

ARCHERS UD BOUND!!



Antwerp will roll south on Interstate 75 this week as the Archers cruised past Tiffin Calvert 52-31 to seize a spot in the Division IV boys basketball Final Four Saturday and Sunday at the University of Dayton.

Antwerp took control in the game's opening eight minutes, posting a 16-10 lead at

the end of one quarter and the Archers never looked back.

The blue and white outscored Tiffin Calvert 9-6 in the second stanza to expand the margin to 25-16 at the midway point of the contest. Antwerp then added a dozen markers in the third stanza while Tiffin Calvert grabbed ten, giving the

Archers a 37-26 lead going to the final quarter.

Senior Jagger Landers paced Antwerp in the contest, putting together a 22-point, 17-rebound performance while adding two assists and a steal.

Landon Brewer chipped in a dozen markers to go along
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PHS DRAMA DEPT. PRESENTS LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS: CORRECTION

Paulding High School Drama Department is proud to present, Little Shop Of Horrors March 25-26.

This musical takes place in Mr. Mushnik's Flower Shop, played by senior Sam Adams. The meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn, played by se-

nior Kyle Kelly stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush, who is played by Jamy Hunt. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore, voiced by Dawson Lamb promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this

world origins and intent towards global domination! Can Audrey II be stopped?

PHS Drama will be performing this charmingly tongue-in-cheek comedy, March 25 and March 26 at 7:00pm in the Paulding High School Auditoria. Presale tickets will be available in the office and at the door the night of each performance. We hope to see you at our show which has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for over 30 years.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLERS BRING HOME 3 STATE PLACERS

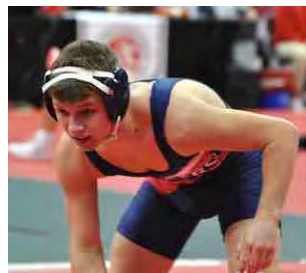


Photo by: Abby Hornish

2022 State Wrestling Tournament has finally made its way back to the Schott in Columbus. Wayne Trace sent



Photo by: Abby Hornish

3 wrestlers to the tournament this year. Corbin Kimmel a Freshman at 106#, Hunter Long a Senior at 132# and Jarrett Hornish at 144#.

Day one kicked off on Fri-



Photo by: Abby Hornish

day, March 11th, Kimmel wrestled Casper Caizzo from St. Paul in which Kimmel lost by a fall time of 1:28. Next Long started his state run by
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WAYNE TRACE SENIOR RYLEE TROTH SIGNS WITH ADRIAN COLLEGE



Wayne Trace senior basketball player Rylee Troth recently signed to continue her education and basketball career at Adrian College in Michigan. Troth will be majoring in exercise science while playing for the Lady Bulldogs. Shown in the picture are standing (L-R) Wayne Trace Assistant Coach Mike Priest, Wayne Trace Head

Coach Bethany DeJarnett, AAU Coach Joe Freeman and AAU Coach Erik Todd. Seated are (L-R) Wayne Trace Assistant Coach Lyndsi Schultz, Rylee Troth and AAU Coach Daniel Barnett. Troth is the daughter of Adam and Kimberly Troth of rural Payne, and has a brother, Graiden and a sister, Karsyn.

P.A.S.S. 24-HOUR BASKETBALL MARATHON IS BACK!

The time has finally come to restart the 42nd annual Paulding Area Support Society Basketball Marathon. Each year the Marathon raises funds to support P.A.S.S. which helps support those in need with medical assistance, medication expenses, physical challenges, transportation expenses for medical appointments, & speech programs. The society normally helps
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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

March 15

- Walk thru Winter! @ PC OSU Ext. Office bldg., 12-1pm
- Hands of Hope Fundraiser Dinner @ OSU Ext. Bldg., 5-6:30pm

March 16

- Lenten Lunches @ Paulding First Pres. Church, 12-1p
- Lenten Season Services @ St. John Lutheran, Hicksville, 11a & 6:30p
- Managing Your Bills & Identifying Scams Webinar, <https://go.osu.edu/22pauldingconsumers>

March 17

- Drive Thru Meals @ Oakwood Library, 4:30-6p
- FREE Community Meal @ St. Paul UMC, Payne, 4:30-6:30pm

March 17-18

- Pre-K screening & registration @ Antwerp Elem., Call to schedule appt.

March 19

- Thirty-One Bag Bingo @ Edgewood Park Bldg, Convoy, 10am
- Oakwood Fire Dept. Fish Fry, 4-7pm

March 21

- VWCOA Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night, 6pm

March 23

- Health, Business & Industry Fair @ PC Ext. Bldg., 11a-2p



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OBITUARIES

PAYNE, OH:

Bruce Wayne Zeissig, 74, of Payne, passed away Friday, March 11, 2022 at Paulding County Hospital. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 5000, Payne, Ohio.

DUBLIN, OH:

Rheeta D. Jackson, 86, of Dublin, Ohio and formerly of Antwerp, Ohio passed away peacefully at home on Friday, March 11, 2022. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES REACH THE LIMA COMMUNITY WITH A MODIFIED MINISTRY



Two years ago, Caprice Burckholter had "zero interest" in writing letters or using the phone. Now she loves doing both. Her attitude changed in the spring of 2020 when Jehovah's Witnesses suspended their in-person public ministry, meetings and large conventions.

"I love phone calling because of the give-and-take, actually talking with people," she said. "I called an older man whose wife had died. You could hear so much sadness in his voice. I was able to sympathize and share scriptures to give him some hope. I just wanted to hug him. You can't do that with a letter."

At the same time, the Lima, Ohio, resident loves letter writing because it allows her to draw attention to the free resources on jw.org. "We have a treasure that's too good not to share. People need hope. We have to keep writing letters." She is just one of thousands who swapped door-to-door activity for other ways of contacting people in their communities.

With this historic change, the number of Jehovah's Witnesses grew 3% in the United States in 2021 alone, matching the most significant increase for the organization over the past decade and the second-largest percentage increase since 1990.

"Staying active in our ministry while remaining safe has had a powerful preserving effect on our congregants and communities," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "The wise decision not to prematurely resume in-person activities has united us and protected lives while comforting many people in great need.

The results speak for themselves."

Burckholter is determined to continue reaching out and conducting free Bible studies over the phone and Zoom. As she explained, "People need our letters. They need our phone calls. They need to know about God's kingdom and that it will fix their problems. They need to know that God does care. He cares about them. He cares about their problems. And they need to know that He's giving them a hope."

Last year, the international organization reported all-time peaks in the number of people participating in their volunteer preaching work, increased attendance in Zoom meetings and more than 171,000 new believers baptized. In the past two years, more than 400,000 have been baptized worldwide.

Some whose ministry or attendance at religious services had slowed because of age and poor health said they feel reenergized with the convenience of virtual meetings and a home-based ministry.

Despite dealing with memory loss and diminished energy, Joseph Fuoco, 81, and his wife Sarah, 88, are now nicknamed "the dynamic duo."

The Fuocos use Zoom to worship twice a week with their Hollis, New Hampshire, congregation and regularly join online ministry groups to comfort neighbors and family through phone calls, letters, texts and email.

"What could have been quite a disadvantage, we've made into an advantage," Joseph Fuoco said. "The fact that we can work right from home is a great advantage. I'm happy with it."

By sharing the Bible's hope remotely, the fewer than 3,000 Jehovah's Witnesses in Alaska can rapidly preach across the 586,000 square miles of their sparsely populated state. "We're talking to more people in a day than we did in a month," said Marlene Sadowski of Ketchikan.

The official website of Jehovah's Witnesses, translated into more than 1,000 languages, has also leveraged the organization's outreach.

After starting a free self-paced Bible course on jw.org in December 2019, Lisa Owen requested a free, interactive Bible study over Zoom. She was one of nearly 20,000 baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses last year in the United States in private settings, including backyard swimming pools, tubs and even rivers.

To start an online Bible study course, receive a visit or attend a virtual meeting locally, visit jw.org.

MATT'S MISHAPS



Port towns all over the world have a unique beauty and grime from the movement of people and commerce.

"Serving overseas as a small-town boy from America is intense, stressful and humorous! Enjoy a light-hearted story with me from our last 20 years overseas!"

- Matt



OVERLY AUTHENTIC CAN BE UNNECESSARY

If you have had a chance to travel down some of America's classic and historic motorways, I am sure you may have had a unique and "authentic" experience of the towns and businesses that border these roads. We have stayed in some of the motels and places along these motorways that provide an "authentic" trip back to generations in the past. It would have been nice if they had updated the carpeting and bathroom fixtures in some of the motels. However, we should be proud of the Lincoln Highway that stretches across America. It was initiated and administrated in the 1920s by businessmen for a new invention called the automobile. Before the Lincoln Highway we had the canal systems, which are still used today as drainage ditches and beds for the railroads. The canals also had towns and businesses spring up alongside them, and many are still present in some form or another.

Where we have lived overseas, we have had something similar to our middle America experience with mountain roads and open ocean boat routes (not transcontinental motorways and canals). My parents were visiting us when I needed to travel by ferry boat and then car to meetings for work. I had my dad and my young son join me, telling him that he could travel to the port town with me to have an "authentic" experience with his grandson. They could stay at a local pension (small hotel that operates out of a large home that is kind of like a bed and breakfast) while I drove on to my evening meetings and would return to get them.

We were running behind schedule with boat travel, so I had to quickly introduce my Dad to the landlord. She was friendly, but spoke no English. We unloaded his luggage and got their room key, and I zipped off by car to my meetings. My meetings ran late. On starting my hour-long drive back to their lodging in the port town, I realized that the main roads had been closed due to road construction in the night when there would be less ve-

hicle movement. I had to find my own way back through narrow, dangerous, curving roads through mountains, finally arriving after several hours in the middle of the night. The landlord ushered me into the room of one of her kids that that was free, so as not to disturb my dad or son. I had a comfortable bedroom and slept soundly as if I was one of their family.

The next morning my dad recounted his story. He and his little grandson got into the room okay, but found next to nothing working. There was a small overhead light in the room. On trying to turn on the large lamp to get some real light to be able to see, he realized it wasn't plugged in, as there were no outlets in the room - the lamp was just a decoration. Water pressure was nearly non-existent and functioning for the sink and shower and toilet. They were able to scrounge some food from shops in the town square and just go to sleep as fast as possible on a lumpy bed with less than spotless linens. Sometimes, an overly "authentic" travel experience can be unnecessary.

Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story!

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PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
Is patriotism a conflict with our loyalty to Christ?

Patriotism (loving and serving one's country) has a God-given place, but must stay in that place. A Christian should love and serve the country God has given him FOR and THROUGH Christ (Colossians 1:16). Worship is reserved for God alone (Matthew 4:10). "And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's." - Luke 10:25

I believe that Christians should be the greatest patriots. They understand and appreciate that God has given them their country (both place and people), and take seriously their obligation to serve it through life and ministry. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." - Proverbs 14:34.

Following the Lord in His Word and through His grace makes Christians ideal citizens by right living and caring for the needs of others. "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." - I Peter 2:12.

