

MR & MRS. DANIEL SCHUTT CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schutt, of Antwerp, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Daniel Schutt and Rebecca Arnos were married on March 17th, 1972 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio with the Rev. Larry Corell officiating.

The couple have three children: Sara (Shawn) Schuette, Antwerp, Ben (Kelly) Schutt, Zionsville, IN and Rachel (Nick) Hinsch, Columbus, Ohio. They have four grandchildren: Blake and Grace Schuette and Heidi and Henry Schutt.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING MAY 3rd PRIMARY ELECTION

All people who are not registered and wish to vote in the upcoming Primary Election on Tuesday, May 3rd, must register by Monday, April 4th. You may register online at VoteOhio.gov; the Paulding County office website (<https://www.ohio.boe.gov/Paulding>) or at one of the following offices: Paulding County Board of Elections, 105 East Perry Street, Paulding; any other Ohio County Board of Elections; Office of any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Public libraries; Public High Schools; Vocational Schools; County Health Depts.; County Treasurer's Office; or Office of Secretary of State website (<https://www.ohiosos.gov>).

Regular office hours for the Paulding County Board of Elections are: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Extended office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4th, the voter registration deadline for the May 3rd Primary Election.

Have you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted? If so, you should change your address and/or name online at MyVoteOhio.gov or by completing a voter registration form at the above listed designated agencies. The deadline is Monday, April 4th. Persons not certain of their registration validity may check on the office website: <https://www.boe.ohio.gov/Paulding> or call the office at (419)399-8230.

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ARCHERS COME UP JUST SHORT IN STATE SEMIFINAL



Sophomore Landon Brewer makes a 3-point attempt at state! More pictures at www.westbendnews.net. Look for more about Antwerp BB on pages 5 & 6. See full Final Four coverage on page 8-9!!

Antwerp gave Tri Village all it wanted in the Division IV state semifinals Saturday afternoon but in the end the Patriots held on for a 44-41 victory over the Archers at University of Dayton Arena.

Antwerp jumped out to a 6-2 lead early in the contest, getting three-pointers from Landon Brewer and Jagger Landers, before Tri Village answered with eight straight

points for a 10-6 Patriot advantage.

Back-to-back fast break layups by Brewer and Luke Krouse knotted the game at 10-10 but buckets by Josh Scantland and Tanner Printz helped the Patriots post a 14-10 lead at the end of one quarter.

Tri Village opened the second stanza with a three-point

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

March 23

- Health, Business & Industry Fair @ PC Ext. Bldg., 11a-2p
- Lenten Lunches @ Paulding First Pres. Church, 12-1p
- Lenten Season Services @ St. John Lutheran, Hicksville, 11a & 6:30p
- Coping w/Losses - Living Free Group, 6-7:30pm @ Cecil Comm. Church

March 24

- Drive Thru Meals @ Oakwood Library, 4:30-6p

March 25

- AYCE Fish & Chicken fundraiser @ Woodburn Luth. School, 4:30-8p

March 26

- JPHS Wine Tasting Luau @ JPHS museum, 7pm
- Flat Rock Tractor Club meeting @ PC Ext. Bldg, 6pm

March 27

- Free Meal @ Cecil Comm Church, after 11a worship service
- Bluegrass Praise Band Concert @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm

March 28

- VWCOA Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night, 6pm

March 30

- Lenten Lunches @ Paulding First Pres. Church, 12-1p
- Lenten Season Services @ St. John Lutheran, Hicksville, 11a & 6:30p

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OBITUARIES



OAKWOOD, OH

Emma Louise Grimes, 93, of Oakwood, died at 4:55 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at Vancrest of Holgate. She was born August 20, 1928 in Tiffin to the late Paul E. and Anna May (Bice) Schafer. After her parents died, she went to live with the late Milo and Mable Rhees. On June 7, 1946, she married Charles "Jim" Grimes, he preceded her in death on December 6, 2015.

Survivors include six children: Ronald Grimes of New Castle, IN, Marjorie (Jack) Spangler of Jacksonville, FL, Diane Kay Halaska of Tehachapi, CA, Denise (Larry) Derge, David Grimes, both of Defiance, Randal (Debra) Grimes of Paulding; an honorary daughter: Alana (Joe) Essex of Oakwood; a son-in-law, Gary Wagner of Oakwood; 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; 3 sisters: Frances Skiver of Defiance, Frannie Matson and Kathleen Goodwin, both of Oakwood; and a brother: Gale Rhees, also of Oakwood.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Rachel "Jeanne" Wagner; a son, Roger Grimes; a granddaughter, a great-grandson; 3 brothers-in-law: Norva Skiver, Eddie Matson, and Bob Goodwin; and a sister-in-law: Janice Rhees

Louise was a member of Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood, and was once one of the original members of the Centenary United Methodist Church. She enjoyed crocheting and reading. Louise loved just being a mom, grandma, great-grandma, and great-great-grandma.

A funeral service will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood with Pastor Rick Snyder officiating. Burial will follow at Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood. Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2022 at HEITMEYER FUNERAL HOME, Oakwood, and again on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Defiance Area Youth for Christ or the Gideons. Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

ANTWERP, OH:

Stephen Derck, 79, of Antwerp, passed away Monday, March 21, 2022, at his home.

Steve was born in Hicksville, Ohio on April 24, 1942, a son of the late Helen (Perl) & Joseph Derck.

Steve grew up on his family's farm and enjoyed hunting and fishing. As a young man, he was involved in 4-H club and a Car Club. Steve worked as a truck driver for 12 years, worked at Craig Transportation for 12 years, worked at H.G. Snook for 20 years, and also owned the Antwerp Shell Station for 6 years. He was an active member in his community as a CCD teacher, church council, the Antwerp School Board, and the Antwerp Town Council. Most of all, Steve was a valued friend and a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Nancy, to whom he was married November 28, 1964; children, Anita (Robert) Bok & Beth Derck; sister, Beth Hammond; grandchildren, Steven, Ryan, Whitney, & Lindsey Bok, & Chris Derck; & great-grandson, Kainen.

Steve was preceded in death by his siblings, Mary Lou Kemerer, Gerald Derck, & Kathleen Franklin; & grandson Christopher Bok.

Viewing is Thursday, March 24, 2022, from 5 to 7 PM with a 7 PM vigil service at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W River St., Antwerp, OH 45813.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, March 25, 2022, at 10 AM at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 303 Monroe St, Antwerp, OH 45813.

He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to Elara Caring Hospice, 3425 Executive Pkwy Unit 306, Toledo, OH 43606, or the Ronald McDonald House of North West Ohio, 3883 Monroe St, Toledo, OH 43606.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

HICKSVILLE, OH:

Janet Starbuck, 72, of Hicksville passed away at home on Monday, March 21, 2022.

Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC NW OHIO OFFERS NEW PROGRAM

On March 24 at 6 p.m., the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is offering a new program for caregivers facing the challenge of assuming financial responsibility for someone living with Alzheimer's or other dementia. The program provides practical ways to make financial plans and manage another person's finances.

This program will be presented on Zoom and pre-registration is required. To register, call the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 and provide an email address. Instructions about how to join the webinar

HERITAGE LIONS CLUB PACK AWAY HUNGER



Pack Away Hunger family volunteers from front to back, left to right: Kash Hess, Alivia Beard, Asher Bullerman, Carter Bullerman, Adam Beard, Brenda Bullerman, Laine Bullerman, Tom Bullerman, Sandy Beard, Bill Beard.



