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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MAKE DONATION TO PC DOG KENNEL



On December 22nd sixth grade students participated in character education activities. One of the activities was giving back to your community. Shown in the picture are sixth grade students from Paulding Middle School presenting Paulding County Dog Warden, David Bash, with one of the many tie blankets the students made to donate to the dog kennel.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS IN PAULDING COUNTY

The Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) has reported today that 5,850 patients are currently hospitalized with COVID-19. This number has surpassed the record broke last week of 5,356 patients being hospitalized in Ohio with COVID-19, and notably surpassed the previous record of 5,308 patients, which was

recorded on December 15, 2020. Just in the last 24-hours there have been 183 new hospital admissions due to COVID-19.

Currently, these hospitalizations include 1,273 patients who are the ICU. This number is increasingly approaching the record high for ICU patients which was recorded on December 15, 2020, with 1,318 ICU patients being reported. According to current OHA data, one in three pa-

tients are COVID-19 positive, including ICU patients.

Like many other hospitals nationwide, Paulding County Hospital is under significant stress. PCH has had to take astonishing measures to help manage the current COVID-19 surge. During this time, we have been confronted with significant staffing shortages due to open positions, COVID-19 infection or exposure, and staff burnout. In addition, we have had to postpone some elective services and procedures due to staffing and supply chain shortages.

Echoing the thoughts of a critical care nurse recorded in Columbus: "Our beds are full. There is nowhere else to go, and we are short-staffed as everyone else... We are tired, we are frustrated, and we want the best for our patients." In a recent press release, Governor DeWine emphasized that COVID-19 vaccines remain a powerful tool to keep individuals out of the hospital. Since June 2021, there have been 35,962 admissions, and 92.5% of those have been individuals who are not fully vaccinated.

The best way to assist area hospitals is to do your best to

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JAGGER LANDERS SCORES 1000th POINT!



Photo by: Antwerp Athletic Boosters.

At Monday night's Route 49 Tournament game against Edgerton (74-29) Jagger Landers scored his 1000th point! This is a major feat for the Archer senior's athletic career! Antwerp Boys Basketball is a powerhouse of talent and teamwork this season. Monday night's match up played witness to this description perfectly. The Archers domi-

nated the court from jump ball to final buzzer never giving the Bulldogs more than a 23 point scoring difference.

Jagger Landers' stats from the Edgerton game — 16pts, 6 rebounds, 3 blocks & scored his 1000th point!

Thus far in Landers' senior season he can boast the following: 117 points, 16.7 point

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SHOW ME THE FATHER PRESENTED AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Show Me The Father is coming to Christ Lutheran Church January 23rd, 2022. Free movie night munchies at 4:00 p.m., Movie at 5:00 p.m.

The Kendrick Brothers have done it again. The same people that brought us: Fire Proof, Overcomer, War Room, etc. now bring us Show Me The Father.

Christ Lutheran Church, 4412 Park St., Woodburn, IN. 260-632-4821.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN JANUARY 2022

January brings with it new beginnings and new opportunities. The library will be closed to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 17, 2022.

The Adult/Teen sections will have Makes and Takes available. Cookbook Club is

the Third Monday of the month at 5:30. Call the library at 419-399-2032 for further details.

The Children's department will continue with its preschool story time on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. The Children's Room is also planning "An Artic Adventure" for Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 5:00 pm. Registration is required, and supplies limited. We will have an artic activity and stuff your very own artic pal. Call the children's room at 419-399-2032 to reserve your spot. Stop by Tuesday January 18th for Winnie the Pooh Day!

The Antwerp Branch will have Cookbook club on Jan 24th at 5:45. Book Club is Jan 10th at 6:00 pm. ABL is offering a Crochet Club once a month call to join in the fun. Also, in the works is Iced Tie Die call 419-258-2855 for more information on these or any other upcoming pro-

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Community Calendar MON & WED

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

January 5

• Anger: Master or Servant @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm
• Good Morning book club @ Oakwood Library, 11am

January 9

• Prayer Meeting @ Cecil Comm. Church, 9:30am
• The Chosen @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

January 10

• Cookbook Club @ Payne Library, 6pm

January 12

• WBESC Meeting @ Van Wert office, 5:30pm
• Anger: Master or Servant @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

January 13

• Photography Club @ GH Library, 5pm
• Antwerp Conservation Club Meeting @ 7pm

January 15

• NRL22 Match @ ACC, 8am registration; 9am begins
• Blue Ribbon Workers meeting @ PC Youth Leadership Bldg.
• Food Distribution @ Cecil Comm. Church, 12-3pm

January 16

• Prayer Meeting @ Cecil Comm. Church, 9:30am
• The Chosen @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

Add event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net



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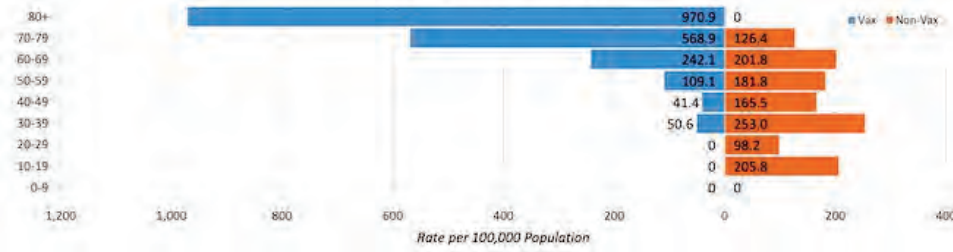
A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Paulding County COVID-19 Comparison Data to 6 Pact+ Region, December 2021

Hospitalization Rate by Age Group and by Date Reported to ODH (as of 12/16/21)



Paulding: Hospitalization Rate Per 100,000 Population by Age Group, June 2021 - December 2021



Paulding County Data as of 12/16/2021

According to data collected by the area county health departments, a majority of the hospitalizations among the most vulnerable population (age 60 and over) are vaccinated against COVID-19.

According to the Paulding County Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health, Paulding County's Rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people has had a

steady DECLINE over the month of December with a peak on 12/18/21 at 974.7. At 2021's end, Paulding County's rate has decreased by 396.3 for a total (as of

12/30/21) of 578.4 per 100,000 residents.

We shall see how the county responds to the Omicron variant by the end of January.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
I have a problem with lustful dreams. How can I stop them?

First, check your input. Romans 13:14 says we should make no provision for the flesh. Wrong TV, pornography, music, magazines, conversation, and fantasizing can burn wrong images on our subconscious. We should make a covenant with our eyes like Job did. Job 31:1 - "I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?" David said in Psalm 101:3 - "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes."

Second, confess any sin God reveals. Psalm 139:23 - "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts." I John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Otherwise, you leave the door wide open for Satan when you sleep.

Third, claim by faith God's promise of protection. Psalm 4:8 - "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety." He is able to overcome Satan

and our wicked heart even while we sleep.

Fourth, ask for the filling and control of the Holy Spirit before you go to sleep. Ephesians 5:18 - "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Galatians 5:16 - "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." II Corinthians 10:5 - "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

LOVE WILL DO IT

By: Doris Applegate

"What the world needs now, is love, sweet love!" This was a popular song years ago and this love is needed now, perhaps more than ever!

People feel so unloved today and the lack of it is the biggest cause of all our problems. We have the great God given words: Faith, Hope and Love (charity) but the greatest of these is the Love (I Corinthians 13:13). This charity is the God kind of love. We only get the God kind of love when we are

born again by the spirit of God that comes into our spirit and we become a 'new creature' according to 2 Corinthians 5:17.

At this time, the Love of God is shed abroad in our heart. This divine love does not come any other way. It is divine (Godly). In Psalm 145:20 it says "the Lord preserveth all them that love him, but the wicked He will destroy" this is a very good reason to love, don't you think? Who of us want destroyed? The world will know that we are Christians by our love. If we lack this divine love, we are just like the world.

In Romans 12:1 and 2 it says: "I beseech you, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If we love the world, the love of the Father is not in us. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world

passeth away and the lust thereof, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." (I John 2:15-17).

This may seem hard to understand but God will help those who desire to please the Lord. We are in the world, but not of it. We have hearts toward God and His love to others. Loving the world is an un-Godly concept and we overcome it by loving God and His desires for us instead.

Amen

ERRATIC SLEEP PUTS HEART HEALTH AT RISK

We've all experienced the tiredness and lack of clarity that comes from a sleepless night, but a study published last year by the Journal of the American College of Cardiology Foundation found that sleep schedule inconsistency is also a risk factor for heart disease. David Mohan, MD, Family Medicine, with Lutheran Health Physicians, is making sure patients know how important it is to establish a regular sleep pattern.

The cardiovascular system exhibits strong circadian rhythms, biochemical, physiological and behavioral processes that rise and fall during the 24-hour day, to maintain normal functioning. The sleep/wake cycle is another circadian rhythm and the study found that individuals with the most irregular sleep duration or timing had more than twice the risk of developing cardiovascular disease compared with individuals who had the most regular sleep patterns. Physicians are now more likely to recommend sufficient sleep as a heart health prevention action on top of physical activity and healthy diet.

"People underestimate the possible formulation effects of not getting regular consistent amounts of sleep," says Mohan. "If you have inconsistent amounts of sleep from night to night or do not have a standard bedtime, you might well be at risk for cardiovascular disease, regardless of sleep quality or whether you have sleep apnea. Inconsistent amounts of sleep and inconsistent bedtimes correlate with conditions like high blood pressure, heart attack and diabetes."

The National Sleep Foundation has identified that from age 18 to 64 we need 7 to 9 hours of sleep, and at 65 or older we need 7 to 8 hours of sleep. Children and younger people have a need for more hours.

This time is needed so the body can perform a number of vital functions that support the health of both body

Scripture of the Week

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,"

— Titus 2:11-12

and brain. Three primary functions are repairing tissue, fighting off infection and processing memories of experiences from the day.