Patriotism rightly lived is not a conflict with our loyalty to Christ, but a means by

Scripture of the Week

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- 2 Peter 1:5-8

KEISS SPEAKS AT HERITAGE LIONS CLUB MEETING



Hank Keiss of Cross Border Partners spoke to the Heritage Lions on Tuesday night, March 8th. Cross Border Partners is an organization that receives donations of money, furniture, bedding, dinnerware and many other household items that are needed by the poor and needy of Allen County. He explained the history of the organization and how they started with very little. Several unexpected and extraordinary events happened that helped them to grow into the self-sustaining organization they are today.

Volunteers, most of them

elderly, pitch in to sort clothes, pick up donations and deliver items to recipients that have been screened by some 22 social service agencies. The organization can always use more volunteers, and donations are always welcome. Mr. Keiss several times expressed gratitude to God for the amazing things that occurred over the past 19 years. It felt like Grace from above.

Cross Border Partners are located at 4611 Newaygo Road in Fort Wayne. Their number is 260-484-8580 and their hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-4.

which we can share it.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

NEW BLODGETT MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Paulding County Area Foundation is excited to announce a new scholarship fund. The Blodgett Medical Scholarship Fund serves as a scholarship available to second year students with studies in a medical field profession at a career tech, community college, and/or university. The fund's founder, and nurse herself is hoping this scholarship will aide others in their pursuit of a career in the medical field. Applicants must be a past graduate of Antwerp, Paulding, or Wayne Trace school districts, and must have completed their first full year of higher education with proof of education (a

transcript), maintained a 3.0 or higher grade point average, and complete the scholarship application, found on the Paulding County Area Foundation's website, www.pauldingcountyareafoundation.com.

Provided there are qualified candidates from each school district, the fund will award a scholarship to one student from each district annually in the amount of \$500 each, for a total of \$1,500 per year. The completed application is due on April 8, 2022 and can be mailed or dropped off to the Foundation office at 101 E Perry St, Paulding, OH 45879.

The Paulding County Area Foundation is excited to assist in the new fund, and hopes it can help Paulding county's own, by supporting them in their education. Contact the Foundation at 419-399-8296 with any questions.

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PET PEEVES

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

Everyday we see things and situations that just annoy us. I guess the term is "pet peeves." We all have them, always will have them, but yours may be different than mine.

There are a lot of pet peeves that are focused around drivers. There are drivers who speed, go too slow, fail to signal, tailgate, and pass when another vehicle is approaching. I don't claim to be the world's best driver, but the above items are all on my "pet peeve" list. However, I am sure that people who get behind me are saying, "Hurry up Grandma. Get a move on."

Another place where you can observe a lot of annoying situations is in a restaurant. Have you ever ordered a buffet, go up to get your food and discover that a group before you wiped it clean? Or, you go to a fast food drive through, get home and discover your order is wrong?

We are all supposedly taught not to pick our noses (at least in public) and to chew with our mouths closed.

So when we see it happening, we either turn or shake our heads.

In looking at a list of others pet peeves, I think I have some of the same ones.

I don't chew gum much anymore, but in high school I got caught many times chewing it. When I was a gum chewer, I always tried cracking my gum. I wanted to crack it so bad, but I never learned how to do it. However, I just read it is a pet peeve of many people.

Some people don't like to see a couple make out in public, but how do you in-

form them it bothers you?

Another pet peeve is burping in public. I thought it was a common thing for guys to burp even in public, but actually it annoys some folks.

Another argument is how you unroll toilet paper. From the top or from underneath?

Unrolling toilet paper becomes a pet peeve when someone differs with you on that topic. Not really a pet peeve of mine as that doesn't



bother me as much as someone talking loudly on their cell phone in public. You don't know whether to listen in or ignore them.

Another thing that bothers me is someone walking down the street or in a store talking on their cell. I have seen and heard of folks not paying attention while walking or driving and either walking into something or wrecking their car.

I am not saying these habits are your pet peeve, but some of them are mine.

Have you ever noticed a guy wearing his pants so low that you think he might lose them. Is this a pet peeve of yours? Is wearing britches low on your hips the style?

Have you ever waited "in line" to be checked out at a store or wait in a line at a fast food restaurant? It can be really frustrating.

Some people crack their knuckles, maybe click a pen or tap their fingers. Are these pet peeves or just annoying?

Other things on the list is double dipping, interrupting; sneezing over food and blocking an entrance with a vehicle.

Do you calling calling customer service and getting put "on hold" for an hour while listening to the recording of a bad song?

Do any of these pet peeves bother you? What things bother you? Do you have pet peeves? If so what are they? Let me know about your pet peeves and I'll give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

Hmmmm. I wonder if I can try again to crack my gum, crack my knuckles or sneeze loudly?

PROGRAM AT JUVENILE COURT TEACHING YOUTH HEALTHY LIFE SKILLS



A program at the Paulding County Juvenile Court is teaching court-involved youth how to redirect negative behaviors into healthy alternatives.

The Fitness and Strength Training (FAST) Program is a voluntary program developed by the Court's Probation Department to support youth placed on probation or diversion. Participating youth meet with their probation or diversion officer up to once a week at the Growth Fitness gym in Paulding.

"Most of the youth we serve through the court have unresolved emotional and behavioral issues, often based on frustrating life circumstances," said Juvenile Probation Officer Dustin Westhoven. "We have seen the youth in the FAST Program give those negative emotions and behaviors a healthy outlet through exercise."

In addition to learning the importance of physical fitness, the FAST Program also allows for a mentoring relationship to evolve between the youth and the officer. Youth are eligible to participate in this program until the completion of their probation or diversion.

There is no cost to the families or the court thanks to Growth Fitness providing the FAST Program participants complimentary access to the gym. Thus far, the program has served about 15 youth.

Judge Michael Wehrkamp has seen positive changes in the youth participating in the FAST Program. "Many of the youth we serve have never been taught healthy life habits in the past but are eager to learn them," said Wehrkamp. "This program helps us teach some of those skills. We're grateful for Growth Fitness opening its doors for our youth."

PAULDING JH ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Shown in the picture from left are Jarret Griffith (Grade 6), Darcy Taylor (Grade 7), and Thad Schneider (Grade 8).

Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level.

These students are recognized for being some of the top academic performers at Paulding Junior High School.

between 125-150 Paulding County residents each year. This will be a challenging restart after having to cancel the last 2 years because of covid-19 pandemic.

The 24-hour marathon will take place April 15-16 at the Payne Elementary gym. The deadline is quickly approaching on March 23rd so please get your entry forms turned in

to be apart of this long running Paulding County tradition. We hope you all join us in "playing ball for those who can't"!!! Entry forms available at Payne Maramart, Puckerbrush Pizza, Antwerp Pit Stop Maramart, Paulding Maramart, & Grover Hill G-Mart. For more info call or text Chad @ 419-769-4708

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Dorothea Elizabeth Gaut was born October 21, 1881 in Harrison Township, Payne, Ohio. She went on to serve as an American Nurse serving in World War 1. She was the



daughter of Eli and Mary Elizabeth (Outland) Gaut. Eli Gaut was born January 18, 1835 in Ohio. He was a Civil War Veteran, who served with Company C. 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry at the rank of Corporal. He served four years and saw some horrible battles. Mary Elizabeth was born June 6, 1861 in Paulding County, Ohio, the daughter of Alonzo and Elizabeth Outland. Her father, Alonzo, was also a Civil War Veteran, serving with Company D. 192nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Eli and Elizabeth were married in 1876. Now, if you, the reader, are doing the math, yes she was fifteen and he was sixteen years older than her!

In 1900, the Gaut family, Eli, Mary and seven children, were living in Payne, Ohio. His youngest child, Vasser, was four years old. As for Dorothea, she was in school. By 1910, Dorothea was in school studying nursing. By 1917, as America was soon going to be drawn into a war in Europe, Dorothea had to have known that she too would be sent overseas.

January 19, 1918 she was called to serve as a nurse at Ellis Island, New York. Serving at a Mobilization Station. Then February 1918, Dorothea, was serving at

Camp Hospital #33 until July 1918. Dorothea wrote home March 20, 1918 talking about meeting her sister Iris in France. They met while Iris was on furlough. She speaks of being very busy and having plenty of food to eat. She spoke of how the men called the nurses a ray of sunlight.

Dorothea was in charge of two wards. She spoke of the blooming of the flowers everywhere, which gave her joy and comfort. Dorothea was transferred to serve at Base Hospital until March 5, 1919, then onto Demobilization Station until March 5, 1919. Dorothea was relieved of duty, April 5, 1919. She was not discharged. By 1920, Dorothea and her sister Iris was living on Hamilton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan with her sister Blanche and brother in law, Charles Brokaw. Both Dorothea and Iris were working as nurses. In 1921, Dorothea was living in Cleveland, Ohio at 1481 Clarence Avenue Lane working as a nurse. August 30, 1928, single and wanting to travel, took a trip to Halifax, Nova Scotia on the ship, "LaBourdonnais".

November 29, 1934, Dorothea, traveled to Key West, Florida. Dorothea sailed to Kingston, Jamaica on the ship, "Vestvangen", August 24, 1938. April 8, 1947, Dorothea took an American Airlines plane to San Antonio, Texas. Dorothea found her home place in Washington Court-house, Ohio. Her sister, Iris lived with her. December 26, 1961, her sister Iris, passed away and was buried in Washington Cemetery, Washington Court House, Ohio. Dorothea took care of and signed for the Military Stone for her sister. Dorothea then moved to Upper Arlington, Franklin County, Ohio. She passed away at home September 16, 1970. She was buried beside her sister in Section 29, Lot 52, Grave 2. I called this cemetery and talked to a very nice lady, Nancy, who volunteered to take pictures of Iris and Dorothea's tombstones. Now the final piece of the puzzle has been put in place!

Until Next Time



Many Thanks!
Thank you so much for the many cards, flowers and kind thoughts that made my birthday on 2-22-22 an extra special day!

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Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for March is the United Way of Paulding County, located at 101 E. Perry Street in Paulding, Ohio. Lora Lyons is the Executive Director of the local United Way.

In 1992 a group of individuals saw a need in Paulding County to pool resources to help improve the lives of people within the county. The United Way works to bring organizations and businesses together to strengthen the community. In fact, the mission of the United Way is to improve lives by immobilizing the caring power of the community. The United Way also looks for needs within the community and helps to bring resources into the county that can help to cover those needs.

The United Way has been around Paulding County for 30 years. They are a 501c3 non-profit pass-through organization. Businesses have the opportunity to donate to the United Way and can designate which non-profit organization they want the funds to go to. As a 501c3 all donations are tax deductible.

The United Way is best known for providing grants that help with education, health and financial stability. The staff is also known for volunteering within the community. What sets them aside from other organizations like them is that they attempt to cross barriers and work with multiple organizations. "We are here to lift others up and help them achieve their goals. Currently we sit on multiple boards and committees to help us stay informed on

where the counties needs are. Some of those boards are: Family and Children First Council, Northwest Ohio Children Trust Fund, Northwest Ohio Homeless Committee, Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County, Paulding County Hospital Foundation, Kiwanis of Paulding County, and several local Chamber of Commerce, including our beloved Antwerp Chamber!" stated Ex. Dir. Lora Lyons.

Someone should choose the United Way to donate to because they work with a lot of organizations and try to stay as connected as possible so when people need help, they know where to send them. They try best to support organizations and grant funds to programs that support our core values.

Lora feels that people continue to support the efforts of the United Way because of the commitment and dedication to community that people see when they think of the United Way. The United Way of Paulding County is comprised of local residents who specialize in health, education and financial stability. They want nothing but the best for the residents of this community.