Pack Away Hunger volunteers from the Heritage Lions Club, from left to right: Tom Bullerman, Pam Birch, Gerry Franke, Jack Clear, Dick Weber, Donnalyne Unsicker, and Steve Unsicker. Lion Ed Coy also helped out.

Several Heritage Lions and their families helped pack meals for Pack Away Hunger in early March. Pack Away Hunger's mission is to eliminate hunger in Indiana and around the world through nutritious food, education and service. In the United States, their Nutri-Plenty Meals help stock the shelves of local food banks and pantries. In developing nations, their meals are used to offset chronic malnutrition in children, and to nourish communities suffering from hunger. Each year, through community partnerships and meal packing events, they educate more than 8,000 people about the

will be emailed to registrants.

"If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer's disease, dementia or another chronic illness, it's never too early to put financial plans in place," said Pam Myers, Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter program director.

Program topics include tips to manage someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs and demonstrate the benefits of early planning.

Those who are concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419.537.1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected with local resources that can help.

LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

Aeration and Rolling
Soil density and general lawn appearance can be improved by aerating and rolling your lawn. Aeration consists of perforating the soil (and any thatch above it) with small holes that open up the soil, thatch and grass. This allows water, air, and fertilizer to get closer to the roots of the grass, which enables the roots to

toll hunger takes on individuals and communities.

Their hope is that this information will inspire people to advocate and care for the hungry in their own communities and around the world. Meal packing events are a powerful and hands-on way for organizations and individuals to make a meaningful difference in someone's life. Appropriate for all ages and all abilities, their events allow diverse groups to serve together, build camaraderie and promote team building. More information on this worthy organization can be found at their website: <https://www.packawayhunger.org/>

grow deeper, producing a vigorous and vibrant lawn. In tests, grass roots have been shown to proliferate around the holes. Aerating will also improve soil compaction and reduce the likelihood of thatch becoming an issue.

To aerate a lawn, use a specialized tool to poke holes or remove cores from the soil. Run the aerator over the lawn several times to make enough holes. It is best to go over the lawn in different patterns. Make sure the soil is moist during aeration, so the aerating device can penetrate it fully. You may have to water the lawn first if there hasn't been much rain to ensure the soil is damp.

Some signs that your lawn may need to be aerated are poor drainage, a failure for the lawn to turn green after fertilizing, and a presence of many worn areas. Intensively maintained lawns (those that receive regular fertilizer feedings) should be aerated about once a year. Lawns receiving moderate maintenance (not much fertilizer) only need aerated every two years or so. In this area, aeration can be done in the spring and fall of the year.

An aerated lawn will recover faster if fertilized and watered adequately. Apply

Scripture of the Week

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

— Jeremiah 17:7-8

fertilizer as soon as possible, and water whenever rainfall fails to supply about one inch of moisture per week. If the lawn is thin, overseeding with a high quality grass seed is recommended.

An alternative to lawn aeration would be to use products that encourage soil microbes. These are easy to spread with your fertilizer spreader, and can be used any time of the year. They contain a special formula of soil-reviving ingredients that encourage soil microbes to break down nutrients, while also loosening hard packed soil for greater air, water, root, and nutrient penetration.

If you find your lawn to be overly lumpy, consider using a lawn roller. This is only necessary if the soil is uneven. If your lawn is very uneven, you can roll the lawn first thing in the spring or after a rainfall when the soil is still moist. The next best time to do this is in the fall. The key is to use a light roller. Heavy rolling on wet, heavy clay soils can cause harmful soil compaction. When soil becomes overly compacted, the grass roots have a much harder time growing deeper to help the grass thrive. It is not recommended to roll a new seedbed, since the new seedlings will take root easier in loose soil. Simply use a garden rake to level the soil in newly seeded areas.

(The Scotts Company has provided most of this information.)

—Jim Gerig
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PAULDING'S DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS WILL BE TOPIC OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY GUEST SPEAKER



David Burtch

Research on downtown Paulding's business buildings will be the topic at the John Paulding Historical Society's general meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29. The meeting is open to all.

Community Revitalizing Paulding (CoRP) is working to place the Paulding downtown business district on the National Register of Historic Places. The application requires a detailed history of each building within the proposed district. CoRP chairman David Burtch will be speaking about the process and the benefits of being designated a Downtown Historic District and some of the interesting things the local volunteer research team has learned along the way.

The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding, across from the county fairgrounds.

Any updates or notices will be posted on the historical society's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

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Should you wish to register at the Paulding County Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Paulding; hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

You are qualified to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You will be at least 18 years old on or before November 8th, General Election Day.
- You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
- You are not incarcerated (in prison) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, or another state of the United States.
- You have not been de-

clared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.

• You have not been permanently disfranchised for violations of the election laws.

You are eligible to vote in elections conducted in your voting precinct more than 30 consecutive days after you are properly registered to vote in the State of Ohio.

All candidates, issues, and questions that will be on the May 3rd primary election are listed on the front page of the office website (<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/Paulding>) listed under Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots in the following link: "46 day Notice - Candidates and Issues List." Should you have any questions, please call the Board of Elections office at (419)399-8230.

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SPRING AND 200 TOADS

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

I do believe that spring is finally getting close. First of all, the days are getting longer and soon we will be turning those clocks ahead.

Now I haven't personally seen any robins yet, but several people have.

Some days, some of that warm sun will come out and a light breeze will be lifting our spirits and help us get rid of those winter doldrums.

The laughter of children as they play and ride their bicycles is a sure sign that spring in all its glory will be landing here in Northwest Ohio every living creature comes out of hibernation as they awake from a long winter's nap.

They say in the spring time that "love is in the air," which holds true for the birds, and many other creatures.

This holds true for many kinds of animals. One such animal is the amorous toads who migrate to Upper Roxborough, located just outside of Philadelphia. In fact the city street department has issued a permit to close two different streets for the neighborhood's annual toad migration; whenever the toads get around to making it, that is.

The migration is a mating ritual in which the toads leave the woods around the Schuylkill Center and head for the Roxborough Reservoir in Pennsylvania, to find a toad of the opposite sex.

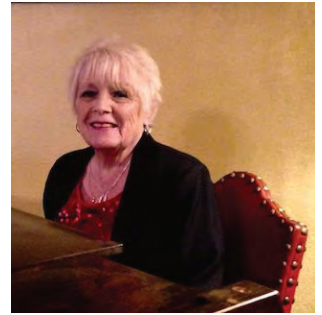
Rainy weather and warm days are the signal the toads need to prompt their journey and aids them in their conquest to find a mate. They have spent the winter dormant, so they burrow their way out, kick up their heels and with a hop, skip and a jump, they are on their way to find "true love"

There are groups of volunteer toad-spotters who prowl the roads at twilight and when they spot the toads arriving, temporary detour signs are put up. This is due to a drive driven by animal activist, Lisa Levinson, to keep the brown and green toads from being squashed by oncoming traffic.

Levinson noted, "For the past three years during the mating ritual, the toad population has steadily declined due to traffic fatalities. Witnesses report that approximately fifty percent fewer toads are migrating each year. Levinson said, "On the main migration night in 2008, 100 dead toads were counted on the road, while only 25 were observed crossing the road over a two-hour period. Levinson said that she observes the toads trying to get across the road and has stood in the roadway and asked drivers to

stop while groups of at least 200 toads cross the street. (it is too bad the toads don't have a look out guy!)