Higher variability in sleep duration or timing is associated with higher blood pressure and blood lipid levels as well as insulin resistance that can lead to diabetes. Insufficient sleep can affect your body in other ways, including:

- Immune functioning is compromised as your body produces fewer antibodies so you're more likely to get sick and the body has fewer resources to stave off illness, including cancers.

- Impulse control and appetite hormones can become unbalanced, promoting overeating and obesity.

- Mental functioning can be diminished for things like problem solving, reasoning, organizing, planning and executing plans.

- Learning is affected in all stages - your ability to encode new information, to consolidate and absorb the information and make new connections, and ability to remember and retrieve the information.

"We all have a biological clock that is governed by light and dark and tied to our circadian rhythm of bedtime and waking," explains Mohan. "That biological clock itself can influence

the pancreas, liver and worsen prediabetes. That's why a consistent bedtime and amount of sleep is very

crucial."

Many things can cause sleeping difficulties and sleep deprivation, including stress, sleep apnea and chronic insomnia. Insomnia is often a symptom of stress or anxiety disorders that can make it difficult to relax enough to fall asleep and sleep soundly. Your health care provider can help determine whether you could benefit from medication or behavioral therapy or if a thorough sleep study is needed.

If you need help finding a Lutheran Health Physicians primary care physician or would like to schedule a telehealth visit, call (833) 546-4968. You can also find a primary care provider and/or schedule an in-office or telehealth appointment online.

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protect yourself by masking up, social distancing, and getting vaccinated. We are urging our community to step up and get vaccinated against COVID-19. Simply rolling up your sleeve can help to protect yourself, your loved ones, your co-workers, your doctor, your nurse, your teacher, and your community. We implore you, please get vaccinated!

Paulding County Hospital will continue to fight for our

patients and this great community we serve...close to home! We need your assistance to be triumphant, please help us in this fight and schedule your vaccination today.

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APPLE OF OUR EYES

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

When I think of apples, apple cider, apple pie and apple dumplings come to mind. Who can resist the smell and taste of a fresh baked apple dumpling or the all-American favorite, apple pie?

We always think that the apple was the fruit that Eve used to trick Adam in the Garden of Eden so, we do know that apples have been around for many years. The pilgrims planted the first United States apple trees in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. In colonial time, apples were called winter banana or melt-in-the-mouth. America's longest-lived apple tree was reportedly planted in 1647 by Peter Stuyvesant in his Manhattan orchard and was still bearing fruit when a derailed train struck it in 1866. The Lady or Api apple is one of the oldest varieties in existence and Newton Pippin apples were the first apples exported from America in 1768, some were sent to Benjamin Franklin in London.

Apples come in all shades of red, green and yellow. I recently saw in a local store they had a "Grapple" which was a grape and apple crossed. I purchased a couple and they did have a grape flavor. They were also very pricey. Some folks like to eat apples with the peel and others prefer to peel them, however, it has been said not to peel your apple. Two-thirds of the fiber and lots of antioxidants are found in the peel. Antioxidants help to reduce damage to cells, which can trigger some diseases. There are those pesky worms that like to get inside of an apple and if you are not careful you could accidentally eat one. One thing I was always told was not to eat early green apples or they would cause you to have a stomach ache, or worse. There are also various toppings you can eat on an apple. Some like apples with salt, while others prefer peanut butter or a caramel apple.

Did you know that there are over 2500 kinds of apples in the United States and apples are grown in all 50 states? Also did you know that apple trees can grow to 40 feet high and live to be 100 years old?

I have often sat and watched my grandma and grandpa peel apples and seeing who could peel the longest peeling. The world's largest apple peel was created by Kathy Wafler Madison on October 16, 1976, in Rochester, NY. It was 172 feet, 4 inches long. (She was 16 years old at the time and grew up to be a sales manager for an apple tree nursery.)

National Apple Month is the only national, generic apple promotion conducted in the United States. Originally founded in 1904 as National Apple Week, it was expanded in 1996 to a three-month promotional window from September through November. The old saying, "An apple a day, keeps the doctor away" comes from an old English adage, "To eat an apple before going to bed, will make the doctor beg his bread."

Years ago I recall that people could use an apple to give out for Trick or Treat. I don't think they do that anymore because of the various objects people stuck into apples to hurt people. Also years ago if you wanted to impress your school teacher, you could give them an apple.

Now for some awwwww bad jokes about apples.
1. What did the worm want to be when he grew up? He wanted to join the Apple Corps (cores)
2. Why did Eve want to move to New York? She fell for The Big Apple
3. What do you get when you cross a shellfish with an apple? A Crabapple
Do you like apples? Have you ever bit into a worm in an apple? What is the longest peel you have ever peeled? Do you eat an apple a day? Let me know and I will give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

passes the previous hospitalizations record of 5,308 on Dec. 15, 2020. Of today's hospitalizations, 1,228 patients are in the ICU, which is approaching the record high of 1,318 ICU patients reported on Dec. 15, 2020.

As hospitals struggle with staffing to support the surge in COVID-19 patients, Governor DeWine announced during a press conference today, that he has asked Major General John C. Harris, Jr., Adjutant General, Ohio National Guard, to mobilize an additional 1,250 members of the Ohio National Guard, bringing the total deployment of National Guard members working with Ohio's health-care systems to 2,300 members.

Governor DeWine previously authorized the deployment of 1,050 Ohio National Guard members on Friday, Dec. 17. Major General Harris said the Ohio National Guard's goal is to augment hospitals' medical staff and wraparound services. Teams including nurses and medics will provide clinical care and non-medical teams will offer support services such as food service, patient transportation within facilities, and administrative support.



Approximately 460 Guard members are deployed in the Cleveland area; more than 160 in the Toledo area; about 100 in Columbus area. Smaller numbers of the Guard will be deployed in the coming days in Mansfield, Dayton, and Lima to support hospitals. Guard personnel are also supporting testing sites in Cleveland and Akron.

"The National Guard has been indispensable," said Robert Wyllie, MD, Chief Medical Operations Officer, Cleveland Clinic. The Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Hospital Association are working daily with Ohio hospitals to assess staffing needs to determine the most appropriate support from the Ohio National Guard.

"Everybody agreed when the decision was made to send in the National Guard to our hospitals ... All the way through this, we are going to be guided by where they are needed most today. It should give people confidence that everybody is on the same page here. Let's deploy them where they are needed the most," Governor DeWine said.

Hospitals
Hospitals have been taking extraordinary measures to manage this COVID-19 surge, including postponing elective surgeries, while battling staffing shortages as a result of COVID-19 infection or exposure, and burnout.

The northern parts of Ohio have been particularly hard hit, especially the greater Cleveland area, where one in three patients are COVID-19 positive, including ICU patients, according to OHA data. Statewide, the COVID-19 positivity rate is 25%, according to Ohio Department of Health data.

The state's strategic hospital zone and region structure has allowed hospitals to work together with neighboring hospitals to balance the load of patients. This structure continues to be vital as cases and hospitalizations dramatically rise statewide and staffing remains a significant concern.

While Southwest Ohio is not seeing the same volume of

patients as northern parts of the state, Richard P. Lofgren, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer, UC Health, expressed concerns about the surge in cases making its way across the entire state during the coming weeks.

"Unfortunately, the pandemic is not over ... we are seeing more cases now than we have ever seen along the way," he said. "Now, the spread of Omicron is adding fuel to this raging fire. One of the things that I want to make sure that people understand, is that this not only affects the care of people with COVID, but also affects people who don't have COVID. It squeezes out our ability to take care of patients with other life-serious or life-threatening problems, such as heart attacks and strokes."

Governor DeWine also spoke with Jennifer Hollis, a critical care nurse at Ohio-Health Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, about her experience in the hospital. "I just want everybody to be able to walk a mile in my shoes and kind of understand as a critical care nurse, what I am seeing when I am coming into work. It is beyond difficult," Hollis said. "Our beds are full. There is nowhere else to go, and we are just as short-staffed as everyone else is seeing as well ... We are tired, we are frustrated, and we want the best for all of our patients."

Hollis urged Ohioans to get vaccinated to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their communities. "I'll continue to fight for you, when you won't fight for yourself. Please get vaccinated. Quarantine if you are symptomatic. Get tested," she said.

Governor DeWine emphasized that the COVID-19 vaccines remain a powerful tool to keep people out of the hospital. Since June 1, 2021, there have been 35,962 admissions, and 92.5% of those have been among people who are not fully vaccinated.

Now more than ever, it's critical to follow prevention strategies including getting vaccinated, getting a booster shot if eligible, wearing face masks, washing your hands frequently, getting tested, and staying home if sick, even if symptoms are mild.

"We are looking now at an impact of COVID-19 that is unlike anything we've seen before in this pandemic," said Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA, Director, Ohio Department of Health. "We have access to a powerful tool that can really shield us from the worst outcomes of COVID-19, and that is vaccination."

As of today, more than 6.9 million Ohioans have received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. That's 63% of those Ohioans eligible (ages 5 and older). More than 2.6 million have received an additional dose, or a booster dose.

Today, the Ohio Hospital Association also distributed a letter from the Ohio Hospital Association and Ohio Children's Hospital Association to Ohio school superintendents, administrators and school board members encouraging them to implement a masking requirement when students return from the holiday break. A masking requirement in schools will help limit community spread of COVID-19 and keep students in school, the letter said.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Riley Finley Ennis (part 2)

After Pearl Harbor was bombed, the United States Army was looking to keep current educated officers. Riley was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel February of 1942, by December 11, 1942, he was promoted to Colonel. Military records are unclear as to his placement with high command. I sense that his skill set was used to train and set up command organization.