The biggest misconception about the United Ways is how they are constructed. United Ways are specific to their individual county and that county's needs. The boards are governed by local community members and the board members' specialties are often the focus of the organization, including health, education and financial stability. They function with a very small staff to minimize costs as their pri-

mary goal is to raise money to provide for grants to local organizations. The United Way does not provide funds to individuals.

Lora is most passionate about her job because she feels deeply in investing in the community and its people. One little known fact about the United Way is that the worldwide organization was actually developed in 1887.

97% of all funds donated to PC United Way stays within the county. Last year's funds (\$33,000) were able to help over 2,000 individuals in the county through 7 partner agencies. You can learn more about their non-profit partner organizations at their website www.uwpc.org. The Allocation Committee is comprised of local community members. They meet yearly, in June at the end of UW fiscal year, to determine what non-profit organizations will receive grants from the United Way. All of the funds that are granted back into Paulding County are decided by local people.

The funds also provided over 7,300 books to children through Dolly Parton & Ohio Governor Imagination Library. UW was also able to provide over 100 book bags full of supplies to children in need in the last two years. United Way continues to work with local resources and push to provide what the people need. They have also gotten to do some fun projects, like helping with care packages for teachers and health care workers; put together kits for graduating seniors that give great advice for buying their first home, car insurance and renters insurance, setting up a bank account, retirement accounts and much more!

The 3% that goes out of county to United Way Worldwide helps at state and federal level to advocate for Emergency Food and Shelter Funding, Medicaid, and to perform necessary research for government entities to know where to allocate funds to. An example of a study United Way spearheaded was the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained Employed) research. This research demonstrates how many American households are slightly above poverty level, but do not meet the "cost of living" threshold. These are the everyday working families, living paycheck to paycheck, with little resources available to help them because they are just above that impoverished level. In Paulding County alone, it's estimated that 7,770 people (37% of our county) are within that threshold. More information can be found at <https://www.unitedforalice.org/>.

You can donate to the United Way of Paulding County by texting "Paulding" to 269-89. As a 501c3 they adhere to federal reporting guidelines and state reporting guidelines. United Way of Paulding County has a financial review completed each year by a certified accountant. All financials are posted on the website to provide complete transparency. United Way Worldwide and United Way of Paulding County are both registered on GuideStar.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have the United Way of Paulding County in partnership with the Antwerp Community.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Antwerp Elementary students of the month for February are: Back Row: Isaac Meyer, Emma White, Lucas Langmeyer, Tyler Bradbury, Eliza Cline, Sophia Friend, and Braxton Smith. Middle Row: Duke Dangler, Blade Ruffing, Julian Rivera, Jocelyn Laker, Audreylynn Comer, and Ulrik Zijlstra. Front Row: Lyric Smith, Thatcher Friend, and Jaxton Schilt.

HUBER OPERA HOUSE TO PRESENT "FOOLS" ON APRIL 1, 2, & 3

"Fools" is a delightful comedy full of ridiculous dialogue and colorful characters. The Opera Lane Performers bring it to life at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville, Ohio, on April 1, 2, and 3. Friday and Saturday have the options of a Dinner Theater experience (at 6:30) or a show only option (7:30). Sunday is the show only and starts at 2:30 pm. More information is available online at huberoperahouse.org.

Fools is a comic fable by Neil Simon, set in a small village during the late 19th century. The story starts with Leon Tolchinsky, an ambitious young schoolteacher (played by Aaron Mann), arriving in the village of Kulyenchikov, an idyllic and remote Ukrainian hamlet. His mission is to educate a doctor's daughter, Sophia Zubritsky (Aleyah Mack). Upon arrival, Leon encounters a rather unintelligent shepherd by the name of "Something Snetsky, the sheep loser" (Dustan Bradley). After a confusing and tedious conversation with Snetsky, Leon goes off to find the home of his new employer, Dr. Zubritsky (Keith Robinson).

After Leon struggles with the locals, Mishkin the postman (Calvin Watkins), Slovitch the butcher (Kathy Kennedy), and Yenchna the vendor (Natalie Griffiths), the action shifts to the home of Dr. Zubritsky and his wife, Leyna (Nichole Robinson). We learn that the pair are equally dimwitted as the rest of the characters including Magistrate Kupchik (Dennis Jackson). When the doctor mentions a curse, Leon discovers that the town's idiocy is no accident, that it is a 200-year curse of stupidity cast on them. The curse will be broken if Leon is able to educate Sophia. Leon is introduced to the Zubritsky's daughter, Sophia, and is immediately lovestruck. He tries to ask her a few simple questions, but she responds idiotically. Later, Leon talks to the Zubritskys, who tell him that the curse can also be broken if Sophia marries Count Gregor (Jamy

ANNUAL BOOK EXCHANGE AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Payne Elementary held their annual Book Exchange on March 4, 2022. Title 1 teacher, Mrs. April Krouse, holds this event each year to promote literacy and encourage students to share their love of reading, especially during Read Across America week. Students are encouraged to bring in up to 2 gently used books for the exchange and then choose different books to take home. This year students donated approximately 300 total books!! Teachers also made donations, along with the United Way of Paulding County. In

the end, every student in the school went home with at least one book. Students enjoyed choosing books not only from their favorite authors, but as well as from a wide variety of topics and genres. Students who donated were also given an opportunity to win their choice of 3 different games. Winners were (from left) Peyton Hollar, Nuria Valdez, and Raylynn Gerardot. Mrs. Krouse appreciates all the help that went into this exchange and looks forward to next year's event!

Shaffer), the last of the Yousekevitch line. Leon resolves to break the curse, but no one tells him that if he stays over twenty-four hours

and fails to break the curse, he too becomes stupid.

So don't be an April Fool... come to the Huber to see Fools!

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB

Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

March 19 - NRL22 Match - Sight in and registration opens at 8am. Match begins at 9am. This event is open to the public.

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

Annual scholarship forms are now available. They will be sent to the area schools' guidance offices as well.

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hey Mike Porter,
 In reference to your recent attack of the West Bend News, did you notice that they printed it exactly as written? No censorship! And I thought Democrats were supposed to be the highly educated adults in charge. According to Democrats, you'd think Republicans would be the ones who don't know how to capitalize a sentence. Maybe it's because you got so angry and embarrassed by Democrats at

the national level, or maybe it's too much work to type a capital letter on your Obama-phone. Either way, I'm still waiting for you to point out specific falsities for the West Bend News to print a correction.
 —Chuck Schroeder, Paulding, OH

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD'S AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS DEPLOYING TO NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

About 30 Citizen-Soldiers of the Ohio Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, located in Columbus, are deploying to the National Capital Region in the Washington, D.C. area, in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general, will send off the unit during a call to duty ceremony at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

Structured as a task force headquarters for the deployment, this 174th Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Brigade element will provide command and supervisory oversight support to the homeland defense mission, which includes the use of radar, ground-based air defense systems, and communications equipment to protect the National Capital Region (NCR).

The 174th ADA has previously deployed to the NCR in 2019-2020 (Task Force Buckeye), 2017-2018 (Task Force Guthrie Grays), 2012-2013 (Task Force Luzon), and 2009-2010 (Task Force Phoenix).

The Integrated Air Defense System (IADS) in the NCR, consisting of sensors, alert fighters, and ground-based air defense weapons systems, was established shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, at the direction of the Secretary of Defense. Originally staffed by active-duty forces, the NCR mission has been manned by Air and Army National Guard members since 2003. The mission stands today as a prime example of the National Guard fulfilling its "Defense of the Homeland" mission.

The Ohio National Guard was established in 1788 as the Northwest Territory Militia and has more than 16,000 Army and Air National Guard personnel across Ohio who respond when called for federal, state, and community missions.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a planned deployment and is not in response to the current events in Ukraine.

HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

By: Doris Appletgate

The great awakening brought unity to the founding fathers and the colonies. When George Washington was commissioned he said good-bye to his mother who told him: "Remember to pray and trust in God."

Many records are kept of his prayer life and commanding his soldiers to honor and pay respect to times of special prayer and fasting.

Fifteen years after the battle, George and a friend were surveying when they met an old Indian chief who had told his men to 'shoot to kill' George and when God protected him, the chief prophesied: "The great spirit protects that man and guides his destinies - he will become the chief of nations and a people yet unborn will hail him as the founder of a mighty empire."

Sixty years after the move of God with revival, people started to regress into sin again so that the clergy said, "God has a controversy with this nation" and called for fervent prayer that started another spiritual awakening on the east coast and spread west.

In 1856 Charles Finney held meetings in Rochester that prepared the way of the Lord for the mighty revival that swept the nation in 1857. Finney would walk into a place and people would fall under the awesome power of God, wanting forgiveness for their sins!

Much prayer went up in New York starting with a few and soon prayer was covering

AHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: THE SOUND OF MUSIC



Antwerp High School presents 'The Sound of Music' on March 17th and March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Local Schools Auditoria.

When Maria, a postulant from Nonnberg Abbey, proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain, Captain Von Trapp. Her growing rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her generosity of spirit, gradually captures the heart of the stern Captain, and they marry. Upon returning from

their honeymoon they discover that Austria has been invaded by the Nazis, who demand the Captain's immediate service in their navy.

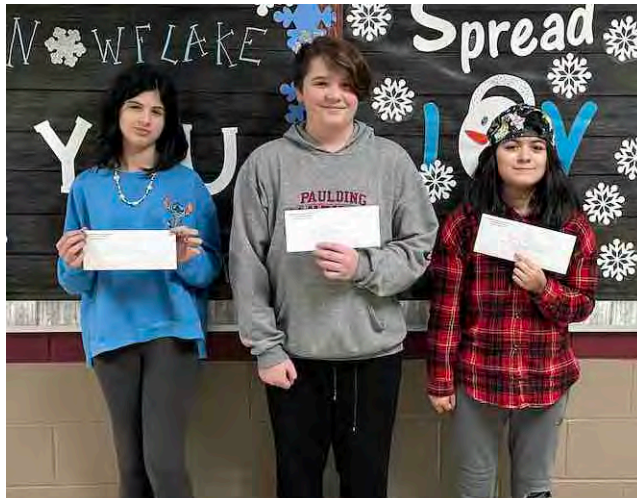
Playing the roles in this production are: Maria Rainer-Kate Farr, Captain Georg Von Trapp-Nathan Boyer, Sister Berthe-Alex Lehman, Sister Margaretta-Coryn Bennett, The Mother Abbess-Myranda Brooks, Sister Sophia-Eden Shuherk, Franz, the Butler-CJ Eaton, Frau Schmidt, the housekeeper-Lydia Brewer, Liesl-Jaidis Getrost, Frieda-

Allison Carnes, Louisa-Laura Schuller, Kurt-Jason McKay, Brigitta-Lucy Conley, Marta-Kaira Jones, Gretl-Missouri (Zoey) Cottrell, Rolf Gruber-Zack Devall, Elsa Schraeder, Baroness-Ilse Zijlstra, Ursula-Kora Zuber, Maxine Detweiler-Emma Shuherk, Herr Zeller-Hope Roebel, Baron Elberfeld-Isabella Jackson, Admiral Von Schreiber-Sara Farr, A postulant-Anabelle Saylor, Baroness Elberfeld-Kyliegh Logan, Frau Zeller-Andonia Christakopoulos.

the country from Boston, Baltimore, Washington D.C, Charleston, Mobile, Memphis, Chicago and other places. During the six to eight weeks of great revival it was reported that 50 thousand were converted weekly. Soldiers of the war were part of the revival and in the south (confederate) 25% were converted. It is said that 750 - 1000 converted of both north and south (soldiers)

The prayers and great awakening saved our country because we were consecrated to God for the spreading of the gospel. We are in great need now for another great awakening in our country and the world. Only prayer (much fervent prayer) is needed for this to happen. The sin, riots, hate, greed and lawlessness are reasons we need to turn back to God. Are you a person who can see the need and be committed to help in prayer?