When Levinson was observed trying to stop traffic, regarding the toads, the police were called and they all wondered what she was trying to do. The next year she attempted to get the authorities involved and she said, "They told me to call 9-1-1. So I did. Law enforcement was very



understanding and helpful and this system was formed."

First, if toad-spotters sight the amphibians, then a phone free text message and e-mail is sent and brings out about 50 volunteers to help with temporary road-detour signs. It is usually in April that the toads begin their mating ritual.

Now, would you stop and let a group of toads cross the road? I guess that toads need to find a partner too.

Another sign spring is here is last year's Christmas lights are being taken down, people are wearing flip flops, allergy season is back, income taxes are due, Valentine's Day candy is on clearance, goodbye Net Flix and hello people, baseball spring training will be started, you can't see your breath anymore when you go outside and we can take those warm booties off of Rover.

Other ways to know that spring has arrived is that guys "rev" up their motorcycles, outside concert line ups are announced, the root beer stands are going to open, you go on a diet to look good in your bikini, and you see groups picking up branches. We will say goodbye to: warm drinks, hot soup, cough medicine and hot toddys. We can safely take off our long johns and put our coats, scarfs and gloves away. We can see our pussy willows, asparagus and rhubarb peeking out and those pesky dandelions are peeping through.

Yep, this is what we are waiting for. Longer days, lots of sunshine and warm temperatures just makes us feel renewed.

What do you think are the signs of spring? Have you ever watched as 200 toads migrate across the road? Don't you just love spring? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

USDA INVESTS \$9M TO EXPAND REACH AND INCREASE ADOPTION OF CLIMATE-SMART PRACTICES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today a \$9 million investment in new Cooperative Extension

and USDA Climate Hubs partnerships to bolster climate research and connect and share climate-smart solutions directly with the agricultural community.

"The Cooperative Extension system and the USDA Climate Hubs have unmatched capacity to reach agricultural, Tribal and underserved communities, as well as educators and students, and our nation's farmers directly," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "This partnership will strengthen climate research efforts and accelerate the development, adoption and application of science-based, climate-smart practices that benefit everyone."

This investment is part of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), the nation's leading competitive grants program for agricultural sciences. This new AFRI program area provides effective, translatable and scalable approaches to address climate change through regional partnerships, including the USDA Climate Hubs, and further extends outreach through organizations such as the Cooperative Extension Service.

"These new NIFA-funded projects will work toward net-zero emissions in agriculture, working lands and communities adapted to climate change, training a diverse workforce that can communicate and incorporate climate considerations into management and climate justice that is appropriate for unique U.S. agronomic conditions," said NIFA Director Dr. Carrie Castille.

The initial six funded projects include:

- University of California (Davis) will develop multifaceted pathways with the California Climate Hub to climate-smart agriculture through stakeholder needs assessments, climate-smart agriculture trainings for technical service providers, regional workshops for farmers and ranchers, and student education with Extension service-learning opportunities. Participatory program development and delivery through extensive network of stakeholders, collaborators and supporters are at the core of this integrated proposal. (\$1,500,000)

- Pennsylvania State University will create an education program to help private forests adapt and mitigate climate change, prepare minority owners to take advantage of carbon market opportunities, and prepare the forestry extension workforce to better serve their clients in forest carbon and climate issues, in collaboration with the Northern Forests and Southeast Climate Hubs. (\$1,500,000)

- Montana State University will collaborate with the Southwest and Northern Plains Climate Hub staff and regional education and extension stakeholders to develop improved educational materials, modes of communication, and issue expertise that will help in assisting farmers and ranchers to better assess the sources of past crop and livestock production losses due to weather and climate disruption, as well as explore future projections for these causes of loss. (\$1,500,000)

- Ohio State University is partnering with the Midwest Climate Hub and multiple

universities to increase Midwest adoption of regionally scalable climate-smart activities. The project will improve shared understanding of needs of the Midwest's diverse stakeholders, develop shared roadmaps for livestock and cropping systems, elevate perspectives and voices of historically underserved communities including black and indigenous communities, and strengthen climate science infrastructure through a reimagined Extension-Midwest Climate Hub partnership. (\$1,500,000)

- The Desert Research Institute Native Climate (Reno, Nevada) project team will strengthen the role of USDA Climate Hubs in Indian country by enhancing Native agroecosystem resilience through expansion of climate services and outreach in the Southwest and Northern Plains Climate Hub regions. Activities are designed to foster trust between Climate Hubs and Native farmers, ranchers, and resource managers through equitable and culturally appropriate information sharing, putting community at the center of solutions for climate change and food and nutrition security. (\$1,500,000)

- The USDA Caribbean Climate Hub is partnering with minority-serving university, including the University of Puerto Rico and the University of the Virgin Islands Extension, and non-profits to help historically underserved communities throughout the U.S. Caribbean and other coastal areas adapt to a rapidly changing climate and extreme weather events. They will develop education and Extension programs aimed at increasing climate literacy as well as helping land managers employ climate-smart agriculture and forestry techniques. Educational materials will be created in Spanish and English. (\$1,500,000)

AFRI Background
AFRI was established by Congress in the 2008 Farm Bill and re-authorized in the 2018 Farm Bill. The program was re-authorized to be funded at \$700 million a year, with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 funding AFRI at \$435 million. NIFA provides AFRI grants to support research, education and Extension activities in six Farm Bill priority areas: plant health and production and plant products; animal health and production and animal products; food safety, nutrition, and health; bioenergy, natural resources, and environment; agriculture systems and technology; and agriculture economics and rural communities. Learn more about AFRI.

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FAIRVIEW FFA PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Members prepared to serve food. Pictured: Reporter Gracie Willitzer, Aspen Brubaker, Secretary Molly McGuire



Getting carry out orders ready to pick up. Pictured: President Kaitlyn Zeedyk, Vice President Carrie Zeedyk, Advisor Mrs. Nagel



Community Members enjoying Breakfast

By: Fairview FFA Reporter Elizabeth Bok

Fairview FFA held their annual Pancake Breakfast on March 12th, from 8-11 am. A great deal of preparation and work had been put into this event. This event is run entirely by the chapter members. Many businesses and families generously donated silent auction items and funding for food supplies. The chapter prepared 130 pounds of sausage, 50 pounds of pancake mix, and 45 dozen eggs. In the cafeteria photo boards of various events over the past year that the chapter has participated

in were displayed. The silent auction was set up outside of the cafeteria for people to look at and bid on. The chapter worked very hard to make the event run smoothly and enjoyable for the community members. The turnout was very good, with over 260 people attending the breakfast. The money raised from this event helps to pay for member registration fees for State Convention, activities such as petting zoo, and CDE contests. Thank you to everyone that came out to support the Fairview FFA Chapter!

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Pedaling for your dinner

How long could you live without a car? After having our van totaled in a collision with a bus overseas, insurance companies squabbled for weeks over our payout, which drug out to months. By the time there were funds to replace our vehicle, there was a slowdown in production and ports to get us a vehicle. In the end, we were without a vehicle for over 6 months. To many Americans it would be unfathomable for a family of five to live without a car for half a year. My Amish friends would laugh and say, "Big deal!" We discovered in some ways, it wasn't a big deal to live without a vehicle.

First, we had our feet. Despite living in an overpopulated urban area, it is very similar to living in some small towns in Indiana - you can get to many things you need on foot. We would carry heavy groceries in what is commonly called a "Granny cart."

In the photo, you can see one of these commonly used carts that can carry bushels of gro-



ceries. A quick lesson learned was to buy your groceries at a store uphill, so you just had to brake with the heavy load to get it back home.

