas B. Mansfield, Payne, OH; Failure to yield; Case dismissed at state's request
Judith N. Myers, Cecil, OH; OVI/under the influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; De-

fendant may complete DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; ALS vacated immediately; Pay or collect 4/29/22; 20 hours community service; Standard probation; Defendant must submit to Westwood Behavioral for evaluation; Must obtain valid operator's license by the end of community service term
Judith N. Myers, Cecil, OH; OVI/breath high; Case dismissed at state's request
Ashleigh J. Michael, Woodbridge, VA; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
William A. Etheridge, Indianapolis, IN; Distracted driving; Defendant took course; Case dismissed
Noah E. Waggoner, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Nichalás Lengacher, Antwerp, OH; Failure secure ord; Case dismissed per state; Cost to defendant
Nichalás Lengacher, Antwerp, OH; Failure secure ord; Case dismissed per state
Juan D. Hernandez, Fort Wayne, IN; Traffic device/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Mitchell M. Boundy, Paulding, OH; Failure to yield/left turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Daniel A. Guerrero-Rodriguez, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today
Melissa S. Rooks, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Emma Urbina, Red Wind, MN; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Eduardo Escamilla Garcia, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
John J. Bonifas, Venedocia, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Francisco Otero Robles, Convoy, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today
Francisco Otero Robles, Convoy, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today
Zachariah J. Hardy, Cecil, OH; Menacing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Risk assessment; Mental health evaluation; No unlawful contact with victim
Caroline F. Rohal, Paulding, OH; OVI/under the influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant may complete DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; ALS vacated immediately; Pay or collect 3/26/21
Caroline F. Rohal, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collect 3/26/21
Larry Minor, Starkville, MS; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Dade V. Sanders, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Trae M. Sinn, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Alexander C. Duffey, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
William Priest, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Rolland Belford, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Klint Svec, Wapakoneta, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

CARRYALL TWP
 2/23/21 Derck Keith E to Derck Keith E; 15193 Rd 45 Antwerp Oh 45813; 6.146 acres; Pt Ne1/4 & Pt Se1/4Ne1/4 Carryall Twp S-22
 2/25/21 Bowman & Bowman Holdings Inc to Rhinehart Arthur L Rhinehart Jennifer L; 301 E Woodcox St; 0.1653 acres; Lot 16 Murphy Add Antwerp Vill

2/22/21 Lowe Kenneth F Lowe Patricia L to Lowe Patricia L; 105 Diamond Dr; 0.5877 acres; Lot 8 Antwerp Vill Wabash & Erie Canal Add
LATTA TWP
 2/25/21 Brown Vicki L Brown Mikel A to Brown Mikel A; 18357 Rd 24 Grover Hill Oh 45849; 2.627 acres; Pt Se1/4 Sw1/4 Latta Twp S-25
WASHINGTON TWP
 2/25/21 Collins Donald W & Collins Vivian to Thompson Cory D Etal; 2847 Rd 173 Grover Hill Oh 45849; 3.19 acres; Pt N1/2Nw1/4 Washington Twp Sec-29

LATTA LEADS LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL URANIUM RESERVE
 Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) re-introduced the Nuclear Prosperity and Security Act. This legislation would direct the Secretary of Energy to establish and operate a uranium reserve in the United States, which would ensure the availability of uranium in the event of a market disruption and support strategic fuel cycle capabilities for our country.

"The United States has fallen behind in the competitive development of nuclear energy, and now, we rely heavily on foreign sources of uranium," said Latta. "In order to avoid threats to our nuclear supply chain, we need to build up our domestic uranium mining, production, and conversion by establishing a uranium reserve. The Nuclear Prosperity and Security Act would establish a domestic uranium reserve that will result in lower carbon emissions, new jobs and economic growth, and a more secure world."
 "It is troubling that the House is expected to vote on a natural resource bill this week that would further restrict uranium mining in the United States," continued Latta. "This would be another disappointing setback for our domestic energy production and security. Instead, we need to be boosting our domestic energy supply in order to make the United States more energy secure and independent."
 House GOP Conference Chair, Congresswoman Liz Cheney (R-WY), is an original cosponsor of the Nuclear Prosperity and Security Act in the House of Representatives.