PAULDING JH STUDENTS NAMED POSITIVE PANTHERS



Shown in the picture from left are Nicole Vielma (Grade 6), Brody Lindsey (Grade 7), and Alondra Meyer (Grade 8).

Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Positive Panther per grade level. These students are recognized for the positive character traits they exhibit as students of Paulding Junior High School.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

- Antwerp:** Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, PC Library, Genesis House, Antwerp G Mart
- Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
- Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon
- Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
- Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
- Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center
- Ney:** Marathon
- Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
- Paulding:** Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of

- Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Paulding Kwik Mart, Library
- Payne:** Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, PC Branch Library
- 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:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
- Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
- Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain
- Monroeville:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland's Pizza Pub
- New Haven:** ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
- Woodburn:** Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library

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ARCHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER FLYERS



Antwerp's Gaige McMichael is under the basket attempting 2 points for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp rallied in the second quarter for a halftime lead and the Archers never looked back in rolling past Marion Local 41-23 win in the Division IV boys basketball regional semifinals at Bowling Green State University Tuesday evening.

Marion Local jumped out to an 8-6 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action before the Archers seized control of the contest in the second stanza.

Antwerp scored ten points in the period while holding the Flyers to four as the blue and white took a 16-12 halftime advantage. The Archers extended the margin in the third quarter, picking up a dozen points compared to nine for Marion Local as Antwerp grabbed a 28-21 lead entering the final quarter.

The Archers then dominated the fourth period, limiting Marion Local to two points while scoring 13 of their own in sealing the 41-28 victory.

Landon Brewer led Antwerp with 14 points, eight rebounds and three steals while Kaden Recker contributed ten markers, two rebounds and two steals.

Jagger Landers and Luke Krouse both finished with

five points and Gaige McMichael chipped in four. Parker Moore also had a three-pointer for the blue and white. Landers also hauled down ten rebounds for the Archers and dished out five assists. Krouse posted four helpers for the blue and white with Moore adding two steals.

Brady Ronnebaum and Tate Hess topped Marion Local with nine points while Jack Knapke added four and Jaydn Mescher finished with one point. Knapke also brought down a team high 16 rebounds for the Flyers with Mescher dishing out three assists and recording two steals.

REIDY, SAYLOR GARNER ACAC HONORS

The ACAC released the 2022 all-league boys basketball team recently with conference champion Jay County and Adams Central both putting two members on the squad.

Jay County's Ethan Dirksen and Dusty Pearson were named to the first team while Adams Central's Ethan Poling and Braysen Yergler also garnered first team awards. Also named to the ACAC first team were

Woodlan's Joe Reidy and Heritage's Luke Saylor.

The Warriors also had a pair of players garner second team awards in Braden Smith and Alex Miller. Bluffton's Max Stoppenhagen, Jay County's Gavin Muhlenkamp, Southern Wells' Dustin Woodward and South Adams' Trey Schoch also were picked for second team honors.

Garnering honorable mention were Southern Wells' Austin Harris, Heritage's Kobe Meyer, Jay County's Josh Dowlen, Bluffton's Harrison Schreiber and Adams Central's Ethan Brown.

ACAC GIRLS ALL-LEAGUE SQUAD ANNOUNCED

Girls basketball players in the ACAC were honored recently as the league announced its honorees for 2021-2022.

Highlighting the all-ACAC first team was Jay County, which placed seniors Madison Dirksen and Izzy Rodgers along with junior Renna Schwieterman on the first team. Woodlan senior Dakotah Krohn and junior Avah Smith also picked up first team honors as did South Adams junior Peyton Pries.

Selected for the second team were the South Adams' duo of sophomore Macy Pries and senior Kristen Wynn along with Heritage senior Ella Bickel, Adams Central senior Marissa Van De Weg, Bluffton senior Monroe Heller and Woodlan sophomore Taylor Knuebuhler.

Garnering honorable mention all-league recognition are Southern Wells senior Riley Tappy, Adams Central senior Kylie Roe and Heritage junior Claire Bickel.

IHSAA RELEASES ENROLLMENT FIGURES

The Indiana High School Athletic Association released enrollment totals for high schools across the state last week with Homestead ranking as the top local school at 2,502 students to stand 19th overall in Indiana.

Fort Wayne Carroll was right behind the Spartans with 2,472 students to rank 20th amongst all schools.

Other Allen County schools and their totals included Northrop (31st, 2,080), Snider (41st, 1,872), North Side (62nd, 1,513), South Side (71st, 1,385), Wayne (72nd, 1,379), New Haven (95th,

1,064), Leo (108th, 968), Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger (111th, 928), Heritage (163rd, 618), Concordia (166th, 610), Woodlan (177th, 553) and Blackhawk Christian (334th, 245).

NE-8 GIRLS SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

Columbia City and Norwell highlighted the 2022 all-NE8 girls basketball teams recently announced as each put three players on the first team.

The Norwell trio of sophomore Kennedy Fuelling, senior Mackenzie Toliver and sophomore Makenzie Fuess all garnered first team awards as did the Columbia City threesome of senior Rebekah Marshall, freshman Addison Baxter and sophomore Kyn-dra Sheets.

Also picking up awards for the all-league first team are Huntington North junior Taylor Double, Belmont senior Kenzie Fuelling, Leo junior Leah May, Belmont junior Sydney Keane and DeKalb freshman Ashley Cox.

Named to the second team were Huntington North freshman Molly Daugherty, Belmont junior Hailey Cole, Huntington North senior Grace Sell, Columbia City sophomore Molly Baker, Leo senior Brooke McGee, East Noble senior Kyndal Mynhier, DeKalb junior Lillie Cone, Huntington North freshman Marissa Trout and Leo senior Gabi Adams.

Receiving honorable mention are Belmont junior Ellen Scott, New Haven sophomore Janiya Johnson, Norwell junior Skyla Tomasek, Norwell senior Emily Todd and Belmont freshman Emily Bleke.

RAIDER TRIO TAKES PART IN STATE INDOOR MEET

The Ohio Association of Track and Cross-Country Coaches held its 2022 Indoor Track State Championship meet on Saturday, March 5, at the Spire Institute in Geneva with three athletes from Wayne Trace taking part.

Junior Sydnee Sinn, sophomore Maddox Treece and senior Brayson Parrish all made the trip to northeast Ohio to compete in the meet.

Sinn placed sixth in the girls 800-meter run, posting a time of 2:16.30 while Parrish recorded a time of 8.79 in the 60-meter hurdles to record eighth place. Treece also finished in sixth place, crossing the finish line with a time of 50.27 in the 400-meter dash.

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with six rebounds and two assists and Carson Altimus recorded ten points.

Luke Krouse aided the Archer cause with four points and four assists while Kaden Recker and Gaige McMichael both had two points. Parker Moore also had two rebounds for Antwerp.

Tiffin Calvert was paced by Blake Ronski with a dozen markers while recording three rebounds and three steals. Nick Palm and Nolan Beeker both finished with six points and Ethan Sauber totaled three markers. Garrett Spaun and Max Paul also totaled a basket each for the Senecas.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS HONORED FOR WORK ON ATHLETIC FIELDS



Pioneer Athletics proudly announces that Antwerp Local Schools has been selected as a winner of the 2021 Fields of Excellence Award.

As a winner, Antwerp Local Schools will receive a certificate of recognition and a Fields of Excellence banner that they can proudly display at their winning field. Pioneer may also use the picture of Antwerp Local School's winning field in their upcoming publications and annual calendar.

Pioneer understands that excellence in athletic field maintenance goes unrecognized and often, unappreciated. The Fields of Excellence Award Program honors outstanding athletic fields and the hardworking field crews who diligently maintain them. The Fields of Excellence Award Program was established in 1997 and was honored over 1362 athletic fields from around the country

since its creation.

Colleges, universities, high schools and parks & recreation departments from all over the United States submitted photographs, letters of recommendation and application forms describing their institutions detailed athletic maintenance program. A rigorous judging process yielded 100 winners from a large pool of applicants, with two athletic fields randomly selected as Scholarship Winners.

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GROVER HILL SCHOOL SPRING PROGRAM E-I-E-I OOPS!



A musical play with a cow who wouldn't "moo!" This is all very upsetting to the other human and animal characters who all love to sing in their own special way. They realize that everybody's voice is important and necessary to make the farm and the choir sound complete. Each of the characters makes it their goal to try to convince Madam Cow that she should join them by raising her voice with a hearty "moo!" Initially however, the pigs can't do it. The chicks can't do it. Even

the sheep fail until they finally discover that it is the cow's insecurity and low self esteem that is keeping her from sharing her song. When they learn this, they decide they need to help build up her confidence by saying nice things about her and treating her like she is very capable and admirable. Their technique eventually works; the cow "moos!" and everyone is the better for it!

The musical will be presented April 7, 2022 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Antwerp (26-1) will play Tri Village (25-3) at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at the University of Dayton in the Division IV semifinals. The other game features Richmond Heights (23-4) against Berlin Hiland (23-4) at 10:45 a.m.

Senior Layne Sarver scored

a game-high 20 points to lead Tri-County past Botkins. This will be the fourth trip to the state tournament for the Patriots, who won the 2015 state championship and were state runners-up in 1991. Tri Village also advanced to the state tournament in 2014.



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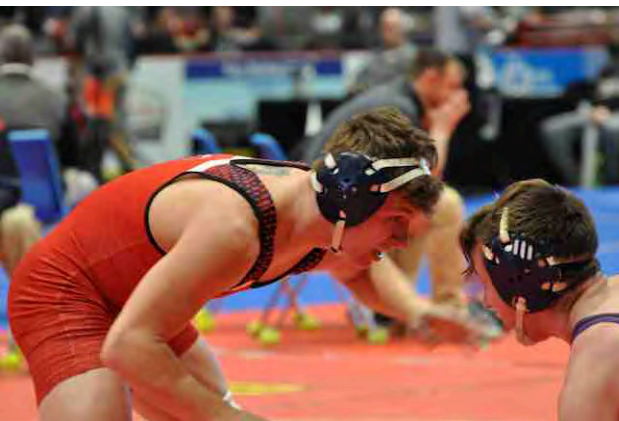


CORBIN KIMMEL. Photos by: Abby Hornish

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wrestling Jesse Maple from Ridgewood winning by major decision 16-3, rounding out the Raiders in the first round was Hornish who wrestled Jacob Richardson from South

mel back on the mat in the consolation quarterfinals against Caiden Heller from Waynedale with a devastating loss in the last few seconds 0-1. In the semi finals Long took the mat first where he again had another nail biting



HUNTER LONG. Photos by: Abby Hornish

Range winning 7-0. Kimmel rounded the first day off by winning his first consolation match with a :31 second pin against Owen Martin from Southeast. Day two started with an-

match that went into an ultimate tie breaker with Hayden Kuhn from Ashland Crestview and Long won 6-3. Next was Hornish in the semi finals taking on Brodie Dominique from Archbold, Hor-



JARRETT HORNISH. Photos by: Abby Hornish

other round of consolations where Kimmel continued his battle for the podium in which he won a 4-2 decision over C.J. Graham from Fairland securing a spot on the podium. Long started day two off with an exciting overtime match winning 11-9 over Jeremiah McKee from Wellington. Hornish followed suit with another win opening day two up with a 3:58 pin over Ayden King from Barnesville. Kim-

nish lost a 3-8 match sending him into the consolation bracket. Sunday morning started off with the consolation semi-finals where Hornish took that mat continuing to climb the podium. Hornish wrestled Cade Petersen from Oak Harbor winning an exciting overtime match with a 7-2 victory. Next, in the placement round first up was Corbin Kimmel battling for 7th place against

Hunter Newell from South Range unfortunately Kimmel lost 1-5, Kimmel took home 8th place in Division III, the first Freshman in Wayne Trace history to place at the state tournament. Hornish took the mat for one last time to complete his high school career against Clayton Smith from Utica. Hornish pinned Smith in 2:17 earning his 106th career pin. Hornish brought home a 3rd place finish for the red, white and blue. Finishing up the tournament was Hunter Long in the finals against Raymond Cmil from South Range competing for the 132# Division III State Title. Long defeated Cmil 5-2 to become the CHAMPION. Long is the third wrestler to capture a title for Wayne Trace.