On August 9, 1944, Riley was promoted to Brigadier General, but only as temporary position. By January 1945, Riley served under Major General Roderick P. Allen with the 12th Armored Division, as a Commanding General of Combat Group A. on the borderland of Luxembourg and Belgium.

Near the end of World War 2, Riley, a Major General, was replaced and sent home for reassignment. He was placed in charge of military affairs in San Francisco, from there, he was sent to Ft. McPherson, Georgia, to work with the Third Army. On June 3, 1946, Riley was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry as a permanent position.

Staying in the military, as March 3, 1948, records listed him as a Brigadier General of Infantry. Then the Korean War broke out. February of 1951, with the rank of Major General, Riley served as Assistant Chief of Staff to General Mathew B. Ridgeway. On May 5, 1951, Riley was sent to Tokyo to become Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence. Sometime after 1952, Riley was still serving in the far east, Korea, with intelligence.

On January 16, 1954, Riley was sent home for reassignment. It is unclear when he retired from the military. Riley and Helen moved to 301 Crestline Drive, San Francisco, California.

On September 11, 1963, Riley passed away from heart failure at home. He was buried in San Francisco National Cemetery, San Francisco, California. Section OSA, Row 112, Site 1. January 27, 1974, his wife, Helen, passed away from Bronchial Pneumonia. She was buried beside her career military husband. They had no children to pass on the family name.

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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS CAROL AROUND THE SQUARE



On December 22nd Paulding Middle School eighth grade students and staff members helped spread holiday cheer by stopping at various locations around the Paulding Village Square to sing Christmas carols. Shown in the picture are the Paulding Middle School Carolers.

NEW \$1.2 MILLION PROJECT FUNDS CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE AT OHIO STATE

Conservation measures and climate-smart agriculture at The Ohio State University got a boost last week with the announcement of a \$1.2 million investment by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to fund a new robotic irrigation system.

USDA Sec. Tom Vilsack and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown announced the project Friday during a tour of Ohio State's Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory to highlight the critical role of agriculture in the nation's economy and the administration's investment in agricultural research and extension.

Waterman is part of Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The project is designed to advance climate-smart agriculture as it relates to efficiently irrigating and applying nutrients to crops. The project focuses on a robotic irrigation system that aligns nutrient application timing to a crop's nutrient needs and improves irrigation efficiency, having a high probability of impacting water quality and reducing evaporation. The project will be implemented in Ohio and Iowa and is one of 19 new Conservation Innovation Grants funded by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Vilsack said.

"Innovation is key to addressing the climate crisis and conserving the natural resources we all depend on," Vilsack said in a written statement. "We know we cannot do it alone, and through Conservation Innovation Grants, we bring partners to the table who are using the latest science and research to come up with solutions that work for

farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners and help ensure the longevity of American agriculture."

Vilsack and Brown toured Waterman and participated in a discussion with university faculty and staff and industry stakeholders that was moderated by Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State's vice president for agricultural administration and CFAES dean.

Kress pointed to the current construction of the Controlled Environment Agriculture Research Complex and the plans for the new Multi-species Animal Learning Center as part of the continuing innovation at Waterman. Robotic-enhanced farming and artificial intelligence research were also highlighted.

"We are so delighted to have visitors coming out to learn more about the science and the technology of our college in our focus on food, agriculture, and environmental sciences," Kress said. "Robotics are another important addition to what we can do here at The Ohio State University to provide a world-class education for our students and a world-class research environment for our faculty."

"Through our teaching, research, and extension, the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences serves local, state, national, and global needs in the food, agricultural, and environmental sciences. As the cornerstone college of our comprehensive land-grant university, our purpose—we sustain life—touches nearly all disciplines and challenges facing society."

Vilsack echoed that sentiment, calling the research and education at Waterman and CFAES critical to the nation's agricultural and environmental future.

"There's a lot of cool things happening today, but there is

nothing more cool than what we are doing right here," he said. "The ability of young people to engage in transforming our agricultural system to support local and regional food systems, to support commodity-scale agriculture, to embrace both of those in an effort to reduce the carbon footprint of American agriculture and allow it to be a national and international leader in climate change is an exciting opportunity."

"And to be able to do it in a way that increases the bottom line for farmers, ranchers, and producers increases their ability to keep the farm and to transfer it to the next generation, is just an exciting opportunity."

Ohio State President Kristina M. Johnson provided welcoming remarks during the event. Also in attendance were Scott Shearer, professor and chair of the CFAES Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, who will be leading the new climate-smart agriculture, and Terry Cosby, chief of NRCS, which is the USDA agency issuing the funding for the project.

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP (NHEG) ANNOUNCES A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH HEROES OF LIBERTY

Heroes of Liberty is a series of children's books that help pass the torch of American values to the next generation - one story at a time. The series features beautifully illustrated biographies of important people throughout American history. Each book is written in an engaging format and filled with breathtaking artwork focusing on the life story and achievements of Americans who are Heroes of Liberty. The Heroes of Liberty book motto is AMERICAN VALUES - ONE STORY AT A TIME.

The first three Heroes of Liberty are President Ronald Reagan, Thomas Sowell, and Justice Amy Coney Barrett. Starting in 2022, Heroes of Liberty will be publishing one book about one hero each month. Coming up are John Wayne, Margaret Thatcher, Mark Twain, Douglas MacArthur, Alexander Hamilton, Rush Limbaugh and others.

Pamela Clark, Executive Director of NHEG, stated, "We are excited about these new books for families who are looking for American history resources. The books are beautifully made and tell the stories of people who have had a notable impact on our country's history."

You can learn all about the Heroes of Liberty books by

listening to our Christmas special podcast, New Heights Show on Education, on Christmas Eve. You can also visit

<https://heroesofliberty.com/?ref=NHEG>, and the information will be featured on NHEG's website <http://www.NewHeightsEducation.org> and in our magazine, the NHEG EDGuide.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Shawna Dugger and Rylee Collins welcomed Julius Creed Collins on December 30, 2021. Julius weighed 7 lbs 13 Oz and was 20 inches long.

Julius has one sibling: Carter Collins, grandma, Mary Hobart and great grandma Donna Yeich both of Cecil, OH.

KIDNEY STONES CAN PUT KIDNEY FUNCTION AT RISK

If you feel a sharp pain in your back, side, lower abdomen, or groin, or have blood in your urine, you may have a kidney stone - a condition that is common and on the rise. If left untreated, kidney stones can cause serious complications in addition to severe pain. Melissa Stemen, a Family Nurse Practitioner with Lutheran Health Physicians, encourages patients to seek timely treatment in order to prevent permanent damage.

Kidney stones are hard, pebble-like pieces of material that form in one or both of your kidneys when high levels of certain minerals are in your urine. Varying in size and shape, they can be as small as a grain of sand or as large as a pea and, rarely, as big as golf balls. A small kidney stone may pass through your urinary tract on its own, causing little or no pain or other symptoms. A larger kidney stone may get stuck and block the flow of urine. If kidney stones are not treated, they can cause blood in the urine, severe pain, urinary tract infections (UTIs), kidney infections and loss of kidney function.

"Kidney stones can be extremely painful. The pain can occur suddenly or gradually anywhere along the urinary tract from the back, flank, lower abdomen or groin generally on either the right or left side. We have effective methods to control the pain and help with the passage of kidney stones," said Melissa Stemen, NP-C, Family Practice. "If you're experiencing this kind of pain, don't delay care. We can help."

The National Kidney Foundation reports that over half a million people go to emergency rooms for kidney stone problems every year. It is estimated that one in ten people will have a kidney stone at some time in their lives. Those with a family history of kidney stones are more likely to develop them. You are also more likely to develop kidney stones again if you've had them in the past, have high blood pressure, diabetes or obesity or if you don't drink enough liquids.

"We use several methods to diagnose kidney stones including the patient's medical history, patient's report of symptoms, physical exam, and tests such as blood work, urine testing, CT and xray," said Stemen. "Treatment of kidney stones depends on the size, location and potential

complicating factors. Patients may be able to prevent kidney stones by drinking enough water, changing their diet and/or taking medications."

Four dietary tips from the National Kidney Foundation can help you prevent painful kidney stones.

- Drink plenty of fluids when exercising and sweating. Sweat water loss leads to less urine production, allowing stone-causing minerals to settle and bond in the kidneys and urinary tract.
- Eat and drink calcium and oxalate-rich foods together during a meal to make it more likely they will bind to one another in the stomach and intestines before the kidneys begin processing. High levels of oxalate are found in peanuts, rhubarb, spinach, beets, chocolate and sweet potatoes.

- Maintain your calcium intake but cut back on sodium. A diet low in calcium increases your risk of developing kidney stones.

- Eat more fruits and vegetables and less animal-based protein to help decrease urine acidity which can reduce the chance for stone formation.

If you suspect you may have a kidney stone, contact your primary care provider. If you need a Lutheran Health Physicians primary care provider, call (833) 546-4968 for provider referral. You can also find available primary care provider appointments online.

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National Kidney Foundation:

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MILESPIT NAMED STRATEGIC PARTNER OF OHSAA CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is pleased to announce a strategic partnership with MileSplit to support the mission of the OHSAA and pro-

vide enhanced opportunities for the OHSAA cross country and track and field tournaments.

"The OHSAA aligns with partners that add value to our member schools," said Doug Ute, Executive Director of the OHSAA. "Forming a partnership with MileSplit allows us to connect a great partner with member schools so that they can support our student-athletes."

Since its founding in 2001, MileSplit has been the definitive website for scholastic track and field registration, results, and meet coverage in the United States. The platform is already used by many events and member schools around Ohio.

"We are honored to partner with the Ohio High School Athletic Association," said Alonso Rodriguez, Director of Business Development at MileSplit. "We share a common vision of growing the sport of track and field and cross country through free online registration, real-time live results, and modern and interactive meet coverage that highlights athletes of all abilities. We are looking forward to working with the OHSAA for years to come."