Second, we had public transportation. We have a bus system, but the metro train near our apartment is much more reliable. It runs all day long and all year. Except for annual powerful flash floods, it never stops. Taxis are another affordable option to get

around overseas. It is a normal practice for the driver to show off how fast he can (unsafely) get you to your destination, with the hopes of a tip. Taxis also work as EMS vehicles as the real responders are very slow and it is best to call a taxi in an emergency.

Lastly, we have two-wheeled vehicles. Our little 11hp motor scooter can transport two people and many bags of supplies to the roar of what sounds like a super-charged lawn mower engine. We also have bicycles which work great in flatter parts of town, but not where there are serious mountains. Once, we had been invited to dinner and fellowship with friends who lived up hill from our place. I didn't want to bother them for a ride. Underestimating the steepness of the hill, I told our sons that they could ride the bikes and Mom & I'd take the motor scooter. We encouraged and coached them along the way over the buzz of the motor scooter. They weren't fooled, they knew full well who had the better deal. We did make it eventually to that dinner with the boys drenched in sweat.

I guess transportation is a big deal. How you travel is what gives spice to life, but pedaling uphill is often too much spice. It is like the top falling off the spice jar when you're adding ingredients into the mixing bowl of life.

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

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IF MY PEOPLE

By: Doris Applegate

The read in 2 Chronicles 2:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin and will heal their land." What a wonderful promise for us to grab hold of if we want to see America get back to God and be strong again. There is no other way. The next thing is to understand who are God's people and called by His name. If you are a child of God (born again by the spirit of God) then this burden of prayer and repentance rests on you.

We cannot ask God to bless America if we do not quit sinning. God is talking here about His people. As we humble ourselves and pray and turn from our wicked ways, such as abortion, same sex marriage, gender changes and only God knows how many more sins we allow and do, we cannot ever see breakthrough for us and our country. Let's quit playing dead and kidding ourselves think-

ing all is well. All is not well. God is watching and waiting for us to respond to His word.

God is no different today than He ever was. Great judgement came on His people when they would not turn from their sins and back to Him. We need to get together as God's own blood bought people and repent. I include myself in this group too. Just think what our prayers can accomplish. We are the greatest for this earth. The very Body of Christ Jesus. He is depending on us to do the fasting and praying.

Let's do it! Together we win the good fight of faith. This is the day and this is the time, our God is calling, so wake up and shine. Let go of the world and the sins that ensnare, this time in the Kingdom will show that you care.

Amen

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
Is Sunday the Christian's Sabbath?*

The Sabbath was, is, and always will be on Saturday. It is the seventh day and in remembrance of the day God ceased from six days of creation (Genesis 2:1-3).

The keeping of the holy Sabbath did not begin until the law was given to Moses on Mt. Horeb. The Sabbath-keeping was a sign between God and Israel only. Exodus 31:13 - "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."

The old covenant was abolished at the cross (Ephesians 2:15; II Corinthians 3:7-11). "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." - Colossians 2:14. It was replaced with a new and better covenant which is the law of Christ (Galatians 3:24-25, 8:6-13).

Sunday became the preferred day for Christians to gather for worship and edification in celebration of the day of Christ's resurrection (I Corinthians 16:1-2). "And unto the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." - Acts 20:7

However, it should not be a matter of contention (Romans 14:5-6).

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

COPING WITH LOSSES LIVING FREE GROUP FORMING

Living Free Group at Cecil Community Church will be forming a new session soon. Coping with Losses will be taking place Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Cecil Community Church 203 S. Main St 45821. You may register the next 2 weeks at <http://www.p2cpaulding.org/> or call 419-564-8383

CECIL COMMUNITY CHURCH TO HOST CONCERT

Cecil Community Church will host the Bluegrass Praise Band on Sunday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m. The church is located at , 203 S Main St Cecil OHIO 45821.

DOCUMENTARY ON OHIO WATER AFFORDABILITY DEBUTS ON WORLD WATER DAY

A documentary film that explores the complexities of water access and affordability in Ohio will debut both virtually and in person on March 22, World Water Day.

The film, *And Water for All*, was written, directed, and produced by faculty, staff, and students from The Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR).

Building and maintaining the physical infrastructure to deliver high-quality, affordable water to Ohio's citizens is a costly endeavor, and how to pay for these important investments can lead to heightened levels of social and political conflict. The documentary examines the challenges that governmental and nongovernmental actors will face to secure access to clean, affordable water in the coming decades.

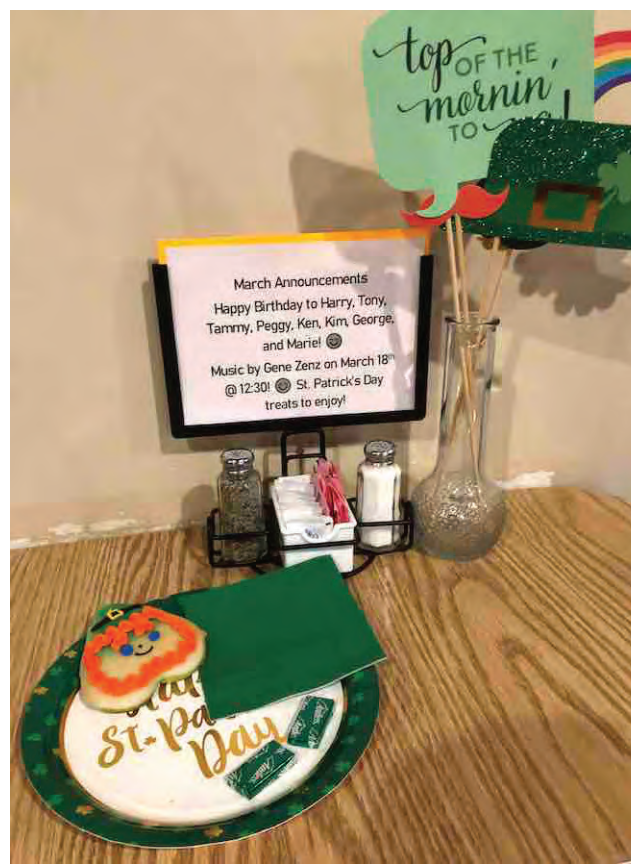
"With this film, I set out to explore the complex conversations about water affordability across the state of Ohio with the goal of amplifying the voices of those who work toward providing clean, affordable water for all," said Ramiro Berardo, SENR associate professor of environmental and natural resources policy and the film's writer and director.

An 8 a.m. viewing of the documentary and a panel discussion will be offered as part of the Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) monthly program at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive. The program is free for students and virtual participants. For those attending in person, doors open at 7:15 a.m., with a 7:40 a.m. breakfast buffet available. Register and learn more about the entire program and speakers here.

In the 60-minute documentary, Berardo talks with more than 15 Ohioans working on water affordability from different sectors: utilities, academia, neighborhoods, water plant operations, nongovernmental organizations, and Ohio EPA staff. They were concentrated in Toledo, Cleveland, New Waterford (a small rural community close to the Pennsylvania border), and Mount Air (an even smaller community north of Columbus).

The project got its start on World Water Day 2021 when the United Nations issued a global call for community leaders to ask and record what

HAPPENINGS AT ANTWERP MANOR



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

March has been an eventful month for our residents. We have celebrated eight resident birthdays, so we have enjoyed a lot of birthday cake! Thank you to our friends at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church for their faithfulness in continuing to send birthday cards to us.