For the first time in school history, Wayne Trace brought home 3 state placers resulting in a 7th place team finish.

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH & CHICKEN STRIP DINNER

Woodburn Lutheran School, 4502 State Road 101 N, Woodburn, IN will host an all you can eat fish & chicken strip dinner prepared by Dan's Fish Fry, 4:30-8:00 PM, Friday March 25, 2022. The menu includes "all you can eat" fish and/or chicken strips, in addition two of the following menu items may be chosen with each meal: coleslaw, green beans, apple sauce or french fries. Drinks and a variety of desserts are also included. Carry-out dinners are available. Woodburn Lutheran School is a Christian School providing a Christ-Centered education to the families of East Allen County for the past 60 years. WLS invites all to come and enjoy our annual Fish Fry.

FLAT ROCK GAS, STEAM, ENGINE & TRACTOR CLUB MEMBERS

The Spring Potluck Dinner and Business Meeting will be held at Paulding County Extension Building at 6:00 PM on March 26, 2022

For additional information, please contact flatrock-creekfestival@gmail.com

PAUL KEELS, THE VOICE OF THE BUCKEYES

Paul Keels, The Voice of the Buckeyes, will be a featured speaker at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert on April 10 at 3:00pm. Keels is the current play-by-play announcer for Ohio State University's football and men's basketball teams for WBNS Radio and the Ohio State Sports Network.

This event is made possible by the generous support of The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Van Wert and Paulding Counties. Throughout their 35 years of existence, the club has raised thousands of dollars for scholarships for Van Wert and Paulding County graduates to attend The Ohio State University. The Club is open to all Ohio State fans but only members of The Alumni Association in Columbus can hold offices in the club. Current board members are JoAnne Wolford, Emily Temple and Carl Jeffery.

For more information, go to vanwertlive.com or the Box Office Monday - Friday from

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or 419-238-6722. The Box Office is located within the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 SR 118 S. Van Wert.

VIRGINIA PAULUS-ILER SCHOLARSHIP

Virginia Paulus, a long-time supporter and former board of director of the Paulding County Area Foundation has funded a scholarship administered by Paulding County Area Foundation which is available to university/college students entering their junior year, or third year of study at an Ohio university/college. The scholarship was designed by Paulus to help students who graduated from Paulding High School. The scholarship recipients will receive \$1,000.00 each to be used to further their education. To apply for the 2022 Virginia Paulus-Iler scholarship visit www.paulding-countyareafoundation.com to complete the scholarship application. All applications are due Friday, April 8, 2022, and can be mailed or dropped off to the Foundation office located at 103 E. Perry St. in Paulding. Applicants must be graduates of Paulding High School and entering their junior, or third year of a university/college of Ohio in the Fall 2022 semester to be considered.

SPECIALTY CROP VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSION SET

Ohioans with an interest in specialty crops are invited to participate in an upcoming virtual listening session on Friday, March 25.

Sponsored by The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), the free event is set for 9:30-11 a.m. and will be of benefit to many in the specialty crop industry.

Participants should register online no later than Thursday, March 24, at go.osu.edu/2022speccropreg.

Designed specifically for Ohio specialty crop partners, the session will feature CFAES researchers and Ohio State University Extension educators with updates on priorities, existing support for specialty crops, and actions underway related to research and education.

"We will also take time to explore emerging trends for specialty crops agriculture in the state, listen to industry needs, and discuss how CFAES plays an important role in the industry," said Sam Custer, interim assistant director of OSU Extension, agriculture and natural resources.

The specialty crop industry in Ohio includes hundreds of acres of flowers, nursery crops, fruits, vegetables, and

PAULDING FFA MEMBERS SELECTED AS DELEGATES FOR OHIO YOUTH CAPITAL CHALLENGE



Pictured left to right are Paulding FFA members Brooke Kilgore and Jalyn Klopfenstein at the Ohio Youth Capital Challenge in Columbus.

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Carter Manz

Paulding FFA members, Jalyn Klopfenstein and Brooke Kilgore have been selected delegates for the Youth Capital Challenge. The Ohio Youth Capital Challenge (OYCC) was designed to get students to make necessary changes in their communities by making new public policies and teaching the delegates about legislation. The OYCC is an interactive civil education program that comprises 4 total phases, with the first phase starting March 5th where delegates traveled to Columbus to gather at the Ohio 4-H Center for an all-day workshop. During the workshop the students meet their team for the project and then have time to brainstorm. To choose their project team members recognize a problem in their community, propose a public policy to fix it, and then

develop a detailed plan on how to get government officials to adopt the proposal. They also hear from several speakers throughout the day including last year's Ohio Youth Capital Challenge (OYCC) winner. The second part of the day members learned more about legislative policy. Phase two of the challenge then begins in April-May, where teams work to make their plans come true with their teams. In phase three, teams meet back in Columbus on May 21st to present their OYCC plan and how successful their plan was. From these presentations, 2 teams are chosen to move on to the Ohio State Fair to present one last time for a chance to win a scholarship. The Paulding FFA is excited for Jalyn Klopfenstein and Brooke Kilgore to go and make positive changes to Paulding County!

related products including tomatoes, radishes, beets, lettuces, parsleys, southern greens, sweet corn, asparagus, grapes, onions, celery, melons, eggplant, green beans, pumpkins, bell peppers, cabbage, cilantro, cucumbers, squash,

kale, turnips, zucchini, jams, jellies, herbs, apples, cider, berries, peaches, and maple syrup. Other important segments of the specialty crop industry include vegetable seed, canners, and food processors.



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PAULDING JH PRIDE CARD RECIPIENTS



Each month students at Paulding Junior High School (PJHS) earn Paulding Pride cards for going above and beyond what is normally expected from a junior high school student. Shown in the picture are the PJHS February Paulding Pride card recipients.

CONVOY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONATES TO VILLAGE OF CONVOY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Pictured from the left: Larry Webb, David Thomas of the Historical Society, Marcia Germann, Bob Schumm, Kristi Gamble of Convoy Community Foundation, Ray Hertz, Jan McIntosh, Jason Cox, Ruth Ann Densel, Rose Wherry & Cindy Harting of the Historical Society.

The Convoy Community Foundation presented the Village of Convoy Historical Society with a grant in the amount of \$2000.00 for a video projector for the Con-

voy Opera House. The video projector will provide the opportunity to show movies, power point programs and videos.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Bryan McGorman, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Clarence P. Hertzfeld Jr., Waterville, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Seth N. Hawkins, Payne, OH; Criminal damage; Case dismissed with prejudice; Costs waived

Robert A. Nance, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license, Defendant appeared in court with Ms. Smith, Pled guilty, Show proof of insurance by 3/8/22, Pay all fines and costs, Warrant and warrant block recalled; Loud exhaust, Guilty, Defendant pled guilty, Pay fine

Wesley A. Endicott, Payne, OH; Theft, Case dismissed per state, without

prejudice, Costs waived; Criminal mischief, Case dismissed per state, without prejudice, Costs waived

Zackary Kovalkevich, Bryant, IN; 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; Drug paraphernalia, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared with Mr. Vigorito, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Pay all fines and costs, Show proof of insurance by 3/8/22; Loud exhaust, Count B dismissed

Isaac L. Swary, Woodburn, IN; Hit skip private property, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Placed on standard proba-

tion, Maintain general good behavior, 40 hours community service, Pay restitution, No unlawful contact with victims, Complete a risk assessment; Criminal damage, Count B dismissed per state

Chelsea R. Killian, Perysburg, OH; Specific ALC cont., Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived

Diamond Bolden, Brooklyn, NY; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Noah T. Coyne, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Quill E. Dunlap IV, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Case was waived by defendant

Leanna H. Coil, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension - operator license forfeiture; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs

Winter N. Boroff, Convoy, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Fanus Tesfagabir, Indianapolis, IN; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ceanna J. Taylor, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeffrey L. Curtis, Cloverdale, OH; Handling firearm; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Firearms may be returned to the defendant; Prosecutor to provide serial numbers and description to the court to notify the sheriff's officer

Charles J. Thompson, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived; FRA suspension, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived; No tail lights, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived

Jalen R. Welch-McClain, Van Wert, OH; OIV/under influence, Count A dismissed; Marked lanes, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Defendant pled guilty, Pay fine

Robert M. Hughes, Delphos, OH; Attempted theft, Guilty, Defendant's fines and costs to be paid from bond, Placed on standard probation, Shall have no contact with victim's property, 40 hours of community service, Risk assessment; Criminal trespassing, Count B dismissed per state

Mark A. Miles, Defiance, OH; Criminal damages,

Case dismissed per state without prejudice, Costs waived; Disorderly conduct, Case dismissed per state without prejudice, Costs waived

Brock R. Clemens, Continental, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Patrick M. Elkins II, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kenneth F. Keating, Pioneer, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy D. Warren, Chireno, TX; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jason M. May, Monroeville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ann M. Munger, Paulding, OH; Junk ordinance; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Continue to clean property

Margaret M. Keeterle, Paulding, OH; Junk ordinance; Guilty; Fine suspended; Court costs waived

Stanley Elick, Grover Hill, OH; Junk ordinance; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today

Tyler J. Levos, Paulding, OH; Junk ordinance, Case dismissed per village, If property is cleaned up within a week costs may be waived; Junk ordinance, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant shall pay all fines and costs

Amy M. Neamon, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Defendant pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 4/29/22

Hass Soudah, Dearborn, MI; Head phones, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christina McKeever, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

ANTWERP POLICE REPORT

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On February 27th, a business alarm was reported at one of the businesses. Officer arrived, the business was checked and everything was fine

On March 2nd, a resident on N Main St reported that someone drove through the yard creating ruts.

On March 4th, it was reported that there was an assault on one of the school buses in the village limits. A report was prepared and the case was investigated.

On March 4th, an officer was requested on Washington St. for parents to exchange custody of their children.