About MileSplit MileSplit, which began operations in 2001, works with state editors to facilitate the business, as well as the publishing processes associated with the management of track and field and cross country meets. Its elaborate network is then able to provide in-depth coverage at the grassroots level from one state to the next. Simultaneously, these state portals distribute content to a national database that expands MileSplit's unprecedented depth of national coverage. The scope of that national coverage allows readers to view many of the vital aspects of tracking the sports -- through results, rankings, articles, videos, photos, statistics, and more.

About the Ohio High School Athletic Association

The OHSAA is a non-profit organization that serves its members schools and enriches interscholastic opportunities for students through the regulation, supervision and administration of interscholastic athletic competition to the end that school sports are an integral piece of the total educational program.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

2 - CLAIMS ASSISTANCE - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

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ARCHERS EARN ROUTE 49 TOURNAMENT CROWN



The Antwerp Archers took on the Edon Bombers in the championship game of the 2021 Route 49 tournament, hosted by the Bombers. Antwerp lead all but at one point in the game. The second half the guest team ran away with the game, finishing with a 20 point lead, 38-58. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

More Taxes

Once again we have been welcomed to the new year with our property tax bills but this time with a ridiculous increase. Just wonderful, while everyone is struggling with high gas, food, lumber and everything else prices thanks to an administration trying to destroy our country financially and socially.

I talked to several other people the other day and they were shaking their heads over this too. But I heard that they

brought in someone from Columbus to do the auditing or appraising. Just great, bring someone from a city where things are so overpriced and expensive that only the rich can afford them to tell us our properties are worth the same outrageous prices. I've seen what our properties are appraised at and just laugh, we would be lucky to get 75% of what they say.

Seems like everyone is trying to get in our pocketbooks and make us struggle more. Of course I suppose they will say the town doesn't have any money to do things as we have heard about things that need done in the west end of town. "It's always on the list"!

The town doesn't have any money but yet when I read the papers about committee meetings and such the people running the town don't have any problems asking for raises or voting themselves in raises without the population having any say in it, I wish I could ask for more retirement money, or realistic interests on my savings but we nobody's don't get that chance, we just have to keep paying taxes and see very little improvements to roads and other things that need addressed.

These people are making more per year for limited work than I did the first couple of years that I worked at BF Goodrich building tires and working 40 hours a week, and it was WORK. How can people justify raises with the financial condition of this town when people don't have work or are just trying to survive on what they make. It's a vicious circle, prices go up, people need more so they

want more or raise their prices then people struggle and have to live on the edge or do without necessities.

More, more, more and taxpayers have to pay it or get penalties that they can't pay let alone the original costs. I guess it's like one of the people said, we don't really own our homes and properties, we just rent them from the town and they keep raising our rents. If so maybe we should ask them to pay part of our utility bills.

The cost of living around here us getting way out of hand with limited job choices for people to make a decent living and be able to enjoy life after paying so many tax levies. You just can't get ahead no matter what you try to do. There is no reason for these outrageous increases especially during these times.

Another person said wait for next voting for things in this town, they will vote no on everything but a couple levies that are reasonable and for a good cause. Sure a lousy way to start the New Year, being gouged more than we already are. Good thing we can pay these bills monthly, how many can afford to pay these lump sums at once, especially in the winter when everything else is costing so much.

Pathetic and a shame what's going on in our town and government, it's all about themselves and money from taxpayers who have little.

—Gregg Gorman
Paulding Ohio

RAIDERS FARE WELL AT BORDER WAR TOURNEY

The Wayne Trace wrestling team took part in the Border Wars Tournament at Defiance, which consisted of schools from the states of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

The red, white and blue had five placers in the tournament as Wayne Trace posted a first place, two second places, a fifth place and a sixth place individually.

Jarrett Hornish took the title at Defiance in the 150 pound weight class, winning all five of his matches including three via pins.

Hornish opened the tourney by pinning Dowagiac Union's Nicholas Schultz (:59) before also pinning Fremont Ross' Elijah Simms (5:01). After a pin of Archbold's Ian Grime in 3:29, Hornish fin-

ished out the tournament with decisions over Elida's Conner Douglass (8-4) and Norwalk St. Paul's Will Steiber (5-1) to claim the tournament title.

Corbin Kimmel at 106 and Hunter Long at 138 each took second place in their respective weight class.

Kimmel won his first three matches, defeating DeKalb's Brayton Meyer, Dowagiac Union's A.J. Munson and Wauseon's Zavian LaFountain before falling to Norwalk St. Paul's Casper Caizzo in the championship match.

Long won his first four matches over Indian Lake's Ethan Oldiges, Sandusky's Andrik Purdy, Ayersville's Tyler Winzeler and Findlay's Gavin Mitchell but dropped the championship match to Eastside's Gavin Owens.

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grams.

The Grover Hill Branch Munchkin Club Storytime is moving to 10:30 am on Jan. 10th and 24th. Something new will begin January 10th its Lego Building Week for the whole family. See GHBL transform into a Lego Land full of building potential. Photography Club is set for Thursday the 13th at 5:00 pm. Bring your camera and an open mind. Book Club is back with a sequel to December's selection, discussion of "The Letter Keeper" will be on Wednesday at 4 pm. Join the library team on Monday the 24th with Slow Cooker soups and sides for Cooking Club at 6 pm. On Thursday the 27th from after school until 7 pm GHBL is hosting a Tie Dye Party for tweens and teens. Bring a t-shirt or material you want to dye, and we will provide the color and instructions. Fridays are always FREE with take/make activities, popcorn and more. The library will end January with the book/movie of the month drawing.

The Payne Branch will have Cookbook Club Monday, January 10 featuring Appetizers. Toddler Time Storytime are Tuesdays at 11 am. After School hangout continues every Monday till 5:00 pm. Popcorn will be available on National Popcorn Day. Call the library at 419-263-3333 for more information.

The Oakwood Branch will

At 157, Samuel Moore dropped his first match to Tinora's Aiden Helmke before recording victories over Norwalk's Mason Canalos, Dowagiac Union's Braylan Paredes, Antwerp's Eli Reinhart and Columbus Grove's Landen Schroeder.

After falling to Ayersville's Kasey Wellman, Moore wrapped up his fifth place finish by pinning Granville's Ethan Guglielmi.

Nathan Osborn claimed sixth place in the 215 weight pound class, recording wins over Eastside's Conner Mutzfeld and Otsego's Carter Creps to open the tournament. However, Osborn then dropped consecutive matches to Findlay's Tyler Tref, Swanton's Camron Kirtz and DeKalb's Nic Ley to take sixth.

be having a few new monthly programs. January 4 begins with puzzles, bring in a new or used puzzle and take home a puzzle. There will also be an area designated for a community puzzle. Hat making is offered daily. Every Monday is storytime at 11:00 am and Lady's Card Club. January 5 is the Good Morning Book Club for adults 11:00 to 12:00. Every Friday we will have a children's make and take craft. January 13 Adult Bingo at 11:30 a.m. and making hot chocolate bombs from 5-7. Jan 10 will be the beginning of Quilt it Club, where we will be making a quilt block of the month, this will be available online and in person. Every Wednesday for the month we will be doing an online instant pot demo, teaching different functions and recipes. We are also starting a kids bookclub and will meet January 22, 11:00-12:00 for ages 11 and up. January 27 will be our kids Cookbook Club meeting 5:00-7:00 PM for ages 7-16. Call the Oakwood branch for any information on these or other upcoming activities, 419-594-3337.

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet Monday, January 10th at 6:00 pm at the Buy the Book used bookstore, located in the Annex. January is Friends' Group sign up month.

Black Swamp bookworms will meet at 6:30 pm in the Annex. We are reading "I've Got Your Number" by Sophia Kinsella. Everyone is welcome to attend.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

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Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
Charloe: Charloe Store
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Payne: Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathion, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Monroeville: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland's Pizza Pub
New Haven: Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
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QUICK START GUIDES WARRIORS PAST LADY RAIDERS



Woodlan's Olivia Baumert posts 3 points to the Warrior side of the board after making this basket in the third quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Rachel Stoller for Wayne Trace was able to escape the Warrior defense to score 2 points under the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Woodlan Warriors came calling last Wednesday, Dec. 29 in what would be the Lady Raiders final basketball

for 2021. Woodlan jumped out of the gate quickly to open up a 7-0 lead and was never challenged by the red, white and blue. The Warrior's margin grew to 13-2 as the

Raiders never seemed to get untracked. In the non-conference match-up, played at Haviland, the visitors coasted to a 56-38 win. With the win Woodlan improves their season mark at 11-3 while the Raiders fall to 4-5.

In the second period the Raiders managed to pull with seven on buckets from Christiana Graham and Rachel Stoller to trail 19-12. However, Woodlan would rely on the long ball with Dakota Krohn and Taylor Kneubuhler connecting on back-to-back three-pointers to take a 25-12 halftime lead.

Wayne Trace made a small dent in the Warriors margin in the third frame when Graham sank a triple followed by a Rylee Troth bucket to keep the Raiders within striking distance. Unfortunately for the Raiders, trailing 28-17, the Warriors would come back with a flurry of points to enjoy a 40-23 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

The fourth period, much like the third, saw the Raiders close the gap by 12, trailing 44-32. But again, the Warriors would have an answer. The Indiana squad would outscore WT 12-6 in the closing minutes to secure the 18-point win.

For the victorious Warriors, Avah Smith led her team with 18 points to go along with 11 rebounds and four steals. Also in double-digits were Taylor Kneubuhler with 12 and four steals with team mate Ashton Widenhuefer bucketing 10 markers. Rounding out the scoring: Dakota Krohn with eight (six assists); Briana Roney and Olivia Baumert each with three-points and Addie Goheen with two.