The residents and staff turned Saint Patrick's Day into another good reason to party. Mr. Gene Zenz entertained us with his musical talents. We enjoyed an adorable leprechaun cookie made by Meeks Pastry shop in Defiance, Andes mints, and some green grapes...keeping with

the green theme. Our raffle for the party was a decorative box filled with fun green items. Annette Beck was the winner of the raffle.

The residents want to say thank you to Mrs. Mary Smith and the AHS students for allowing us to attend the musical, "The Sound of Music". We certainly appreciated the opportunity to be able to watch the wonderful performance.

We have also enjoyed following the Antwerp Archer Boys Basketball team. Listening to our awesome team on the radio has been a lot of fun. We are so proud of their success this season.

If you would like more information about our residence please contact Brian McLaughlin, Lori Walton, or Jennifer Ramsier @ 419-258-1500.

water access means to their residents and neighbors, to assess water's true value, and to better educate people about how we can better protect and improve this vital resource in our communities.

A team of SENR researchers answered this call, starting with preproduction in March 2021, and traveling the past year across Ohio asking residents about the challenge of water affordability.

"The film reviews the financial challenges to build and maintain the expensive infrastructure to clean both drinking and waste water in rural and urban settings," Be-

rardo said.

Berardo's academic work focuses on how policy actors interact with each other to find sustainable solutions to our most challenging societal issues. This is his first foray into documentary filmmaking.

To make the film, Berardo worked closely for over a year with director of photography and video editor Kirk Mason, owner of Kirk Mason Productions in Columbus, and executive producer Joseph Campbell, an SENR lecturer. The production team included undergraduate and graduate students from Ohio State.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Golda G. Kilpatrick was born April 20, 1891, in Payne, Ohio. The daughter of Emmit Kilpatrick, born 1862 in Ohio, and Tacie Ellen (Holloway) Kilpatrick, born in 1867 in Darke County, Ohio. Emmett's parents were William Harrison and Hannah Kilpatrick. Tacie's parents were David and Mary Holloway. Emmett and Tacie were married in Paulding, Ohio, August 7, 1899.



bly to make sure that the student nurses were well behaved. She received her B.A. degree from Youngstown University.

By 1940, Golda was still working at the Youngstown Hospital as a nurse. Living at the Nurses Home, Youngstown Association Hospital. She became a night supervisor and held that position for years. She also served as pharmacology instructor.

In 1949, her father Emmit, passed away and was buried beside his wife in Lehman Cemetery. She was moved to Memphis, Tennessee, to serve as the head of Practical Nursing School stay at the Hospital until 1951, where she filed for Social Security. By 1960, she was living with her brother Joseph, who became a widower in 1950. They lived at 723 Hartzell Road, New Haven, Indiana. By 1961, Golda retired from nursing. July 11, 1969, Golda became ill and was taken to Parkview Memorial Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana where she stayed until September 1, 1969, where she passed away due to a multitude of health conditions. Services were provided by E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, New Haven, Indiana and grave side services were given by Reverend Jack Glenn. Burial was at Lehman Cemetery, Payne, Ohio. Another story of one of Paulding County's World War I woman nurses.

Until Next Time!

ANTWERP ATHLETICS IN REVIEW

By: Tim Copsey

Folks have asked for some historical data about the OHSAA State Tournament game this week. Well... this is new territory. We have no history for the varsity boys basketball team. However, the Antwerp Local School District is not a stranger to state tournament play.

It started in 1980. Coach Ken Focht guided a Junior laden team of young ladies who joined Seniors Janis McCalla and Kim Reinhart and started winning... and just kept winning. Juniors Lana Hughes, Sue Brown, Mary Vail, Nean Franklin, Cindy Savage, Joni Smith and Sophomores Julie Cross, Lynn Meyer, Marcia Bute and Lisa Spryn finished 18-2 in the regular season, including 101-16 win over the North Central Lady Eagles, before winning the sectional. A district semi-final revenge game win against a Kalida Wildcat team, who was a regular season loss, set up a district finals win for the Lady Archers against Delphos Jefferson Wildcats. A regional win against the Vanlue Wildcats set up the first ever regional final game in AHS history

against perennial power Archbold Blue Streaks. A low scoring 38-31 win put the Antwerp Archers Athletic Boosters in Columbus at St. John Arena. This is the only state tournament game the Archers participated in that has been played in Columbus still to date. Unfortunately, a parochial school power Mansfield St. Peter's was too strong to overcome. The Lady Archers closed out their best ever season at 24-3. Cheers of "Whomp em upside the Head" were led by an energetic group of young men including the fashionable John Peffley, Bruce Meyer, Jeff Crabill, Denny Boecker, and Rick Meyer. This tournament run was a first true community unifying sporting event experienced in years.

It only took 6 years for the Lady Archers to return. This time at the home of the Akron Zips at the University of Akron. A Coach Mark Hartman led team cruised through a regular season 20-0, scoring 85 or more points 5, then raced through tournament play with wins over Delphos Jefferson, Ohio City, Ft. Jennings, Bluffton, Ashland Crestview, Rockford Parkway and a 67-33 Regional final win over Bascom Hopewell Loudon to again play at state against Tipp City Bethel Lady Bees. D1 Old Dominion commit Sr. Kelly Lyons was just too much to handle as the Bees handed the Archers their only loss to end the season 27-1. Sr twins Pam & Tammy Rasey, Cindy Banks, Cindy Mansfield & Amy Elliott joined Jrs Lonnette Bostelman, Nancy Sawyer, Chris Christine Marlin Blue, Cindy Klima & Patty Fulk Young and Soph. Kelly Cook.

The Archers came back for state tournament play, this time led by Coach Cathy Barnett on the volleyball court in 1992. This tournament is played at the Nutter Center at Wright State University. In one of those things about OHSAA sports that makes you scratch your head, 22-3 Antwerp, representing the SW Ohio region, played defending state champion 24-1 West Unity Hilltop Cadets representing NW Ohio. The Lady Archers avenged a regular season loss in a 15-6, 15-3 two set victory to face Kidron Central Christian in the state finals. Antwerp won 15-2; 15-6 to bring home the first ever state team title finishing 24-3. Seniors Sara Schuette, Melissa Bassett Burnau; Juniors Lisa Parrish, Christina Reinhart, Jennifer Knapp & Rachel West; Sophomores Kelley Peters; Lori Lichty Hines; Tasha Koppenhofer; Tricia Trisha Bagley Fuller; Cindy Harper Brewer; and Freshman Lori Kemerer unified to bring home the title.

It is not often mentioned that the group went back to state the very next year. The goal for the young state championship team was to go back to state, and go back they did. This time representing NW Ohio, AHS took a 24-1 record into the state semi final match but New Washington Buckeye Central was not going to allow the repeat defeating the Archers 15-7; 15-13. The returning letter winners were joined by Jrs Sarah 'Wiesehan' Noggle & Myra Gross and Sr Jennifer Knapp was named D4 Ohio Player of the Year.

Antwerp then set the spring sports world on fire in 2019. Both the Baseball and

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 doc-

tor's daughter, Sophia Zubritsky (Aleyah Mack). Upon arrival, Leon encounters a rather unintelligent shepherd by the name of "Something 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), Slovlitch 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 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!

Softball teams went to state in Akron. Carlie Haines pitched the Lady Archers softball team, led by Coach Krista Ordway, to a 5-0 victory over Mechanicsburg for the state title. But to get to the finals they needed a Karsyn Brummet lead-off home run to defeat a strong Peebles Indians team 1-0 in the semi final game.