On March 6th, the Antwerp Police Department received a call that there was a stray dog on Gasser Rd. in the Village of

WAYNE TRACE HS ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Wayne Trace Student of the Month are: Front Row: 7th grade: KaMaury Sullivan, 8th grade: Emma Stouffer. Back Row: 10th grade: Maddox Treece, 12th grade: Claudia Sinn, 11th grade: Anna Wells, 9th grade: McKenna Johnson

Paulding. The caller was provided the number for the Paulding Police Department.

On March 6th, a resident of the county came to the police department and stated he was instructed to exchange child custody at the police department; however, the other party never showed up.

On March 6th, a resident reported that while they were stopped at the intersection of Woodcox and Main St. he believed a street sign blew off the pole and struck his truck. Officer was unable to locate the damage to the vehicle. Officer went to the intersection and discovered all street signs and traffic signs were in the proper location.

On March 7th, a call was received in reference to a verbal argument and also one of the parties requesting an officer so they could leave the resident. Officer responded and stood by.

On March 7th, the Antwerp Police Department received a report from an individual who alleged that they were a victim of a sex crime in 1970's. It was determined the incident occurred outside the village limits and the case was referred to the proper agency.

On March 8th, an assault was reported that occurred on one of the school buses in the village limits. The case is under investigation.

On March 8th, it was reported that property damage had occurred on Canal St as a result of a semi making a delivery to Verizon tower. Officer responded and made 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!

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2/31/22

Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on February 21st, 2022

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Voirol, Watts, Thompson (via phone), Gerig, and Martin. Chief Parker was not present. Sarah and Pat with the Allen County Department of Planning Services were also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: There is a water leak on Becker Road that will be repaired later this week. The Superintendent explained that he has water meters on back order and that the Council may want to consider what can be done in the event of a meter shortage in the future. Councilman Watts proposed using the summer meters instead if the meter tops can be secured. The superintendent will look into that possibility and report back at the next meeting.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the February 7th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the February 7th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor, except Councilman Watts, who abstains. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. The clerk-treasurer presented end of year finances. This included fund balances, revenue and expense guidelines, and bank reconciliation information for the year. December of 2021 was corrected for \$183.52.

Councilmen's Report: Nothing to report.

Audience: A resident explained that he had a larger utility bill this month and had determined that the water consumption was water that was not treated by the sewer system and was asking council to consider adjusting the sewer portion of his bill. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to adjust the sewer portion of his bill to reflect his average use for all affected months, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Sarah and Pat went over details regarding the All-In-Allen Comprehensive Plan, in particular how land use exists currently and what might change in the future. Suggestions were presented by the Board.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

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

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ANTWERP MAN JOINS OHIO'S "SAVED BY THE BELT" CLUB



Antwerp resident Nickolas A. Lewis joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club today after his safety belt saved him from sustaining life-threatening injuries. The crash occurred on U.S. 127 in Paulding County on January 24.



Ohio State Highway Patrol Sergeant Joseph R. Sisco, Van Wert Post assistant commander, presented him with a "Saved by the Belt" certificate designed by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent.

"Nickolas is a living testimony to the effectiveness of safety belts," Lieutenant Timothy P. Grigsby, Van Wert Post commander said. "Everyone needs to buckle up every trip, every time."

Provisional data from 2021 shows 565 people in Ohio were killed in traffic crashes where a safety belt was available, but not in use. For up-to-date statistics and information on seat belts, log onto the Patrol's Seatbelt Dashboard at www.SeatBeltDashboard.ohio.gov.

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He also received a "Saved by the Belt" license plate bracket.

CORN PLANTER ADJUSTMENTS

Crop and fertilizer prices are soaring but getting a good crop starts at planting. Planters never seem to break down in the machine shed, but after sitting all winter, problems occur quickly. Planting delays can be quite expensive. Planter parts may also be hard to find, so planter adjustments and repairs should be made early.

Tractor and planter tires should be properly inflated before leveling the planter at the hitch. High tractor tires may require a hitch adjustment to keep the planter level. Planters need to be level in all directions. Parallel arms should be level in the planting position to maximize benefits of downward pressure. Check parallel arms with a level all three ways: up and down, across the arms, and perpendicular. Check that planter boxes and fertilizer units are level and the planter frame are correctly set (check owner's manual). Good population and high yields start with a level planter.

Ideally set the planter frame 20-21 inches off the soil surface at planting. Parallel

DEFIANCE FATHER AND SON JOIN OHIO'S "SAVED BY THE BELT" CLUB



Defiance residents Jeremy A. Cullen and Jayden A. Cullen joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club today after their safety belts saved them from sustaining life-threatening injuries. The crash occurred on Interstate 75 in Allen County on December 29, 2021.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Lieutenant Alec Coil, Lima Post commander, presented them with "Saved by the Belt" certificates signed by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent.

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arms are the cause of many planting problems. The bottom parallel arm on the planter frame should be 20 inches from soil surface and 30 inches at the top. Measurements may vary by planter type, so check your owner's manual. Check and replace loose or worn bolts and bushings. Check parallel arms on front and back to make sure they are the same distance apart or the planter will bind and not ride evenly across the soil. Parallel arms need to be level when planting starts. Lift planter units up and sideways in several directions to identify wear points.

Check planter opener disc blades and/or row cleaners. Some planters are set up with a disc blade coulter out front, planter opener disc blades, and row cleaners. The front disc should run slightly shallower than the planter opener disc blades and both should be lined up. If hair-pinning with residue, uneven germination, or high corn brace roots is occurring; the row cleaners need to be set deeper. Some new no-till disc blades do not require a front disc coulter or row cleaners. Most disc blades should be replaced when the diameter is less than 14.5 inches and should fit snug with no gaps. Disc openers need to be shimmed correctly with 2-2.5 inches of contact for 3mm blades and 1.5-2 inches contact for 3.5mm blades. Opener disc blades set improperly may create a "W" in the planter slot, causing improper seed placement, and sporadic seed germination.

Setting the down pressure wrong causes many planter problems. Ideally, 100 pounds down pressure or 30 pounds per square inch (PSI) creates the best planting conditions and good crop rooting. Too much down pressure on press wheels will cause sidewall

compaction and restrict lateral root development. Planting in a "V" slot (compacted sidewalls) in wet soils with too much down pressure causes poor lateral root growth and lodging.

An open seed slot may be an indication of not enough down pressure on the closing wheels. Too much pressure on the closing wheel may close the seed slot but result in poor seed-to-soil contact with air pockets around the seed. This happens when the closing wheel pushes down on the top but does not shove the sidewall down enough to seal soil around the seed. Make sure the closing wheels are spaced evenly apart and working properly. Poor root development often occurs in open slots when the soil dries out. Seeds should always be firmly in place, completely surrounded by soil with no gaps or air pockets, to maximize even germination.

Check gauge wheels and fertilizer placement at planting. When down pressure is applied correctly, gauge wheels should be firmly in place and not turn on the ground. Gauge wheels should run tightly against disc opener blades. Reduced Inner Diameter (RID) gauge wheels are recommended in no-till fields where higher soil moisture and side wall compaction may occur. The RID gauge wheels collapse the sidewall for improved seed to soil contact. If fertilizer gets too close to the seed, a high fertilizer salt content may reduce root growth. Placing fertilizer "2" by "2" or "2" by "4" away from the seed is common. For "Pop-up" fertilizer applied directly to the seed, do not apply more than 20 pounds per acre to avoid salt damage.

Also check all chains and grease the planter. Replace worn bolts, chains, bearings, seed tubes with burs and

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

tighten up anything that is loose. Use a seed-firmer to maximize seed-to-soil contact and to achieve uniform seed depth (6-7 bpa advantage). With high crop prices, getting even and consistent corn emergence is critical.

James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Service

PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of Oakwood 2021 annual report is available for viewing by the public at the Village Town Hall.

Please call to schedule 419-594-3352.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

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

Penny J. Vargo, et.al., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22-023

TO: Penny J. Vargo; Unknown Spouse of Penny J. Vargo

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: ADDRESS: 102 S. Sixth Street, Oakwood, Ohio 45873

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Penny J. Vargo, to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 581 Page 2638 of the Paulding County Records.

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

Situated in the Village of Oakwood, County of Paulding, State of Ohio,

and described as follows:

Lot Number Fifteen (15) of Floyd Burt's Addition to the Village of Oakwood, Paulding County, Ohio.

Auditor's Parcel #10-08S-027-00

Prior Instrument Reference: V. 548, P. 1052; V.581, P. 2638

Property Address: 102 South Sixth Street, Oakwood, Ohio

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

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By: *Ann E. Pease*
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Respectfully submitted,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Antwerp Local School Board of Education hereby gives notice in accordance with section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that Patrick Miesle, currently employed as High School History Teacher, will be retired and is seeking employment with the District in such position following retirement. The Antwerp Local School Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the issue of Patrick Miesle being employed in the District at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the Antwerp Local School District Board of Education room.

NOTICE

The Village of Payne, Paulding County, Ohio is letting bids enter into a contract for the collection and removal of garbage, rubbish, refuse and bulky waste pickup from the Village of Payne, Paulding County, Ohio and allowing businesses to independently contract for such service. Bid packets are available from the Mayor and Fiscal Officer Offices. Bids will be accepted til March 28, 2022 until 7:00 p.m. when all bids shall be opened and taken under advisement for awarding.



PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEBRUARY MINDSET MARVELS



February Mindset Marvels for Paulding Elementary are: Left to right: Front row: Jose Gutierrez-Santillan, Leon Steele, Brooklyn Sterrett, Adrie Smith, Ella Hale, Mari Adams, Kye Rohlf. Middle row: Julio Becerra-Cortes, Miguel Castillo, Chad Gonzales, Daryus Mitchell, Zarla Ross, Venecia Rodriguez-Reyes, Caydius Dobbelaere, Dominic Brehm. Back row: Jayden Thompson, Kendyl Sunday, Shyann Kuhl, Sophia Spielman, Austin Guilford, Isabella Wesley

By: Fairview FFA
Reporter Elizabeth Bok

On March 7, Fairview FFA held its monthly chapter meeting. The chapter enjoyed pizza, discussed current matters, and played a game to end the meeting. At the meeting, the new officers for the 2022-2023 year were elected. Elected as the upcoming President for our chapter is Carrie Zeedyk, who has previously served as Vice President and Reporter. Emma Zeedyk was elected Vice President. Serving as Secretary is Kayla Mavis; Treasurer: Miguel Garcia; Reporter: Elizabeth Bok; Sentinel: Dalton Haver; Student Advisor: Brady Zeedyk; Historian: Summer Hiler. All of the individuals are very dedicated and passionate

FAIRVIEW FFA ELECTS 2022-23 OFFICERS



Pictured: Dalton Haver, Brady Zeedyk, Miguel Garcia, Emma Zeedyk, Carrie Zeedyk, Kayla Mavis, Summer Hiler, and Elizabeth Bok

about serving their chapter. The Fairview FFA Chapter is very excited for the 2022-2023 year with the upcoming officers.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Payne Elementary is proud to present our February Students of the month. These students have worked hard to achieve this accomplishment. Congratulations! Pictured are: Front Row: Owyne Raber, Avery Welch, Norah Mawer, Kendall Folsom, Kierston Ross, Jeremiah Valdez, Demiriana Goings, Wade Stoller. Back Row: Columbia Dempsey, Brinna Collins, June Wenninger, Brady Cox, Aubree Lamb, Collin Helms, Evelyn Lyon

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 1/19/22

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Jan Reeb. Council persons present: Bryce Steiner, Jason Franks, Steve Jordan, Kenneth Reinhart, Dean Rister, and Bryan Smith.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Village Administrator Brian Davis, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty and Police Chief George Clemens. Visitors: Bill Boylan, Gayle Rister and Katryna Fish.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held December 20, 2021, were reviewed. Discussion on meeting minutes.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the minutes from the December 20, 2021, regular council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Council member Steiner asked about status of scheduling public hearing on amendments to zoning map. Administrator Davis said that there are steps that must be taken before a public hearing is scheduled. Steiner also asked about the wood from trees removed at Veterans Park being offered to residents. Administrator Davis said that the pieces were too large.