Only four Raiders managed to hit the score book lead by Rachel Stoller with a team high 19 points along with seven rebounds and seven steals. Graham finished with 10; Abby Moore six and Troth three.

The Raiders will be in action this Thursday, Jan. 6 when they welcome Green Meadows Conference foe Tinora. For Woodlan, the Warriors are home to Antwerp in Tuesday, January 4 and travel to Blackhawk Christian on Thursday, Jan. 6.

KROHN LEADS WARRIORS PAST HORNETS

Dakota Krohn led the way with 15 points and the Woodlan Lady Warriors posted a 48-43 victory over visiting Angola Monday evening in non-conference girls basketball action.

Addie Goheen and Taylor Kneubuhler added seven markers apiece for Woodlan, which improves to 10-3 overall on the season. Avah Smith chipped in six points for the Lady Warriors and Olivia Baumert recorded five points.

Gabi Klopfenstein (three), Katlyn Crosby (three) and Ashton Widenhoefer (two) completed the scoring for Woodlan.

Smith also grabbed six boards to top the Lady Warriors with Krohn, Klopfenstein and Crosby all picking up five. Kneubuhler pulled down four rebounds as well for Woodlan.

Krohn dished out three assists with Goheen and Crosby having a pair each and Baumert finished with five steals.

ARCHERS WIN ROUTE 49 TITLE



Route 49 Tournament team was named at the culmination of the championship game on Thursday evening, December 30, 2021. Congrats athletes! More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

Luke Krouse hit a quartet of three-point field goals and totaled 22 points in all to lead the Antwerp Archers to a 58-38 win over host Edon in the Route 49 Classic Holiday Tournament Championship Game Thursday evening.

Jagger Landers also reached double figures with 14 points for Antwerp, which improved to 9-0 on the season.

The Archers led 11-7 at the end of one period and never looked back in remaining unbeaten on the year. Antwerp added a dozen markers in the second quarter while limiting Edon to 11, giving the Archers a 23-18 lead at the intermission.

Antwerp then bucketed 16 points compared to the Bombers' nine as the local squad extended the margin to 39-27 at the end of three periods.

Landon Brewer posted seven markers for Antwerp with Carson Altimus and Kaden Recker scoring four points each. Parker Moore chipped in three points followed by Gaike McMichael and Mason Steel with two points apiece.

Edon was led by Jack Berry with 14 points and Drew Gallehue added a dozen markers for the Bombers, who fall to 4-3 on the year.

Other scorers for the Williams County squad were Caden Nester (four), Gannon Ripke (three), Carter Kiess (three) and Kyler Sapp (two).



Antwerp Senior Luke Krouse hits one of his three point baskets early in the final game of the Route 49 tournament against Edon. More pictures at westbendnews.net

(Continued from Page 1) average, 43 2-pt made, 67 2-pt attempted, 64.2% point percentage, 8 3-pt made, 21 3-pt attempted, 38.1% 3-pt percentage, 58.0% TFG%, 7 free throws made, 11 free throws attempted, 63.6% free throw percentage, 15 assists, 19 offensive rebounds, 45 defensive rebounds, 64 total rebounds, 10 defensive steals, 8

defensive blocks, 14 turnovers, 0 defensive charges, 7 games played this season.

His high game at this place in the season is 29pts against St. Johns.

Head coach Doug Billman commented about Landers accomplishment, "Jagger was great as usual. He stayed patient and let the game come to

him despite all the anticipation around him with scoring 1,000 points. It is such a tremendous accomplishment. So proud of him and all the work he has put to become a great player and a great teammate. He has great family support and I couldn't be happier for him and for his family on this tremendous accomplishment."

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NHHS WRESTLING TEAM TRAVELS TO NORTH MONTGOMERY



Photo by Melissa Amstutz

New Haven Wrestling traveled to North Montgomery for two days of wrestling December 28 and 29th. The first day was a team event and they ended the day winning 4th place out of 16 teams. The second day was an individual tournament in which they ended up placing seven Bulldog wrestlers.

- 106 - Julianna Ocampo / MVP; Only girl to ever win the tournament & MVP Award
- 113 - Easton Doster, 2nd 120 - Karrington Cooper, 5th
- 126 - Braden Clauser, 6th
- 132 - John Bussard, 5th
- 170 - Camari Kirk, 4th
- 285 - Josh Clark, 4th

BLAZERS ROLL TO WIN OVER PATRIOTS

Host Eastside opened a double-digit lead after one quarter and the Lady Blazers cruised to a 66-30 win over visiting Heritage in non-league girls basketball play last week.

The Blazers took a 14-3 lead at the end of eight minutes of action and never looked back in rolling to the victory. Eastside expanded the margin to 28-15 at the halfway point of the contest and pulled away to post a 49-23 advantage entering the final stanza.

Ella Bickel led the way for Heritage with nine points and Kendall Zelt added seven markers for the Lady Patriots, who fall to 8-7 on the season.

Other scorers for Heritage included Carly Gerardot (five), Abby Zelt (three), Claire Bickel (two), Shelby Schane (two) and Madilyn Scheumann (two).

Ella Bickel also paced the Lady Patriots with ten rebounds, three assists and three steals while Raelyn Mullins and Scheumann recorded two boards. Claire Bickel dished out three assists for Heritage and Kendall Zelt had two steals.

Claire Bickel also recorded three assists for the Lady Patriots.

WOODLAN'S JV VICTORIOUS; POSTS 30-13 WIN OVER LADY RAIDERS

Reagan Widenhoefer topped the Lady Warriors with seven points and Chloe Gaff had six markers. Other scorers for Woodlan were Alyssa Harvey (five), Brooke Kneubuhler (four), Gabi Koos (two), Mya Jones (two), Lillian Riley (two) and Makenna Smith (two).

Kneubuhler also had four rebounds, two assists and eight steals for Woodlan with Koos and Gaff recording three steals apiece. Leah Elwood picked up three boards for the Lady Warriors.

Ava Zartman led Wayne Trace with six points while Tianna Sinn bucketed three markers. Tori Young and Katrina Stoller each chipped in a basket as well for the red, white and blue.

Sinn also finished the contest with five rebounds, three assists and four steals while Young hauled down three rebounds as well. Zartman picked up two boards and three steals and Stoller took down a pair of re-

bounds.

Wayne Trace returns to action on Thursday, January 6, as the Lady Raiders host Tinora in Green Meadows Conference action.

WARRIORS WIN WAWASEE TOURNEY TITLE

The Woodlan Warriors captured the championship of the Wawasee Holiday Tournament on Wednesday with a 63-57 overtime victory over host Wawasee in boys basketball action.

The two squads played to a 9-9 tie at the end of one period before Woodlan scored 16 second quarter points compared to a dozen for the hosts, giving the Allen County Warriors 25-21 half-time advantage.

Quarter number three saw Woodlan extend its lead with 17 points while Wawasee had 16, putting Woodlan on top 42-37 at the end of three periods.

Wawasee, though, responded in the fourth quarter by outscoring Woodlan 15-10 to knot the game at 52-52 at the end of regulation time.

In the overtime session between the two Warriors squads, it was the Allen County squad that controlled the extra session and outscored Wawasee 11-5 to post the 63-57 victory.

Joe Reidy led a quartet of Woodlan players in double figures as Reidy bucketed 18 points to pace the local Warrior squad.

Braden Smith chipped in 14 points for Woodlan while Dawson Lichty chipped in a dozen and Dejay Gerig had ten markers.

Alex Miller also had eight points and Drew Fleek posted one point for Woodlan, which improved to 6-6 after wins over Wawasee and Rochester on the day. The Allen County Warrior squad also defeated Rochester 61-34 in semifinal play on Wednesday.

Wawasee was led by Keaton Dukes with 18 points and Maddux Everingham added 17 markers. Myles Everingham (seven), Caden Welty (seven), Jay Finlinson (six) and Peyton Felger (two) completed the scorers for Wawasee, who falls to 4-6 overall on the year.

PANTHERS NIP RAMS FOR SECOND WIN

Ethan Foltz scored a dozen points and the Paulding Panthers rallied in the fourth quarter for a 44-43 victory over Tinora in the consolation game of the State Bank Boys Basketball Holiday Classic at Paulding High School Tuesday night.

The Rams recorded a 15-13 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before expanding the lead to 24-21 at the midway point of the contest.

After each team bucketed 15 points in the third quarter, Paulding put up eight points in the final stanza while limiting Tinora to four in rallying for the 44-43 victory to take third place in the tournament.

Peyton Adams added nine markers for Paulding with Luke Zartman adding eight and Isaac Reeb chipped in six. Christian Bauer posted five with Casey Agler and Nick Manz recording a basket each for the Panthers, who improve to 2-8 on the season.

Tinora was led by Luke Harris with 15 points, all of which came on three-point field goals, while Lance Rinkel added ten markers.

Gavin Eckart (five), Eric Bohn (four), Nolan Schafer (four), Cole Andes (three) and Keegan Miles (two) completed the scoring for the Rams, who fall to 2-8 overall.

EASTSIDE GETS WIN OVER HERITAGE

In non-league action, Eastside remained and improved to 10-0 with a 55-42 win over visiting Heritage in boys basketball play during the holiday break.

The Patriots were led by Dalton Wesson with ten points and Tanner Whitman added eight markers for Heritage.

Howie Kaiser (seven), Luke Saylor (six), Austin Bueck (three), Nyles Knapke (three), Kobe Meyer (two), Dylan Hale (two) and Leroy Lepper (one) completed the scoring for Heritage, which enters the 2022 portion of its schedule with a record of 1-6.

Saylor picked up eight rebounds and two assists for the Patriots while Wesson had five boards and Kaiser recorded four. Whitman and Lepper each hauled down two rebounds as well for the Allen County squad.

Meyer also had a pair of assists for Heritage with Knapke, Hale and Kaiser dishing out one each. Whitman and Hale chipped in a steal apiece.