The AHS baseball team won the regional for the right to play the Toronto Red Knights. The Red Knights were led by the Ohio State commit Nathan Karaffa and he was just too much for the Archers first state baseball appearance in a 8-0 win. Pitchers were Austin Lichty, Luke Krouse and Jacob Savina along with players Dylan Hines, Blake Schuette and Cole Seslar to name just a few. Coach Zac Feasby was the Antwerp Baseball coach and was the first alumni to take a team to state. Both these young teams were robbed of the opportunity to repeat trips to state as the COVID pandemic kept the 2020 seasons from being played.

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A/B - Carlen Ludwig, Olivia Tarlton, and Jacob Wobler

All B's - Abbie Williams

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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

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



First and Second Grade: Alex Manz, Bailey Heath, Isabelle Schlatter, Kirsten Blockberger



Third and Fourth Grade: Gracie Elkins, Cooper Boroff, Lucy Riethman, Not Pictured: Bella McClure



Fifth and Sixth Grade: Front Row: Allison Manz, Addy Halter. Back Row: Ava Leathersman, Tara Wolford

begins April 7, and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) has a start date of April 19. All of these courses will allow individuals to expand their knowledge and concentrate on industry credentials they wish to achieve.

"Vantage Adult Education is able to offer students the opportunity to improve or gain new skills for a better career foundation, a chance to earn competitive wage, and have your classes paid for through the grant opportunities," says Owens.

A free short-term certificate grant is available to qualified Ohio students who enroll in EMT, STNA, Phlebotomy, Welding, CDL, and Police Academy. For Van Wert County residents, there are additional grant opportunities funding Vantage Adult Education Welding, CDL, STNA, and EMT courses through a partnership with the Van Wert County Foundation.

Full-time courses being offered are the new LPN-RN Transition, Practical Nursing, and Police Academy. Students can complete these courses in just one year, while preparing for a professional career or furthering their industry skills and knowledge. Vantage full time programs are offered in the evening, allowing adult students to balance work and family responsibilities with their educational goals. Substantial financial assistance is available through scholarships and grants for all upcoming classes.

Customized training opportunities for local businesses and their employees are available now. Local employers who are currently utilizing these services are upskilling their workforce in a customized and efficient manner, at a reasonable cost and with excellent training equipment. If employers have needs in any career pathway, call Vantage Adult Education today.

The Vantage Adult Diploma Program provides job training and an alternate pathway for adults, ages 20 or older, to earn an industry-recognized credential aligned to one of Ohio's in-demand jobs and awarded a state-issued high school diploma. Pathways include, STNA, CDL, and Welding.

Vantage Career Center Adult Education offers a variety of on-campus or online courses assisting students in achieving their professional goals! To learn more about courses and program offerings at Vantage Career Center Adult Education, call Maria Diltz, Vantage Adult Education Enrollment Coordinator, at 419.238.5411 x2118 or simply go to <https://www.vantagecareercenter.com/ProgramsandClasses.aspx>.

RENACCI: DEWINE SIGNED GUN BILL IN 11th HOUR 'BECAUSE HE'S IN SERIOUS TROUBLE'

Mike DeWine hasn't changed, but his political calculations for his endangered re-election have.

Let's be clear: Mike DeWine only decided to sign the Constitutional Carry bill at the 11th hour, after waffling around and describing it as a "tough decision," because he knows he is in serious trouble with



The Antwerp 2021-22 basketball team has set records this year. Their incredible 26-2 record for the season wasn't quite as far as they wanted but certainly better than anything they have done before. Antwerp has never gone to the final four in boys basketball. They fell to New Madison Tri-Village at the state semi-final on March 19, 2022.

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play by Scantlan, a basket from Layne Sarver, and a trey from Sarver to quickly expand the margin to 22-10.

However, the Archers closed the first half by getting baskets from Landers and Krouse, the latter of which came at the buzzer, to slice the deficit to 22-14 at the intermission.

Antwerp then continued the run to start the second half as Brewer scored a basket and hit a trey before two Lander foul shots got the Archers within 22-21.

Following a basket by Tri Village's Justin Finkbine, Brewer completed a four-point play that put the Archers on top 25-24 with 5:29 left in the third quarter.

The Patriots responded with eleven consecutive points, capped by buckets from Scantlan and Sarver as Tri Village opened a 35-25 advantage at the 1:40 mark of the period.

Antwerp did cut into the deficit as Carson Altimus connected on a three-pointer to help the blue and white get within 35-28 entering the final stanza.

Six straight Archer points to start the period, including a three-pointer from Krouse, to pull within 35-34 before a Sarver jump shot put Tri Village on top 37-34 at the 4:05 mark of the final period.

Brewer pulled the Archers even at the 2:54 mark with a three-pointer but Sarver responded with a trey for the Patriots to make it 40-37 with 2:28 remaining.

Two free throws by Tri Village's Wilson Suggs was offset by a pair of Landers foul shots before an Altimus foul shot got the Archers within 42-40 at the 1:07 mark.

Dalton DeLong was fouled and connected on a pair of free throws to widen the lead to 44-40 with 49 seconds on the clock before Brewer hit one of two charity tosses to pull Antwerp within 44-41 with 28 seconds remaining.

Antwerp had a pair of chances to tie in the final eight seconds but a pair of three-point shots were off the mark as the Patriots held on for the three-point victory.

The contest ended the careers of seven Archer seniors in a blue and white basketball uniform. Kaden Recker, Gaige

McMichael, Jagger Landers, Luke Krouse, Kaden Phares, Hunter Sproles and Mason Steel all wrapped up their Antwerp basketball careers.

McMichael posted two rebounds and a steal for the Archers while Landers scored 11 points while adding nine rebounds, one assist, one steal and one blocked shot. Krouse chipped in seven markers, two rebounds, six assists, one blocked shot and three steals and Sproles hauled down a rebound.

Brewer paced Antwerp with 18 points and picked up four boards, one assist, one blocked shot and two steals. Carson Altimus also recorded five points and five rebounds.

Antwerp was 12 of 37 from the field (32 percent) and hit 7 of 24 three-point field goal attempts (29 percent). Tri Village won the battle of the boards, 29-24, and had fewer turnovers 13-14.

Layne Sarver topped the Patriots with 20 markers while totaling eight rebounds, three steals, one assist and one blocked shot.

Antwerp wraps up its season with a record of 26-2 overall.



VANTAGE ANNOUNCES UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Vantage Adult Education is currently enrolling in full-time and short-term programs, with substantial grant and scholarship opportunities available.

"This is a great opportunity for any graduating seniors and adults interested in upskilling or jump-start-

ing a career in healthcare, public safety or manufacturing to gain valuable skills at little to no cost," shares Miriam Owens, Vantage Community Relations Coordinator. "We've seen high school seniors enroll in our Adult Education short-term programs in the spring, earning a certification and employer connection prior to graduating high school."

Short-term programs currently enrolling through the Vantage Adult Education are, State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) and Phlebotomy, both beginning April 4th, Basic Welding begins April 5, Forklift training



Antwerp Conservation Club Event Schedule

- April 9 - EASTER EGG HUNT! @ 12pm Age groups are 1-5, 6-8, and 9-12. This event is open to the public.
- April 14 - Monthly Meeting @ 7pm
- April 16 - NRL22 Match - Sight in and registration opens at 8am. Match begins at 9am. This event is open to the public.

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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Ohio Republican primary voters. In contrast, true conservative Jim Renacci has repeatedly voiced his support for Constitutional Carry and pledged to sign it as governor last year.