Minutes from the special council meeting held December 30, 2021, were reviewed.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rister, to accept the minutes from the December 30, 2021, special council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The December disbursements were reviewed. Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Franks, to accept the December reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

VISITORS:
Visitors present to observe only.
POLICE REPORT:

Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 61 calls for service for the month of December with 7 offenses. Council members Rister and Jordan both received complaints about a flag displayed on Woodcox Street. Chief Clemens has spoken with the homeowner and the county prosecutor. Discussion on possible resolutions.

EMS REPORT:
EMS Coordinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing 197 outstanding runs. EMS had 31 runs in December. Collections in December were \$4,737.14. A year-to-date total of collections is \$76,413.38 with a year-to-date run total of 327 runs.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:
First reading of ordinance no. 2022-01: an ordinance authorizing the mayor of the Village of Antwerp to enter into a delinquent debt collection agreement between the Ohio Attorney General and the Village of Antwerp.

Council member Steiner asked about timeframes for collection efforts. These timeframes were presented at the regular December 2021 council meeting. Solicitor

Farr will provide those to Fiscal Officer Lichty to include with this ordinance and for council to review prior to next regular council meeting.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2022-02: an ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer \$114,000.00 from the general fund to the police fund, and declaring the same an emergency.

Discussion on purpose of this ordinance and need to pass as emergency. The money for the police department is part of the 2022 budget; however, the funds must be transferred from the general fund to the police fund by the passage of an ordinance by council. The police fund needs this funding in order to operate the police department, which necessitates the emergency passage being requested.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2022-02. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2022-02. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

First reading of ordinance no. 2022-03: an ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer \$4,173.00 from the general fund to the severance pay

reserve fund emergency reading of ordinance no. 2022-04: an ordinance adopting the personnel manual for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, including any and all amendments thereto and all applicable statements attached thereto, for calendar year 2022, and declaring the same an emergency. Motion made by Rister, seconded by Franks, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2022-04. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

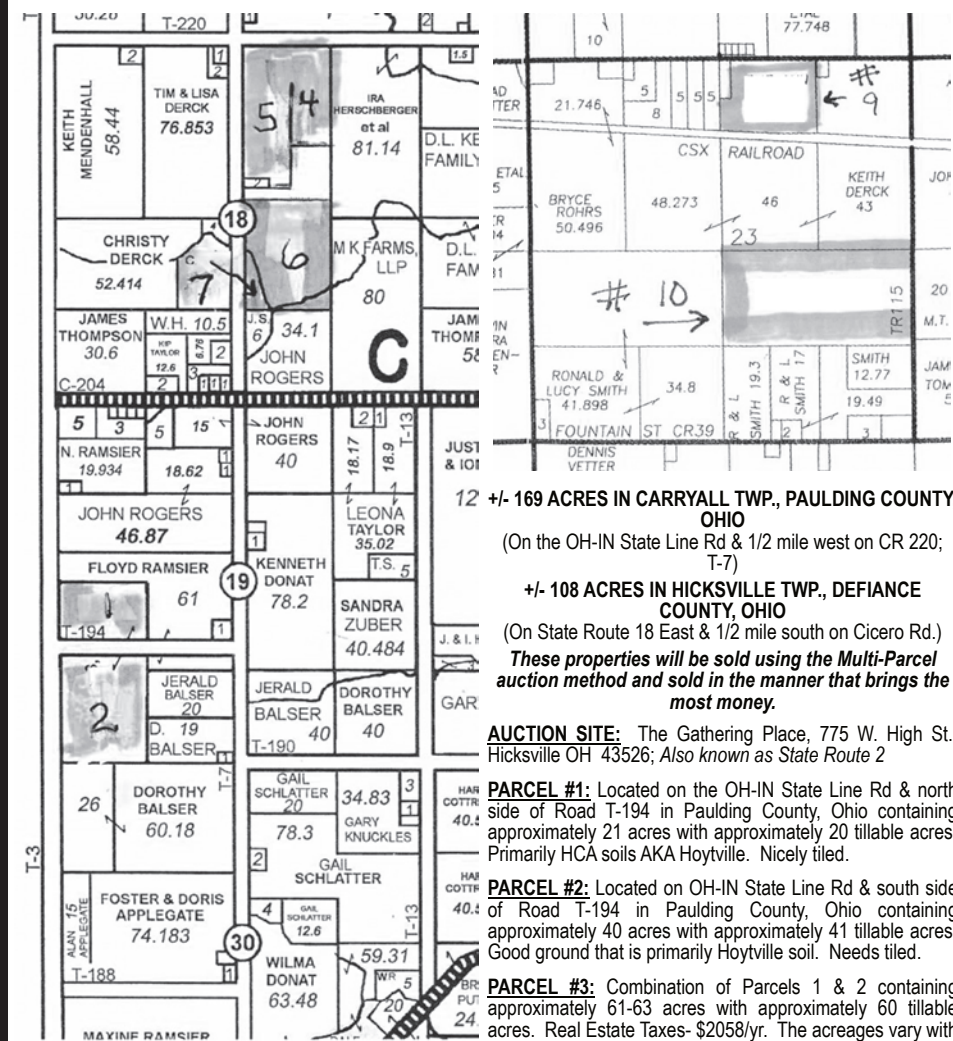
Discussion on agreement with Real Waste Disposal LLC for residential garbage collection. Council discussed services provided and no complaints known. Council approved renewing this agreement for a one-year term last year. Council agreed that the agreement should be renewed for another one year term. The renewed one year term will be for the period of April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by Jordan, authorizing Administrator Davis to send letter of intention to renew agreement for one-year term to Real Waste Disposal LLC. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022 - 9:00AM

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MULTI-PARCEL AUCTION



PARCEL #1: Located on the OH-IN State Line Rd & north side of Road T-194 in Paulding County, Ohio containing approximately 21 acres with approximately 20 tillable acres. Primarily HCA soils AKA Hoytville. Nicely tiled.

PARCEL #2: Located on OH-IN State Line Rd & south side of Road T-194 in Paulding County, Ohio containing approximately 40 acres with approximately 41 tillable acres. Good ground that is primarily Hoytville soil. Needs tiled.

PARCEL #3: Combination of Parcels 1 & 2 containing approximately 61-63 acres with approximately 60 tillable acres. Real Estate Taxes- \$2058/yr. The acreages vary with County Auditor & Plat Book records.

AUCTION SITE: The Gathering Place, 775 W. High St., Hicksville OH 43526; Also known as State Route 2

PARCEL #4: Located just east of the SE corner of Paulding County Rd 220 & Road T-7, 1/2 mile from IN & approximately 1/2 mile north of Parcels 1 & 2, this parcel contains approximately 20.5 acres of land with +/- 650 feet of frontage on CR 220. Could easily be added to Parcel #5 by removing a fence row but would make a nice mini-farm w/ room for horses & pasture. Approximately 19.2 tillable acres.

PARCEL #5: Located on the corner of County Rd. 220 & Road T-7 next to Parcel #4. This piece offers approximately 28.5 acres of land with frontage on Road T-7 and CR 220 +/- 27.2 tillable acres. Could easily be divided to accommodate several families or combined w/ Parcel #4. Hoytville & Napanee soils.

PARCEL #6: Located on Road T-7 with approximately 52.5 acres of land with +/- 48 tillable acres & 1.5 acres of woods in the southeast corner. Creek offers excellent outlet for field tile. Adjacent to Parcel #7. Have your own patch of hunting ground.

PARCEL #7: Located on Road T-7 and adjacent to Parcel #6, this property is bordered by a creek on the north & east sides. Approximately 900 feet of road frontage. Could become 3 nice building lots with the creek to run your outlet tile. Approximately 6.5 acres with +/- 5.7 tillable acres. Mostly Hoytville soil.

PARCEL #8: Combination of Parcels 4, 5, 6, and 7. Buyers may wish to ask for 2 or more parcels in any combinations to be auctioned separately. Does not require all 4 parcels to be together. Buyers choices. Real Estate taxes for 107+ acres is \$2691/yr.

PARCEL #9: Located on State Route 18 East approximately 1.5 miles east of Hicksville, Ohio. Approximately 1000 ft. of road frontage with the back of the property bordered by the RR tracks. Approximately 28.8 acres with +/- 27.3 tillable acres. Add this to your current farming operation or divide it to make a couple nice mini farms close to the new Hicksville School. Real Estate taxes are \$768.98/yr.

PARCEL #10: Located on Cicero Rd. just across the RR tracks from Parcel #9. 80 acres with approximately 10.5 acres of woods at the rear of the farm (Super deer hunting) and approximately 68.5 tillable acres. Only access is from Fountain Rd. to Cicero Rd. then north 1/4 mile, due to the RR crossing being closed from State Route 18. Real Estate taxes are \$2201.78/yr.

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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA



Grover Hill Elementary School had a whole week of activities that challenged students to read a variety of books. Pete the Cat, Tractor Mac, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Dr. Seuss.

students dressed up for the theme of the day, played a variety of games, read stories, and explored a Dr. Seuss book. The PTO furnished a treat to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Even though National Read Across America Week is over, Grover Hill Elementary School will continue to encourage students to discover new books, authors, and different genres.

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and approved.

First reading of ordinance no. 2022-05: an ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into second addendum to the agreement for collection, transportation and disposal of residential solid waste within the corporate limits of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio.

First reading of ordinance no. 2022-06: an ordinance authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to transfer \$7,500.00 from the general fund to the street lighting fund.

First reading of resolution no. 2022-01: a resolution of necessity to levy a tax that is a renewal of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire protection and emergency medical services (r.c. §§ 5705.03, 5705.19(1), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25)

RITA Tax collection for the month of December, paid in January, was \$22,555.54.

The new website of the village, villageofantwerp.com, is up and running. April Litzenberg and Aimee Lichty received training on updating the website last Wednesday. There are still a few little tweaks that need to be made to the site. One new feature that is available is the IRIS emergency alert system and the ability to sign up for emergency and non-emergency alerts. On the home page of the village site you can select the link for IRIS alerts and sign up to be alerted for emergency alerts such as waterline breaks. This is only available for people who live in the village and have a utility bill in the village. You will have to reference your village utility account number when signing up. Each local address is able to sign up for three phone numbers and 2 email addresses. You can then click if you want a text or a call for the phone numbers or both. There is also another alert link for local news. You can sign up for this to be notified on village meetings, events, etc.

Administrator's REPORT: Erie Street Sidewalk - We have engaged Bell Engineering to complete the engineering work for the sidewalk project at a cost of \$5,500. This will be submitted by January 31, 2022, to ODOT.