INDIANS TOO MUCH FOR PANTHERS



Paulding Junior Luke Zartman fouled on the shot and sets up to score from the line! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Visiting Wauseon held host Paulding to single digits in three of four quarters as the Indians posted a 60-40 win over the Panthers in the State Bank Boys Basketball Holiday Classic semifinals Monday at the 'Jungle'.

The Indians opened a 17-8 lead at the end of one period and never looked back in improving to 6-3 overall on the season.

Paulding scored nine second quarter points compared to eight for Wauseon as the Panthers trimmed the deficit to 25-17 at the midway point of the contest. However, the Indians responded with a 21-point third stanza and limited the maroon and white to five to widen the margin to 46-22 entering the final stanza.

Jonas Tester led a trio of Wauseon players in twin digits with 15 markers while Krue Powers added 11 markers and Matt Shaw chipped in ten.

Tyson Rodriguez added eight for the Indians followed by Carson Burt (six), Jackson Gleckler (five), Elijah

McLeod (three) and Braden Vajen (two).

Paulding was paced by Nick Manz with ten points while Casey Agler and Ethan Foltz chipped in six markers apiece.

Zach Gorrell (five), Christian Bauer (five), Peyton Adams (three), Luke Zartman (three) and Isaac Reeb (two) also scored for the Panthers, who fall to 1-8 on the season.

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RAIDERS ROLL PAST WARRIORS



Wayne Trace sophomore Kyle Stoller receives the pass from Cameron Sinn to score two points! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Woodlan Junior Luke Fox scores the first 3 point basket of the game against Antwerp. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace hit the road across the Indiana state line Monday night as interstate rival Woodlan awaited in the annual matchup between schools from the Buckeye and Hoosier states.

When the final buzzer rang, it was the visiting Raiders that cruised to a 72-54 win over the Warriors thanks to a quick start that put the red, white and blue in front for good.

Leading 9-8 in the first quarter, Wayne Trace's Trevor Sinn hit a three-pointer and Kyle Stoller added a basket to expand the Raider margin to 14-8.

After the Warriors trimmed the deficit to 16-13 following a pair of Joe Reidy free throws, Wayne Trace answered with back-to-back three-pointers from Brooks Laukhuf and a Cameron Graham bucket to take a

24-17 lead at the end of one period.

It would never get any closer.

The Raiders started the second quarter scoring with two straight Trevor Sinn treys that quickly extended the Wayne Trace lead to 30-17.

Woodlan did close to within 32-23 following an Alex Miller three-pointer before the red, white and blue responded.

Buckets by Cameron Sinn and Stoller, two Stoller foul shots and one of two free throws by Graham widened the Raider lead to 39-26 following two quarters of play.

Wayne Trace then opened the second half scoring with baskets by Trevor Sinn and Stoller while Graham hit two foul shots to push the lead to 45-26.

The Warriors got as close as 48-35 following a pair of Reidy foul shots but the red, white and blue got eight straight points by Laukhuf to close the period with a 56-36 lead.

Stoller paced the way for the Raiders with 24 points and six rebounds while Laukhuf added 18 markers for Wayne Trace, which improves to 8-1 on the season. Trevor Sinn added 14 points, two assists and three steals for the red, white and blue.

Cameron Graham (seven), Cameron Sinn (five), Hudson Myers (two) and Tyler Davis (two) completed the scoring for Wayne Trace. Tyler Davis grabbed six rebounds with Myers hauling in five while Cameron Sinn dished out four assists and Graham had two. Stoller picked up a pair of steals as well for the Raiders.

Braden Smith led Woodlan with 16 points while Joe Reidy chipped in 13 and De-Jay Gerig had ten points. Lincoln Sparks (six), Alex Miller (six), Trey Yoder (two) and Dawson Lichty (one) completed the scorers for the Warriors, who fall to 4-6 on the season.

Reidy completed the double-double with ten rebounds and added five assists as well for the Warriors with Lichty hauling in six boards.

Ethan Klepper scored 15 points and Luke Meyer added a dozen as the Warrior junior varsity squad posted a 53-33 win over the Raiders.

Woodlan jumped out to a 9-1 lead in the opening stanza before settling on a 17-7 advantage after one quarter. The Warriors still were on top 27-20 at the intermission before expanding the margin to 42-29 at the end of three periods.

Jays Kuntz added seven markers for Woodlan and Connor Abplanalp added six. Ty Loudon and Noah Acquaviva both had five points followed by Ryan Hubbard (two) and Drew Fleek (one).

Fleek grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the Warriors and dished out seven assists with Meyer hauling in seven boards. Acquaviva also had six rebounds and two assists for Woodlan.

Tyson Gerber bucketed 17 points to top Wayne Trace with Brady Miller and Cale Winans both chipping in five markers. Kyle Forrer, Caden Tumblin and Hudson Myers all had two points. Adrian Laukhuf picked up five rebounds to lead the Raiders with Miller having four boards and three assists. For-

rer also had four rebounds for the red, white and blue.

Wayne Trace returns to action on January 7 as the Raiders resume Green Meadows Conference action in a road trip to Tinora.

RAIDERS PICK UP NON-CONFERENCE WIN OVER ARLINGTON

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

After allowing Lincolnview steal a sure win from the Raiders last Saturday the red, white and blue bounced back on Tuesday to soundly defeat Arlington 62-37. With the win the Raiders improve their season mark at 7-1. Wayne Trace continues to clamp down on their defense allowing 39 points per contest. With the loss the Red Devils fall to 5-3.

Leading scorer for the Raiders was Brooks Laukhuf with 22 followed by Kyle Stoller who bucketed 14. Six other Raiders scored with Cameron Sinn and Trevor Sinn each with six followed by four points from Hudson Myers, Cameron Sinn and Tyler Davis. Cale Winans added two-points to round out the winners scoring.

Wayne Trace led from start to finish after gaining a 17-8 advantage after one quarter of play. WT took a 27-15 lead to the locker room at halftime and then continued to build their margin to 20 at 46-26 heading into the final eight minutes of play.

The Raiders shot 48 percent from the floor and was perfect at the foul line hitting all eight of their attempts. A huge difference in the contest was in the turnover department where the Raiders recorded just nine miscues and the Red Devils guilty of 21 turnovers. WT held a slight rebounding edge 27-23. Arlington connected on 15-35 from the field for 43 percent.

Arlington placed seven players in the scorebook but no one hit double digits. Brady Kin hit for nine points to led the Arlington attack.

WARRIORS COME UP SHORT TO EAGLES

Senior Joe Reidy scored a game high 26 points, including five in the final ten seconds, but it wasn't enough as Fremont posted a 52-49 victory over visiting Woodlan in boys basketball play Tuesday night.

The Eagles led 11-8 at the end of one period before the Warriors cut into the deficit in the second stanza. Woodlan scored 13 points compared to Fremont's 11 as the Eagles held on to a 22-21 halftime advantage.

Fremont doubled up Woodlan 16-8 in the third quarter to expand the margin to 38-29 at the end of three periods. The Warriors put up 20 points in the final period but the Eagles held with a 14-point quarter to go on to the 52-49 victory.

Alex Miller added five markers for the Warriors while Dawson Lichty, DeJay Gerig and Braden Smith bucketed four points apiece. Trey Yoder and Lincoln Sparks chipped in three points each as well for Woodlan, which falls to 4-5 on the season.

The Eagles were paced by Logan Grace with 13 points and Ethan Bontrager posted 11 markers. Ethan Bock had

ten points to reach double figures as well for Fremont.

CARDINALS RALLY LATE TO NIP PANTHERS

Visiting Cardinal Stritch trailed by one point entering the fourth quarter before rallying for a 64-55 victory over host Paulding in non-league boys basketball action Tuesday night.

In a high scoring first quarter, the host Panthers bucketed 21 points in the opening stanza and took a 21-15 lead at the end of one period.

Cardinal Stritch answered with 15 second quarter points compared to the maroon and white's six as the visiting Cardinals took a 30-27 halftime advantage.

Paulding, though, responded in the third quarter by picking up 16 markers and limiting Cardinal Stritch to a dozen as the Panthers grabbed a 43-42 margin entering the final period.

The Cardinals took control in the fourth quarter, rallying with a 22-point stanza and posting the 64-55 victory.

Clarence Brown led the way for Cardinal Stritch with 16 points and Owen Carter added 13 markers. Demontri Whitehead and Breon Hicks chipped in eight apiece for the Cardinals followed by Kam Hughes (seven), Owen Yost (six), Tommie Taylor (four) and Tyler Bohnsack (two). With the victory, Cardinal Stritch improves to 5-2 on the season.

Nick Manz topped a quartet of Panthers in double figures with 15 points while Ethan Foltz added 14 points and Luke Zartman chipped in 13. Christian Bauer posted a dozen markers as well for the Panthers, who fall to 1-7 overall this year. Zach Gorrell had the remaining free throw for the maroon and white.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Rhea M. Martin, Cloverdale, OH; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant

to pay all fines and costs; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Cecil Luttrell, Morenci, MI; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Work release granted, Pay all fines and costs, Standard probation, Evaluation at Westwood, 20hrs community service, Risk assessment, Online class, Insurance by 12/27/21, All contraband forfeited; Driving under non FRA suspension, Defendant pled guilty, Pay fine; Loud exhaust, Defendant pled guilty, Pay fine

Kristi L. Gonzalez, Evansport, OH; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/breath high, Count A dismissed; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Bates, Pled no contest, found guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Pay fines and costs, Show proof of insurance by 12/28/21, Vacate ALS; Marked lanes, Count C dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count D dismissed

Chaim L. Clark, Ypsilanti, MI; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jordan T. Harris, Cecil, OH; Physical control, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Bates, Pled no contest, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided, ALS vacated, Pay fines and costs; Left of center, Count B dismissed

Barbara A. McNamee, Oregon, OH; Display plates, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Shawn A. Beveridge, Butler, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Caleb D. Tracy, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Phillip M. Burroughs, Petersburg, VA; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Alexandra E. Whiting, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/28/22

Alan R. Lichty, Payne, OH; No operator's license; Count A dismissed

Austin J. Lajiness, Westland, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mark W. Mort, Pierceton, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott D. Albright, Mountaintain Grove, MO; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Leah M. Bass, Harlan, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



On December 17, an antwerp went off at the Antwerp Elementary School. Antwerp officer responded and helped the kids at Kroos and River to safely cross the street.