Why the silence from Mike DeWine? Simple: he doesn't truly believe in it. DeWine has a long, notorious record of selling out our Second Amendment freedoms to the gun-controlling left. When he was in Washington, Mike DeWine rightfully earned an 'F' rating from the NRA and was ranked as one of the top ten anti-gun Senators - the only Republican on the list - along with committed Leftists like Hillary Clinton, Chuck Schumer, Ted Kennedy, and John Kerry. Even now, Mike DeWine is still pushing his red flag law and gun control agenda, and doesn't consider gun rights to be a top priority.

Mike DeWine hasn't changed, but his political calculations for his endangered re-election have. Every Ohio gun owner should rightfully be worried about what a second DeWine term would mean for their fundamental Second Amendment rights. Jim Renacci released the following statement in response:

"Ohio gun owners should make no mistake that the only reason DeWine decided at the 11th hour to sign this bill is because his re-election campaign is in serious trouble. He's a four-decade career politician who will say or do anything to get re-elected. He'd gleefully sign a bill trampling on the Second Amendment without skipping a beat, and Ohio gun owners are right-

fully nervous about what a second DeWine term would mean for their freedoms. I would not have hesitated to sign this bill even for a moment, let alone view it as a 'tough decision' like DeWine did. Ohioans deserve far better than this--and that's why I'm committed to defeating DeWine and delivering the accountable conservative leadership we desperately need."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEMOCRATS DRIVING AMERICA'S FAILURE
 America was founded and grew on the truths of the Bible. We were once 95% Christian, but I don't think it's more than 50% today. Of that, no more than 15% are committed Christians. America can't survive much longer at the rate Democrats are destroying us.
 How can any who support today's Democrats claim being Christian? Biden once

asked, "How did we, the Democratic party, become known as the anti-God party?" He couldn't or just chose not to remember that all of our anti-God laws originated with Democrats.
 Biden claims being a Catholic, but I've never heard him claim being a Christian. Anyone can claim being Catholic, Methodist, or what they choose, but that doesn't make them Christian.

I believe the main goal of the Democrat party is to create a one party government like Russia. They realize they must eliminate God and morality to reach this goal. They actively started this in 1947 and introduced something satanic about every five years. They did it slowly so people wouldn't realize they were following the same Marxist playbook Russia followed in the early 1900's.

Democrats received mountains of help from some Republicans, Big Tech and big American companies selling us out. Example: I discovered my (supposedly American) 2021 Buick Envision is 94% Chinese.

This isn't something that just started. I believe it originated with the Clintons. I've been writing since 2001 trying to lift God up and expose Satan's evils. Who do you feel is behind pushing for America to fail? Why don't more of you speak out? To remain quiet only helps Satan.

If you have studied history you should know that 250 years is considered about the maximum life for any society. With America now being 244 years old, with world turmoil as it is today and Democrats having so many laws that mimic Russia's fall into communism, what do

you think are America's prospects for continuing our society? That's right - it's next to nothing.

The way to take over America came in the ACLU's 1930's Humanist Manifesto. God and morality had to be removed first. They found their patsies in the Democrat party. It has always been known that Democrats are less likely to believe in God. They're bold enough today to admit being socialists. You can't believe in God and accept Satan's socialism.

I was gravely saddened a short time back that said more than half of those 16 to 24 feel socialism would be better than today's democracy. Today's anti-God teachers have students all screwed up. They don't realize that government will literally own everything, including them. Better get involved in what kids are taught.

The Biden-Harris slogan "Build Back Better" should be stated as "Tear Down Quicker". We don't stand a chance with them in charge. In his State of the Union he said we fund police, not defund them. I think he is out of touch with the rest of his D.C. Comrades. They really support those things that divide America, like defunding the police, BLM, CRT, Cancel Culture and more.

If you don't believe the bunch of rattlers is all about gaining communist control of America, then I feel sorry for your souls and all of our offspring for decades to come. Some big nations that have fallen to Satan's socialism-communism are Russia, China, North Korea and Venezuela. Some in Washington wish to add America.

I believe we're witnessing America's end as world leader. You have witnessed just how fast we went from being totally independent to being completely dependent on those that hate America with a passion. I'm also sure that you realize how each year goes by faster than the last. With that said, we'll fall harder than any past nation. Once we fall I believe the rest of the world will soon fall because America won't be in position to help.

I could be wrong, but I don't think so. I believe America was designed to help God save humanity and help guide us to Heaven. IF you knew my history you would know why I believe so much in God and what He still does.

God can help you and America overcome the

toughest of odds but He requires your assistance. God could do it all for you, but if you don't care enough to offer yourself, why should He. Many of you think you are Christians, but who knows. You don't bother going to church or helping your elderly or sick neighbor. My wife and I attend a small Bible believing church in Hicksville, but it usually only half full. We are in Florida until May, but we would be greatly blessed to see new faces when we return home to our Empower Church. God bless you and America.
 —Richard Mastin,
 Venice, FL/Hicksville,
 OH

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL 3rd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021-22

GRADE 6 :
 All A's - Annabelle Ametewee, Addison Arend, Presley Barnes, Zachary Barton, Jack Daeger, Parker Egnor, Carly Font, Jarret Griffith, Emily Hartzell, Delaney Johanns, Kaydence Kuckuck, Graham Miller, Alayna White, Owen Workman

All A's & B's - Nicholas Baughman, Coehen Benard, Kaydin Boyd, Kalan Burns, Maxwell Burns, Jaystin Chapman, Chloe Coombs, Billie Dix, Charles Fohner, Mary Gibson, Tyler Goyings, Easton Griffiths, Ridge Hunt, Alannah Jeffery, Gauge Krill, Magdiel Lopez Santiago, Adrianna Mead, Gabriella Mullins, Alexander Santillan-Rodriguez, Nicholas Schlueter, Delaney Scott, Javvon Stiltner, Gabriella Stork, Miley Vanhorn Laney

GRADE 7:
 All A's - Remington Boroff, Max Daeger, Kayleigh Dunham, Jayla Griffith, Camdyn Manz, Kate Manz, Megan Manz, Myrriah Manz, Vivienne Myers, Estie Pease, Lucy Porter, Tori Schlatter, Audrey Stoller, Darcy Taylor

All A's & B's - Destiny Aldred, London Ametewee, Trenton Bail, Braylon Barnes, Lillian Bauer, Landon Dasher, Silas Foltz, Reina Kleman, Mariah Klopfenstein, Mackenzie Leatherman, Brody Lindsey, Monico Moreno, Leonel Reyes, Colton Roehrig, Lailah Smith, Makayla

LADS & LASSIES AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Shown here with one of the crafts we made are from left: Nathan Sizemore, Savannah Coil and Mylann Good. These children are in the Prek class and will be entering kindergarten in the fall.

Ann's Bright Beginnings had a magical time celebrating St Patrick's Day with crafts, songs and special searches for leprechauns. We never did find him, but he left us a special treat in the classroom!