"Wyoming's cherished resources are essential to America's economic and national security, and it is crucial that our nation makes use of them to once again become a global leader in uranium production," said Cheney. "That's why I'm proud to sponsor legislation establishing a domestic uranium reserve, which will bolster critical workforces and production while ensuring that we do not have to rely on our adversaries for this essential resource. We must restore our nation's nuclear leadership -- and doing so starts with Wyoming."
 Latta led similar legislation in the 116th Congress.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
BENTON TWP
 2/23/21 Bultemeier Larry W Trustee & Bultemeier Janice W Trustee to Bultemeier Marci R Trustee Etal; Sr 114; 79.76 acres; Pt E1/2 Ne1/4 Benton Twp S-30
BROWN TWP
 2/23/21 Shisler Susan L to Weible Kelly Joe Trustee; 21364 Rd 166 Oakwood Oh 45873; 5.4 acres; Pt N1/2 Nw1/4 Parcel D Brown Twp S-4
 2/23/21 English Bernard English Adam Etal to English Bernard Etal; Rd 209; 73.674 acres; Pt S1/2 Ne1/4 Brown Twp S-26

1ST GRADE VALENTINE'S PROJECT



During the month of February, Miss Miller's first grade class at Payne Elementary participated in a Valentine Exchange and received Valentines from schools all over the United States. There were about 650 teachers that participated in the project and we were put into a group with 24 other classrooms across the country. We made our valentines at the end of January and included a letter to go along with it telling them about our first grade at Payne Elementary, some fun facts about Ohio and mailed them. The students were excited to look in our mailbox each day to see how many we received. We would open them up and read all about them and admire their valentine. We would then hang them in the hallway marking which state they had come from. We have received 20 so far. We have really enjoyed this project, learning about other classrooms in our country and have learned about kindness and that sending a heart or letter in the mail can really make someone's day.

OAKWOOD STUDENTS USE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SENSES



Recently, students in Mrs. Horstman's and Ms Pam's sixth grade reading class read a poem about descriptive words which are described as colorful as "confetti". They learned how imagery is the use of words and details to help readers see, hear, taste, smell and feel things better. Descriptive words can make reading and writing more exciting, just like frosting that makes crackers taste better. Shown here are Domanick Bullinger and Grady Manson adding frosting and confetti sprinkles to their crackers.

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

be contracted to do this. The officer explained that was a civil matter. The officer told the person who was plowing and so he stopped and left.

On February 17 the Police were contacted in reference to a resident getting their vehicle stuck partway in the road. The officer called a Paulding County deputy who assisted him in clearing a path through the snow and pushing the vehicle into the driveway.

On February 18 a resident of the village found a MARCS portable radio laying on the ground on River St near the West Bend News. Officers determined the radio belonged to the Delaware TWP Fire Department in Defiance.

On February 20 the owner of the Erie Recycling Center reported that someone had thrown two boxes of clothes into recycling bin. The officer was able to locate the owner of the clothes and told her she must retrieve her stuff.

On February 20 officers assisted the Ohio State Patrol with a traffic stop at the Post Office parking lot. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence. The passenger was given transportation home.

On February 21 a call was received of a person who was attempting suicide. The officer responded and was able to get immediate help for the person.

On February 21 the Police Department received a report of a drunk pedestrian who had fallen in the snow and could not get up. The officer responded and found the drunk pedestrian who had injured his leg. The EMS was called who transported him to the hospital.

On February 21 a resident of the Park Avenue Villas reported that he believed someone had entered his residence and stolen money. The officers investigated and found no signs of forced entry. The investigation continues.

On February 22 the department received another call in reference to fraudulent unemployment claims. The person had not filed. This has become a widespread problem that many people are now finding out about. The police department does have packets of information that are available that will guide people through the process of working through these wrongful claims.

On February 22 a resident reported receiving a call from what they said was Mercy Health System. They were asking him his medical card information and other personal info of identification. He realized that it was a fraudulent call during the conversation and hung up.

On February 23 was asked to keep the peace on Buffalo St while child custody transfer took place.

On February 24 a phone call was received that the attorney generals office that submitted a report that a recent case had fentanyl and meth.

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

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family district and B-1 gateway business district to B-2 downtown commercial district, and declaring the same an emergency

- Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2021-02. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.
- Motion made by Rister, seconded by West, to accept resolution no. 2021-02. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

RITA tax collection for the month of January, paid in February, was \$33,386.25.

Administrator's Report
 Water Treatment Plant general plan RFQ requested:

Four engineering firms responded to the request for qualifications for a general plan for the water treatment plant. The firms were: Poggemeyer Design Group, Jones & Henry, Mote & Associates and Wessler Engineering. The utility committee met on Thursday, February 11, 2021, and reviewed the submissions and ranked firms. As the committee wanted more information directly from their top 3 firms, meetings will be scheduled with the utility committee during the last week of February with Poggemeyer Design Group, Jones & Henry and Wessler Engineering. The committee will then bring their recommendation back to the full council at the march meeting.