On December 17, a resident on River St. reported traffic was getting backed up to the center of town because parents were picking their kids up at church. Officer responded and assisted with parents parking their cars.

On December 17, an officer was requested on Washington St. so separated parents could exchange children without incident.

On December 17, the police department received a request to do a welfare check on N. Main St. Officer responded, located the individual and found everything to be ok.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Carryall Township will hold reorganization meeting on Saturday, January 8, 2022, 11:00 a.m. and the regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m., both at 15156 Road 23, Antwerp.

— Deb Wyckoff,
Fiscal Officer
Carryall Township Trustees

Antwerp Conservation Club Event Schedule

January 13 - Monthly meeting at 7pm. We will be discussing and setting dates for 2022 events.

January 15 - NRL22 Match - Sight in and registration opens at 8am. Match begins at 9am. This event is open to the public.

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On December 17, officer assisted a resident with unlocking vehicle.

On December 18, officer assisted a resident with unlocking vehicle.

On December 21, an officer saw a vehicle stopped in front of the police department with a flat time. It was determined the vehicle had struck something on north 49. The officer assisted with changing the tire.

On December 22, a domestic disturbance was reported on N. Main St. Officer responded and spoke to one individual that claimed it was just a verbal argument and nothing physical had occurred. The officer located the other person involved and that individual stated the same thing, that it was just a verbal argument and nothing physical had occurred.

On December 22, a vehicle was stopped for going 49 in a 35 mph zone. The driver was cited for speed and driving under suspension.

On December 24, a resident reported the lights being on inside of one of the local medical offices. Officer responded, found building secured and let the person who reported it know that the building is alarmed.

On December 24, at 10:20 p.m. a resident of North Garden Apartments saw a suspicious person putting something in the gas tank of a vehicle. When the citizen approached the suspect, who was wearing a hooded sweatshirt, the individual ran away. Officer responded and found sugar had been poured into the tank, the area was searched but the individual was not located. Then at 3:00 a.m. on December 25, the resident who owns the vehicle, noticed a suspicious person around his vehicle. Officer responded, conducted an investigation throughout Christmas Day and was able to locate two juveniles and two parents. A report will be filed with the Paulding County Prosecutor to file charges against the juveniles and the parents.

On December 25, at 11:00 a.m. a motor vehicle accident was reported at the Sunoco gas station. Officer responded and prepared a report.

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!

FULVIC ACID: A MIRACLE WORKER

My wife gave me a great Christmas present this year; a book entitled Organic Soil Conditioning by Dr. William Jackson (958 pages), full of facts that are beneficial to agriculture. This information may help farmers cope with higher fertilize prices.

“Mother Nature” hates to waste soil nutrients so she designed two natural organic humic compounds to improve nutrient utilization. Fulvic acid has an open carbon structure that is a light weight compound (low molecular weight) with almost miraculous properties! It comes from lightly digested plant and microbial byproducts and is not just one carbon compound, its many varied compounds. Its composition is very similar all over the world, yet it differs slightly depending upon soils, plants, weather, microbes etc. Fulvic acid, over time gets degraded, digested, and transformed into Humic acid which has a denser and tighter carbon structure (high molecular weight). These two organic compounds (fulvic and humic acid) are full of essential soil nutrients, making soils fertile while improving plant growth and crop yields. This article will focus on Fulvic acid.

Fulvic acid is a chelator, which ties up short-term many important elements including nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K) plus calcium (Ca) and magnesium (Mg). Sulfur is tied up mainly by Humic acid. These elements plus carbon, oxygen, and hydron make up 98% of the essential plant elements needed for plant growth. Fulvic acid also chelates the other elements (2%) needed for improved biological activity. Metallic ions with positive charges like iron (Fe), zinc (Zn), copper (Cu) and manganese (Mn) plus essential anions with negative charges like boron (B), chlorine (Cl), and molybdenum (Mo) are absorbed with fulvic acid. Fulvic acid binds these nutrients into plant available forms by balancing positive and negative charges.

Due to its open structure and high oxygen content, fulvic acid improves plant roots and leaves permeability so that essential elements can be easily absorbed and moved into the plant's vascular system. Fulvic acid is a chemical transformer that protects the naked and highly reactive element (like a blanket) until it finds a suitable biological partner. Suitable partners like proteins turn into enzymes which speed up plant metabolism, leading to higher crop yield. Here are a couple of specific things fulvic acid does for plants.

Fulvic acid binds and enhances calcium seed uptake needed for improved seed germination and growth. It's a growth regulator, increasing root and shoot length and branching. Fulvic acid contains sugar amino acids (high in nitrogen), increasing both N and K plant uptake. It chelates Fe and Mg into a usable form, moving them into the plant. Iron (Fe) is the central element in an enzyme that makes chlorophyll. Extra Fe and Mg in a plant will turn plants dark green! Magnesium (Mg) is the central element for making chlorophyll, the biological engine for con-

verting the sun's rays into food.

Soil phosphorus (P) and zinc (Zn) are like two fighting brothers. Too much P ties up Zn and too much Zn ties up P. Fulvic acid acts like their “Mother” to make them behave and work together to increase plant concentrations of both elements. Copper, manganese, and nickel have similar positive charges and similar reactions to fulvic acid. Fulvic Acid also enhances plant uptake of the negatively charges anions (B, Mo, Cl). Fulvic acid again speeds up plant metabolism by producing essential proteins and enzymes, leading to higher yields.

The benefits keep piling up. Fulvic acid buffers pH, helps with drought tolerance by holding and conserving water, and reduces fungal plant diseases. Fulvic and humic acid together make soils more friable, breaking up hard pans and compacted soil while improving soil drainage. Fulvic acid also detoxifies soil from harsh chemicals and toxic elements. Microbes and fulvic acid weather clay particles, extracting many essential soil nutrients from the clay mineralogy. In other words, fulvic acid makes new soil by increasing soil fertility through the weathering of rocks and clay particles.

Fulvic acid is a natural soil organic (carbon) compound. However, farmers should be regularly adding fulvic acid to their fertilizer products. Fulvic acid is often mined and produced from soft coal deposits (Leonardite). It increases nutrient efficiency by increasing plant nutrient uptake. Either less fertilizer can be used or the extra fertilizer gets utilized to increase yields. Application rates will vary depending upon crop and soil type, so talk to your fertilizer dealer. Avoid adding too much fulvic acid, because it can be detrimental to plant and soil health. Fulvic acid is like a “miracle worker”, benefiting agricultural production while increasing food nutrient density. Hopefully my Christmas gift can be used by everyone to improve their health and prosperity!

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Brad Kiger, assigned to Franklin County, received information that a suspect was hunting white-tailed deer without a license and permit. Officer Kiger contacted the individual, who admitted to purchasing a deer permit after harvesting a deer, but stated he had a hunting license. Officer Kiger and the individual agreed to meet at the suspect's residence the next day. However, the individual did not show up and did not answer Officer Kiger's phone call. After discovering the deer was taken to another location to be butchered, Officer Kiger met the individual at the new location. The suspect was issued two citations for no hunting license and no deer permit, and ordered to pay \$261 in fines and court costs.

In December, State Wildlife Officer Austin Levering, assigned to Knox County, received a call from the Mount

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to “Sudoku puzzle on Page 11”

Vernon Police Department regarding a white-tailed deer trapped in an office building. The deer had crashed through a window, shattering the glass, and trapped itself in an office room where it was not discovered until the employees arrived to work that morning. After observing the agitated doe run in circles and jump over a desk, Officer Levering requested assistance from State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Bill Bullard. Officers Levering and Bullard decided the safest and easiest extraction for the deer would be to create barriers within the building and turn off the lights. Then, they opened a nearby exit door hoping the outside light would entice the deer out. After using tables, trash cans, and other available resources to create a safe pathway, the officers opened the door to coax the deer from the room and toward the exit. The deer slowly and surely walked out of the building and into the area it came from.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

While on patrol during the 2021 weeklong white-tailed deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Jason Porinchok, assigned to Putnam County, observed an individual hunting deer while not wearing the proper hunter orange clothing. The individual was wearing a hunter orange hat, but the rule requires all hunters to wear a solid or camouflage blaze orange vest, coat, jacket, or overalls. After contacting the individual and explaining the importance of wearing proper blaze orange for safety,

Officer Porinchok issued the hunter a citation. The hunter pleaded no contest in the Putnam County Court, was found guilty and paid \$125 in fines in addition to court costs.

This fall, State Wildlife Officer Nathan Robinson, assigned to Van Wert County, assisted the Ohio Division of Wildlife's fish management section with surveying saugeye populations on the Van Wert County Reservoir. Many fish were analyzed, including a nearly 9-pound saugeye. These surveys are an excellent way to gather information about fish population sizes, health, and growth rates. With this data in hand, fish biologists make decisions on fish stockings to help maintain sustainable populations in area lakes and reservoirs. Each year, thousands of fish are stocked in Ohio's public waters to enhance the fishery and increase opportunities for anglers. Together, fish management, state wildlife officers, and state fish hatchery staff work hard to provide a healthy and productive fishery for all Ohioans to enjoy.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Ryan Pawlus, assigned to Lake County, received information about an individual who harvested a white-tailed deer illegally. Officer Pawlus received information that the hunter harvested a deer on city-owned property in Lake County and checked it as harvested on public land in Geauga County. During the

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On our next episode of Paulding County Business Weekly we meet Jason Williamson with Williamson Crop Insurance. Jason helps us all understand how you can be from Paulding County, go off to college and see what it is

like out in the world, and find out it's not all that bad right here at home. In addition, we learn how the business started and grew and how they help local and regional farmers in the area today.