Railroad Street - We have engaged Bell Engineering to complete the engineering work for the Railroad Street project at a cost of \$8,020. This project will be submitted for the Paulding County CDGB funding cycle in March.

Shaffer Road - Would council consider removing the affected portion of Shaffer Road in lieu of reconstructing the bank? The project is estimated at \$1.7 million. The village would be obligated to secure a loan in the amount of \$500,000 provided we are able to secure \$1 million in grant funding. Though the loan would be at zero percent interest, the monthly obligation would be \$1,389 per month. Obviously, the cost to remove, curb, grade, and seed would be a fraction of the cost. Should council find value in this approach, the Administrator will secure a cost estimate to have the work performed. Discussion with council on this option. Administrator Davis will discuss with affected homeowners.

Village Internet Fiber - Metalink Technologies has requested rights to the public rights-of-way through the village for deployment of fiber to the home connectivity buildout. Metalink's sister company Qualstar Communications, Inc. is a licensed competitive local exchange car-

rier, under the public utilities commission of Ohio. They will begin burying fiber on Main Street just north of the village hall beginning the week of January 24th weather permitting.

Solar Energy - The Administrator met with two solar companies. He is learning what they offer, and their approach to installing a field here in the village.

Well #4 - We had a pump and motor failure at well #4. These items have been replaced with new, and the well is back on.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jordan, to enter into executive session at 6:10 p.m. to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Exit executive session at 6:32 p.m. no action taken during executive session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning and Zoning Committee met on January 5, 2022, to discuss zoning of downtown. Another meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2022, 6:15 p.m. at town hall.

NEW BUSINESS: Council member Steiner referred to meeting time and place ordinance from 2020 that directs residents to a website address that has changed with the launch of our new website. Fiscal Officer Lichty will research this issue and make sure that an amendment to the ordinance be ready for next council meeting if necessary. Council member Steiner also provided a copy of ORC 7.10 on publishing legal notices in a newspaper on meetings of village council. Discussion had on this issue and it will be researched to ensure compliance.

OLD BUSINESS: Solicitor Farr was asked at the December 2021 regular council meeting to obtain an Attorney General opinion on a council member doing business with the village. Solicitor Farr provided her research results. The proper process appears to be for

the affected council member to obtain an opinion from the Ohio Ethics Commission. ORC 731.12 prohibits a council member from having any interest in a contract with the village. Ohio Ethics Commission advisory opinion no. 2000-02 dealt with a city council member seeking an opinion on bidding on city construction contracts. Analysis of commission dealt with various provisions of ORC 2921.42, including subsection (i) defining a public contract, subsection (a)(4) prohibiting interest in profits or benefits of public contract and criteria for an exception under subsection (c), subsection (a)(1) prohibiting authorization of public contract, and subsection (a)(3) prohibiting council member from occupying position of profit in public contract. This opinion also discussed ORC 102.03(d) and (b) on conflict of interest and disclosure of confidential information. Discussion on handling of this issue in the past with a council member asking about his company, for which he is an employee, having a contract for services with the village. This council member was informed that this was not allowed per ORC 731.12 and an attorney general opinion that provided that a council member that was an employee of the insurance company that contracts with city cannot at the same time be a member of the city council. Based on the research and prior review of this issue, Solicitor Farr recommended that the village not have a contract or purchase supplies or services from any council member or any business he is affiliated with, including as an employee. Discussion by council on this issue. Motion made by Rister, seconded by Franks, for the Village of Antwerp to cease doing business with any member of village council. 5 years, 1 nay. Motion carried and approved.

Discussion on newspaper of general circulation in village being Paulding Progress.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Committee appointments circulated. Election of President pro tempore - Both Dean Rister and Jason Franks were nominated. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. Motion made by Jordan, seconded by Rister, to close nominations for President pro tempore. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Motion made by Steiner to elect Jason Franks

Sudoku solution from page 9

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as 2022 President pro tempore. Motion was not seconded. Discussion on nominations. Steiner withdrew his motion to elect Jason Franks as 2022 President pro tempore. Motion made by Jordan, seconded by Reinhart, to elect Dean Rister as 2022 President pro tempore. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Mayor's Court brought in a total of \$1,941 in the month of December 2021 with \$1,561.00 going to the village, \$366.50 going to the state, and \$13.50 going to the indigent driver's fund.

Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 nay. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:11.

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Pictured here are Holly Beach splash pad committee members (front, l-r) Councilman Bryan Smith, Hannah Michael, Audrey Feasby, Megan Martenies, Ben Kauser, Dustin Sensabaugh, Amber Yenser, Jen Smith, Laura Johnson, and Dustin Greenwood; (back, l-r) Kelsey Kauser, Katie Scharr, Audrey Bissell, Maria Koebe, and Lisa Bragg

It is with much anticipation we are excited to share with the community that the Holly Beach splash pad committee and Ben Kauser Excavating have broken ground on their first community improvement project. Ben Kauser Excavating has partnered with the Holly Beach Committee, donating his time and labor to

execute the advancement of this community enhancement vision. The Holly Beach splash pad Committee is currently seeking Village approval to allow the placement of the splash pad to be at the Riverside Veterans Memorial Park. Generosity such as Ben Kauser's donation of the installation of parking, is yet another

testament of the strength and heart of our village. The committee is working tirelessly to continue this momentum and further raise funds.

For those seeking ways to support the Holly Beach splash pad, please contact hollykobeememorial@yahoo.com for more information.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL SERVICES ENTER SEASON OF NORMALCY



2020 brought many changes to the typical lifestyle of most people around the world. A novel virus emerged

and plagued the globe. The past 2 years has seen schools closed, restaurants open for carry out or delivery only, cut

hours at stores normally open 24 hours, "non-essential" services like recreation, salons, etc. closed; work from home, online schooling, and hospitals overflowing and overwhelmed. Then the day came when people were required to wear masks in public in attempts to stave off this rampaging rookie virus that crippled the entire globe.

And this is how the population around the world went about their day-to-day lives in this warped abridged version of life. And it became normalcy - how easily we forgot that stores used to be open 24 hours, instead of closing at 9:00 p.m.. That pick up and delivery are customary and not a "perk" of the business.

For the healthcare industry, procedures, therapies and other standard care of patients was put on the back burner as healthcare providers and hospital staff turned their focus to caring for the sick in the community. Respiratory Clinics just for COVID testing and care were established at local hospitals, to corral the sickness to one place and help distance the illness from others.

Paulding County Hospital experienced many changes due to the aftershock of COVID-19. They established a Respiratory Clinic for COVID in a separate location on the Paulding campus. In the photo above, the Med-Surg wing was all separated with clear plastic walls to

make sterile "rooms" for healthcare workers to change PPE to take care of patients. During 2021, on average half of their inpatients were COVID+ patients which made this wing imperative to the well-being of the patients and staff at PCH.

Now it's 2022, the mask mandates have all but been lifted. Hours at stores are being extended, no longer are their guest counts for entering an establishment, the barriers are being put away, and at Paulding County Hospital they are letting the community know that its permissible and advisable to resume your regular tests and procedures and clinics that may have been put on pause due to this precarious novel virus season. So far in 2022, the COVID+ patients has been near zero on average. The case counts for Paulding County have gone from in the 200s per 100,000 in January to 48.2 per 100,000 (or 9 cases) by the end of February 2022. With this down shift of COVID cases, the Respiratory Clinic has moved to only being used in an "as needed" capacity, freeing up medical staff to focus on their intended departments' needs.

Speaking with Ron Goedde, Paulding County Hospital CEO, he stated, "It's time to address those aches and pains that have been plaguing you as there are now so few COVID cases in the county."

Paulding County Hospital offers many services to care for its patients. March is National Kidney Awareness Month, Sleep Awareness Month, and Endometriosis Awareness Month. PCH offers clinics for all three of these areas. All elective surgeries are open for scheduling. Regular testings — ie. Mammograms — are on schedule again.

"Our Rehab department is fully staffed and available to schedule all your rehabilitation needs. We also offer Pediatric Occupational Therapy here at PCH," stated Naomi Nicely, PCH Comm. Relations Coordinator.

The Fitness Center and Inpatient Rehabilitation Services at Paulding County Hospital are available to anyone who has need. It is most advantageous that PCH has the Swing Bed Inpatient Transitional Program as it is not standard in some of the larger hospital settings. Swing Beds are available to those patients who need just a little bit more help improving before they go home after surgery or other procedures. This program is fully staffed with healthcare professionals to assist patients with therapy and care until they feel confident to return home.

In addition to the March's Awareness days, March 30th is Doctors Day. Paulding County Hospital is fortunate to be able to offer four clinic locations throughout the county, enabling them to better meet the needs of the community. PCH's primary care providers consists of two Nurse Practitioners, one Physicians Assistant, three MD's and two DO's.

It's business as usual for Paulding County and Paulding County Hospital. It's been a long two years, but the end is in sight. And Paulding County Hospital is here for the community to assist in whatever capacity they are capable.

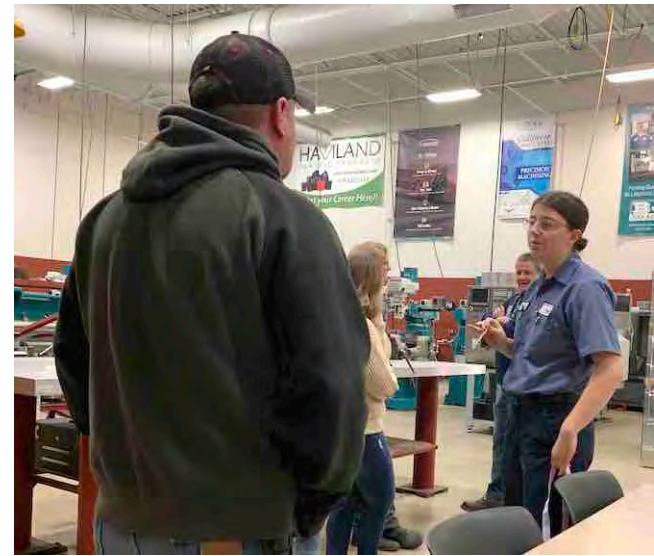
THIS WEEK ON PCBW: ANNE CLINE OF JUNQUE



This week on Paulding County Business Weekly we will learn about how a passion for a hobby turns into a small local entrepreneurial business that expands and grows into a thriving Paulding County household name. The success is not only for the intended original business, but as a hub for artisans from all over the

area. Listen in as Anne Cline tells us the rich history of her business Junque. Thanks to your local Ohio Means Jobs office you can hear this episode on Tuesday and Thursday at 8am and 5pm or find it on the My102.7 FM or PCED.net websites or Spotify on demand.

VANTAGE CAREER CENTER HOSTS "TASTE OF VANTAGE" OPEN HOUSE



Many students, their families and prospective students turned out for Vantage Career Center's "Taste of Vantage" Open House on February 28, 2022. Many samplings were ready for all attendees to sample some signature dishes from some local food vendors including Vantage's Culinary program - great chips & salsa!

All the programs Vantage offers its students were at the ready to answer questions for incoming sophomore students and their families, and seniors had a chance to talk to potential future employers or talk to the Adult Education program for further education after high school.

Companies from all over Northwest Ohio set up tables in the hallways displaying their offerings to the community at large and to potential employees in par-



ticular. APT Manufacturing was camped out right outside the door to the Robotics Lab.

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