Buffalo Street vacation public hearing:

A public hearing notice on this proposed street vacation was advertised in The West Bend Newspaper. A public hearing was set for immediately at the start of the Wednesday 7:00 a.m. council meeting. The administrator only received one inquiry from a resident on Buffalo Street to the west of Erie Street. After showing him the location of the proposed vacation, he was satisfied and had no objection to the vacation. All contiguous land owners to this section of Buffalo Street extended have been contacted and have given their written consent to the Buffalo Street extension being vacated. If the vacation is granted, the right-of-way will be split equally between Hilton and Mason.

Zoning ordinance text amendments for B-2 district and rezoning of S. Erie Street initiated:

The administrator met with Gabe Oberlin to go over the current zoning and district definitions for S. Erie Street. It has come to our attention that the area from the Community Church to E. Canal should be zoned B-2 (gateway commercial) as it has 5 commercial businesses and we anticipate an additional commercial business, Family Dollar Tree, coming to the area. Currently, Hop's Place and Erie Recycling are classified in a R-2 (residential) zoning district and this needs to be rezoned to address any future expansions they might want to undertake. In addition, the zoning ordinance sections on B-2 district should be amended to remove some of the existing language that does not apply to small developments that may occur in the village and would have an adverse effect in the attraction of commercial or retail businesses looking to locate in the village, and also amended to make residential a permitted use in this district to allow existing residential structures to be improved and/or added onto.

As this area includes more than one commercial business, the administrator feels that the village council should undertake the request for re-zoning and zoning text amendments. The resolutions on the agenda are to initiate zoning ordinance text amendments for B-2 gateway commercial district and official zoning map amendments to transmit to the planning commission for review and recommendations as provided in section 705 of the zoning ordinance. The resolutions are by emergency measure, otherwise the proposed amendments would not be made available to planning commission for 3 months from the February meeting. If the council initiates the zoning amendments set forth in the proposed resolutions, the next step will be for the planning commission to review these proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance and official zoning map. After their review, a recommendation will be made to council to approve the amendments as is, approve the amendments with modifications or deny the amendments. A public hearing will then be held and the recommendation on the proposed amendments is then to be decided by council. Council was provided with a redlined version of the B-2 district section of the zoning ordinance showing the proposed amendments as

Sudoku solution

from page 9

3	2	9	5	1	7	6	4	8
5	4	8	6	3	9	7	2	1
1	6	7	8	4	2	5	9	3
4	5	3	7	8	1	2	6	9
2	7	1	4	9	6	3	8	5
8	9	6	2	5	3	4	1	7
7	1	4	9	6	5	8	3	2
9	8	5	3	2	4	1	7	6
6	3	2	1	7	8	9	5	4

well as a highlighted section of the permitted, conditional, accessory use table on proposed amendments to permitted uses. A current map showing how S. Erie is zoned was provided to council plus the proposed zoning map that changes the zoning classification of all properties adjoining S. Erie Street to B-2 gateway.

Fire department bid awarded for SCBA gear:

One bid was received on the advertisement for SCBA gear for the fire department. The bid opening was Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Atlantic Emergency Solutions, formerly Findlay Fire Equipment, submitted a bid of \$96,950.00 for 14 self-contained breathing apparatus harnesses, face pieces, twenty-eight carbon-wrapped cylinders, plus all warranties, service and warranty support, etc. This bid was within the estimate and the bid documents were complete. The administrator had the Fire Chief, Bob Addis, review the bid also and he found the bid to be complete as well. A notice of award was sent to Atlantic Emergency Solutions along with a contract to purchase the equipment.

Internet auction for sale of 2006 Ford Explorer completed:

A 2006 Ford Explorer police car was placed on the village's website under the heading of internet auction of village equipment. Three sealed bids were received by the fiscal officer. The bidding ended Wednesday, February 10, 2021, and the bids were opened at noon on Thursday, February 11, 2021. The highest bid received was for \$2,000.00 made by Zack Walk of Antwerp. Mr. Walk has been contacted and told he has 7 days to complete the purchase of this vehicle with the fiscal officer.

Committee Reports
 Utility committee met to discuss RFQ's received by engineers. They will now set up interviews with engineering firms and bring information back to council with a recommendation.

Personnel committee made a recommendation that the village move forward using community memorial hospital for police physicals due to their occupational pricing. Fiscal Officer Lychy will check if there will be a contract that needs signed before moving forward.

Old Business
 Rohrs asked for an update on the East River property. Keeran stated that she has contacted the property owner by email, phone and U.S. Mail letting him know that property is in violation of minimum housing standards and sent housing inspector same packet. Housing inspector will contact property owner after 10 days from receipt of mail to move forward on inspection.

West asked for update on certification of housing inspector. Keeran stated that he does not have a current license but is qualified to make inspections contemplated by village ordinance.

West asked for update on gate on Park Ave. Solicitor Farr provided research on state fire code and designating additional fire apparatus access roads. This matter will be referred to the fire chief to determine whether to proceed.