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investigation, it was discovered that the deer was harvested on city-owned property where individuals are required to be part of the city's hunting program. The hunter was not registered in the program and had also failed to purchase a hunting license. In total, five summonses were issued. Two were issued for falsification of game check information, one for hunting without permission, one for hunting without a license, and one for trespassing. The crossbow used in the harvest was seized, along with the deer which scored at 159 inches and is valued at \$6,292.

While on patrol in Cuyahoga County, State Wildlife Officer Zach Hillman spotted an angler fishing along a Lake Erie break wall. The individual appeared to be struggling and upon closer observation, Officer Hillman spotted that the individual had two steelhead on his line at once. Officer Hillman hustled over to the angler, grabbed his net, and was able to net both steelhead for him, which the angler demanded to keep and take home for dinner. The fortunate angler was appreciative for the help.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

On Monday morning of the 2021 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Wes Feldner, assigned to Monroe County, stopped to check two groups of hunters near the road on Wayne National Forest. While speaking

with the first group and checking their licenses and permits, Officer Feldner observed two individuals from the second group break away and move in the opposite direction. Officer Feldner checked the second group and two of the individuals did not have the proper licenses and permits. The group said that they had just completed a deer drive in the area, and the two individuals claimed that they were not hunting, just helping with the deer drive. Officer Feldner explained that a person needs to be properly licensed to assist or aid others while hunting deer. The two individuals were the same two who Officer Feldner observed break away while he was talking to the first group. While speaking with the two individuals it was discovered that one of them hid a shotgun and the other hid a small amount of marijuana. Officer Feldner issued each individual the proper summonses, and the cases are currently pending in the Monroe County Court.

In October 2021, State Wildlife Officer Jerrod Allison, assigned to Coshocton County, participated in the Trick-or-Treat festivities in the Village of Warsaw. Officer Allison set up his patrol truck on Main Street with the lights flashing and had spooky music playing while he handed out candy to nearly 300 children. This is the third year that Officer Allison has participated in Trick-or-Treat, and it has been well received not only by the children, but also by the par-

ents who have hunting and fishing questions.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officers Ben Smith, assigned to Brown County, and Brad Turner, assigned to Preble County, participated in a holiday Shop with a Cop event sponsored by Brown County. Each officer sponsored a child for the day. Part of the day's activities included going out to breakfast and lunch. The officers also attended a movie as an extra treat for the children. This was a special event that created a lifelong memory for both the child and the officer.

NATIONAL FARM BILL DISCUSSIONS

The 2023 National Farm Bill discussions are now beginning. With a new administration; climate change, water quality, and new air emission standards are expected to be a big part of the discussion. Farmers need to pay attention to these discussions and get involved with making their views known before the Farm Bill becomes law.

The impact of agriculture on climate change will be a key discussion. Our climate has been changing since the Earth was born. During the Wisconsin glaciation (24,000-26,000 years ago), Ohio glaciers and ice reached its maximum extent and ended roughly 12,000 years ago. However, around 55 million years ago, the arctic circle was balmy with alligators and palm trees, and Ohio was mostly likely under water. Natural causes of climate change include solar variations in sun activity (sun spots), volcanic eruptions, the tilt and rotation of the earth's axis, and other internal variability. Since the 1800's, human climate change factors include the increased use of fossil fuels, land use changes (deforestations, bare soils), the increased use of nitrogen fertilizer, and fluorinated gasses. Climate discussions are difficult and complicated because no scientist knows exactly how much impact humans have on climate change.

Water quality management discussions will also be debated. Jim Mobley, (retired national Ohio USDA official) at the Ohio No-till Conference stated that long-term no-till and cover crops could have 2.5X more impact on water quality than conventional tillage. The 2021 National Resource Inventory (NRI) shows that national soil erosion rates have declined from 7.6 ton/acre down to 4.6 tons/acre with improved conservation practices. Soil erosion is a key contributor to nutrient runoff of nitrogen and phosphorus. The natural rate of soil formation is around 0.5 ton/year, so on average our nation is still losing soil 9x faster than it is being generated. Soil formation occurs when rocks break down naturally into sand, then silt, then clay over time. No-till soils that are fully veg-

etated (cover crops, grass, thick hay fields) lose soil in pounds not tons, and keep soil nutrients recycling, reducing nutrient runoff into our surface water.

Air emissions from agriculture will also be hotly discussed. Air emissions include carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4) and nitrous oxide (N2O). About 20% of atmospheric carbon dioxide comes from tilled land. Carbon dioxide is needed for crop production and plant growth, so limiting atmospheric carbon dioxide may not be practical. Methane has 72X higher global warming potential (GWP) and nitrous oxide 265-310X higher GWP than carbon dioxide. Methane gasses are associated with manure and livestock (cow burping), however; around 60 million bison lived in the USA which have now been replaced by domestic livestock. The increased use of nitrogen fertilizer increases nitrous oxide emissions and farmer might expect more regulation in this area. Increased atmospheric water vapor also increases atmospheric air temperatures, is not often discussed, and is associated with bare soils and less vegetation. Increasing soil organic matter and using legume cover crops may help reduce nitrogen fertilizer needs and vegetate our soil for a partial solution.

Farmers are risk adverse and generally follow agricultural practices that they understand and trust. Going to no-till and cover crops is risky, especially on corn, where it can take 3-7 years to make the transition, with possible yields reductions during that transition period. However, it is not impossible. Pennsylvania and Maryland farmers now lead the USA in no-till and cover crops. In Maryland, a \$70-\$100 per acre subsidy from the "toilet tax" has allowed 90% of Maryland farmers to transition to no-till and cover crops. Too much farmland in the Midwest for that to be practical here.

In Pennsylvania, about 65% of corn and 75% of soybeans and wheat are no-tilled and have cover crops with dramatic improvements in Chesapeake Bay water quality. In Ohio, only 5-10% of corn is no-tilled with or without cover crops. All Lake Erie water exits the St. Lawrence River in about 3 years, so water quality improvements could be dramatic; however, it would require a high level of farmer conservation participation (no-till, cover crops, other practices) to work.

Jim Mosley, retired USDA official, floated the idea of the federal government paying farmers \$80-\$100 per acre to make the transition to no-till and cover crops. An alternative proposition would highly subsidize government crop insurance for no-till and cover crop farmers to insure against any potential losses for a 3-5 period of time. When crop prices are high, it takes more

incentives to change farming practices due to increased risk. Most farmers want to farm sustainably by using good environmental practices, but they also have to survive. Let's keep talking!

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

AMERICANS WORRY ABOUT SOARING CRIME RATE; DEMOCRATS RESPOND BY STANDING UP FOR CRIMINALS

In 2020, in the wake of widespread rioting, the Democratic Party added a new position to their official platform: "Democrats support eliminating the use of cash bail."

Since the summer of 2020, mainstream Democrats in Congress have pushed to end cash bail and pretrial detention. Michigan Democrat Rep. Rashida Tlaib's BREATHE Act would provide grants to states that end the bail system, eliminate pre-trial detention entirely for most federal felonies and "provide a roadmap for prison abolition."

In October 2021, President Joe Biden followed suit with a "National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality," which calls for ending cash bail.

While Democrats embraced radical, soft-on-crime policies, homicides jumped more in 2020 than they have in a single year in American history and continued to rise in 2021. Sensibly, American voters took the opposite position—crime became the number one issue they were most concerned about, per a July USA Today poll.

Democrats in Congress haven't passed a bill to end cash bail. But the left still managed to bypass voters and unilaterally put criminals back on the street—with disastrous results.

Recently in Indianapolis, Indiana, my home state, a man named Deonta William stabbed two police officers while out on bail. The bond was initially set at \$25,000 but lowered to \$750 for unknown reasons.

A left wing group called

"the Bail Project" then paid Williams bail. Both those police officers survived, thank goodness, but in 2021 in Indianapolis alone, the Bail Project paid to release two men who murdered while awaiting trial. In 2019, Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett gave \$150,000 in taxpayer dollars to the Bail Project.

Unbelievably, after Deonta Williams stabbed two police, the Bail Project released a statement sympathizing with the attempted cop killer.

The Bail Project told WISH-TV, "it is clear from the recent events that he's struggling with his mental health and this is a cry for help." Like Williams, the people in charge of the Bail Project are deranged, but that hasn't stopped Democrat politicians from empowering them.

The same tragic and avoidable story is familiar in cities across America. It goes like this: Liberal judges and District Attorney's either refuse to press charges or, in the case of more serious crimes, set an obscenely low bail. That allows groups like the Bail Project to pay for the release of 12,000 criminals, while only spending about \$14 million a year. At the same time, liberal state and local politicians defend groups like the Bail Project, and even send them taxpayer dollars.

A more high-profile example came three weeks ago, in Waukesha Wisconsin, when a terrorist named Darrell Brooks murdered six innocent people.

Brooks was a serial felon, who'd been arrested for jumping bail, sexually abusing a child and trying to run someone over with his car. He was arrested, again, in early November for violent assault but was then released after posting an only \$1,000 bail, which is a tiny sum for a violent felony.

Brooks should've been in jail awaiting trial, but he wasn't, because of left-wing Milwaukee District Attorney John Chisholm's commitment to, in his words, "not keeping individuals held unnecessarily on cash bail," in jail.

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