Old Business
 West asked Keeran to provide him with well information such as size, diameter, years drilled, etc.

West presented information on a purchasing program for purchasing dump truck.

Mayor's Report
 Mayor's court brought in a total of \$1,675.00 in the month of January 2021 with \$1,275.00 going to the village, \$385.00 going to the state, and \$15.00 going to the indigent driver's fund.

- Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to adjourn the meeting. 4 years, 1 nay. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 a.m.

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REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 2/17/21

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 7:00 a.m. By Mayor Jan Reeb. Council persons present: Dean Rister, Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Mike Rohrs, and Keith West.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lychy, and Police Chief George Clemens. Visitors: Tim Copsy

Minutes from the regular council meeting held January 20, 2021, were reviewed.

- Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the minutes from the January 20, 2021, regular council

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REIDY'S LAST SECOND SHOT PUTS WOODLAN OVER LEO!



Woodlan Sophomore Alex Miller was on fire with 3 point baskets, just as this shot here! More pictures at westbendnews.net

February 26 drew the IHSAA season to a close and on to tournaments starting on Tuesday. The game between Leo and Woodlan is always a hot topic on the Warrior campus. This time the game had a different outcome!

The first quarter ended with Leo in the lead 15-11 but the second quarter put Woodlan in the lead after Alex Miller and Joe Reidy posted several 3 point baskets and the boys held the defense against the Lions.

The half ended at 24-23 in Woodlan's favor. By the end of the third quarter the score was 36-36. Neither team was able to get points in until about halfway through the 4th and Leo took the lead 36-40. Woodlan was able to slowly come back and tie the lead with 16 seconds left on the clock at 43 each. Woodlan took the ball down the court and Joe Reidy got an opening and put up a 3 point attempt that sunk right into the basket to win the game 46-43!



SENIOR NIGHT - Brennan Donovan was honored as the only senior ball player! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Kaliei Upton was honored for her 4 years as a cheerleader! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is open to the public and in the process of planning many activities at all their locations.

The Adult Section in Paulding is in the process of planning a project, like the library Facebook page, and watch for contests and daily prizes.

The Children's Room is busy with activity. Check out their Facebook page (Paulding County Library Youth Services) and watch the weekly storytime with "Kooky Kirk". Then stop by the library the week of March 1 to March 6 to celebrate "Read Across America" and Dr. Seuss's Birthday. The Children's room will have activities and surprises for all participants. March 17 is St.

Patrick's Day come pick up a Leprechaun craft. The annual "Spring Party" will take place on March 25, 5-6:30, with a drive thru style program. The Easter Bunny will be making a visit. Be sure to stop by and get your bag of goodies. March is Women's History Month, check out our collection of Biographies on women in history. We have a selection of new books to check out. No library card, we can help you with that also.

Did you know March 14 is National Potato Chip Day, and March 19 is National Let's Laugh Day?

The Payne Branch Library is having a "Golden Ticket Giveaway" there are two tickets hidden in Adult Fiction/Mystery section as well as Young Adult Fiction. The prizes this round are a Keurig K-Slim coffee maker, adult fiction prize and a Portable Waterproof Bluetooth speaker, YA prize. Check out a book with a golden ticket and win the prize. Be sure to stop in for your chance to win. Toddler Tales Tuesday storytime will be posted online and there will be a craft ready for parents or caregivers to pick up. Coloring Club Wednesday has coloring sheets and crayons ready to be picked up and take home.

The Antwerp Branch Library is offering an online storytime every Wednesday, stop by and pick up your craft to go along with the story.

The Oakwood Branch Library is offering a Book Drawing for a new book each month. Fridays are "Family Movie Day" choose a movie or two and get a free bag of microwave popcorn. March 14-17 all kids stop by the library and create your own personal journal, sketch book or diary. "Welcome Spring" with colorful designs you create on the cover of a booklet. March 29 Turkey eggs are coming to the library, and you will get to watch them hatch via live cam.

The Grover Hill Branch library is planning for the month of March, "Read the Rainbow" the focus is on colors and rainbow theme crafts will be available. Check out the Grover Hill Branch Library facebook



page for more upcoming activities. Watch for details in April about the Spring Bucket List.

Call the Main Branch at 419-399-2032 for more information on any of the upcoming events.

Friends of the Library's used bookstore, "Buy the Book" is open for in-person browsing on Wednesdays from 1:30-4:30, and Saturday from 9-12. The bookstore is located in Main Branch Annex Building next to the library.

Check out the newest arrivals of Crafts & hobbies, Christian Inspirational Fiction and Mysteries. Friends Group will meet at the bookstore on Monday, March 8 at 6:00 pm, followed by the Black Swamp Bookworms reading club at

6:30 pm. Pick up a copy of "The Recipe Box" at the main branch and join them.

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