Spears, Brooklynn Verfaillie
GRADE 8:
 All A's - Lucy Breier, Jackson Griffith, Hunter Harwell, Brooklyn King, Isabelle Lamb, Trenton Manz, Aleah Matty, Addison Pease, Mara Philipot, Abigail Panches, Thad Schneider, Jack Schweller, Sheyenne Shepherd

All A's & B's - Grady Barton, Makayla Carr, Landen Danberry, Mallory Fisher, Addison Hunt, Colten Hunt, Molly Iler, Damien Iliff, Lillian Lamond, Clayton Manz, Jared Manz, Renee McCabe, Riley Sanders, Xander Schwab, Laila Stiltner, Adam Zacarias

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Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon
Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Valero Gas, Marathon
Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, Library
Hicksville: Sailers, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway
Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store
Ney: Marathon
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NO.	Varsity	Grade	Height
2	Parker Moore	11	5'9"
4	Kaden Recker*	12	6'1"
5	Gaige McMichael*	12	6'0"
10	Jagger Landers**	12	6'7"
11	Carson Altimus	10	6'0"
12	Luke Krouse**	12	6'2"
13	Reid Lichty	10	5'10"
14	Kaden Phares	12	6'4"
21	Hunter Sproles*	12	6'3"
22	Mason Steel	12	6'0"
33	Camden Fuller	10	5'10"
42	Landon Brewer*	12	6'3"
44	Kendric Robinson	11	6'5"

*Denotes Lettermen

The Antwerp Archers Boys Basketball team had a phenomenal 2021-2022 season taking them all the way to the final four game at State – the first for Antwerp Boys Basketball history. The final game for the boys came up only 3 points shy of Tri-Village. The boys closed out a 26-2 season with senior Jagger Landers topping the scoring chart with 539 points. Sophomore Landon Brewer topped scoring in the final game with 18 points.

The Archers arrived at the final four after defeating Tiffin Calvert at the Regional finals, 52-31. Averaging the points per game this season, Landers topped the list with 19.7 for the seniors, followed by Luke Krouse with 8.2, Kaden Recker 4.8, Gaige McMichael 4.6, Kaden Phares 1.4, Mason Steel 1.0, and Landon Brewer at .8. The Archer underclassmen held their own with

Sophomore Landon Brewer leading with 13.6 points per game, Carson Altimus 6.9, Reid Lichty 1.4, and Parker Moore 2.0. The assist 'king', Luke Krouse, was given his belt at Defiance. He had over 120, followed by Landon with over 79 and Jagger with 61+. Three players had over 70% free-throw averages with Landers leading at 77%, Krouse at 75% and Carson Altimus at 71.4%



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Defiance - Sectional/District
 Basketball - Boys (Division IV)

ANTWERP Seed: 1	WEST UNITY HILLTOP Seed: 13	ANTWERP Seed: 1	MONTPELIER Seed: 14
ANTWERP Seed: 1	MONTPELIER Seed: 14	ANTWERP Seed: 1	MONTPELIER Seed: 14
ANTWERP Seed: 1	PETTISVILLE Seed: 7	ANTWERP Seed: 1	PETTISVILLE Seed: 7
ANTWERP Seed: 1	FAYETTE GORHAM FAYETTE Seed: 9	ANTWERP Seed: 1	FAYETTE GORHAM FAYETTE Seed: 9
ANTWERP Seed: 1	TOLEDO EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Seed: 4	ANTWERP Seed: 1	STRYKER Seed: 10
ANTWERP Seed: 1	STRYKER Seed: 10	ANTWERP Seed: 1	STRYKER Seed: 10



Regional Semifinal
 OTTOVILLE 45 vs TIPPIN CALVERT 31
 Date: 3/11/2022 Time: 7:00 PM

Regional Final
 TIPPIN CALVERT 59 vs ANTWERP 41
 Date: 3/12/2022 Time: 8:00 PM

State Semifinal
 ANTWERP 52 vs TIPPIN CALVERT 31
 Date: 3/13/2022 Time: 7:00 PM

DEFIANCE AYERSVILLE Seed: 2

Date	Time	Opponent	Result
11/26/2021	6:00 PM	Delphos St. John's	65-37 W
12/27/2021	6:00 PM	@ Holgate	62-19 W
12/28/2021	6:00 PM	Paulding-Celina	67-38 W
12/27/2021	6:00 PM	@ Onondale	55-33 W
12/11/2021	6:00 PM	@ Onondale	53-38 W
12/17/2021	6:00 PM	@ Edgerton	61-18 W
12/18/2021	6:00 PM	@ Delphos Jefferson	62-40 W
12/27/2021	6:00 PM	Edgerton	74-29 W
12/28/2021	6:00 PM	Eden	58-38 W
*17/2022	6:00 PM	Fairview	62-23 W
*1/4/2022	6:00 PM	@ Wayne Trace	50-54 L
1/15/2022	6:00 PM	Lincobusview	69-37 W
*12/1/2022	6:00 PM	Ayersville	73-89 W
*1/28/2022	6:00 PM	@ Hicksville	59-23 W
1/29/2022	6:00 PM	Montpelier	67-26 W
2/1/2022	6:00 PM	North Central	82-30 W
2/5/2022	6:00 PM	Dayton Dunbar @ O-G	61-55 W
*2/11/2022	6:00 PM	@ Paulding	66-27 W
2/12/2022	6:00 PM	@ Eden	55-18 W
2/17/2022	6:00 PM	Hilltop	74-31 W
*2/18/2022	6:00 PM	Tinara	64-39 W
2/19/2022	6:00 PM	Blackhawk Christian	52-49 W
2/25/2022	5:30 PM	Moepeler	69-31 W
3/1/2022	5:30 PM	Stryker	41-15 W
3/4/2022	7:00 PM	Ayersville	55-38 W
3/8/2022	8:00 PM	Marion Local	41-23 W
3/11/2022	7:00 PM	Tiffin Calvert	52-31 W
3/19/2022	2:00 PM	New Madison Tri-Village	41-44 L

RECORD 26-2
 CONFERENCE 6-1

PLAYER SEASON POINTS

PARKER MOORE	51	REID LICHTY	19
KADEN RECKER	128	KADEN PHARES	28
GAIGE MCMICHAEL	123	HUNTER SPROLES	5
JAGGER LANDERS	530	MASON STEEL	20
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GYMNASTICS PROGRAM HONORED @ ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETING



Brooke and Hannah Molitor were presented an award for gymnastics along with parents, Chad (coach) and Kim - were presented award for paving the way for gymnastics for the school.

Meeting at Antwerp. Mark Holtsberry spoke at the Antwerp School Board meeting concerning what he has done as part of the Paulding County Commissioners. He is running for Commissioner in this year's May Primary.

The minutes were accepted as presented.

There was no state liaison report from Bob Herber. Dennis Recker gave the report about the new Vantage nursing program and the numbers are 60-70% higher than they were 10 years ago. They are discussing long term plans.

The financial statement:

Income: \$740,409.36

Interest: \$1813.29

Expenses: \$1,009,964.21

The wind farm revenue

has been received of nearly \$40,000 and should be received twice per year. There has been about \$240,000 new dollars this year.

Travis Lichty - principal's report - Hoops for Heart will be Monday, right before the

Senior Class trip to Tennessee. Summer School will have letters sent out soon. Spring Sports start Monday, March 28. Cheer team placed second at state. Hannah Molitor went to state this year. He stated there have been people who have helped behind the scenes to make the boys basketball team for state preparations. May 7 is Prom date. May 22 is graduation at 2 pm.

Kindergarten registration has already started. April 1st is the last deadline. PTO has been very good. There are 161 kids who earned the AR reward this nine weeks. They will have a root beer float part after the basketball sendoff.

Marty stated in the superintendent report that Kyle Zartman is being hired as the teacher of the innovation center Aquaponics center. There is an after-school program starting Monday for the young kids. Teachers will need to send a recommendation for the kids to get in this program. Building and grounds -

many of the new features of the Aquaponics is coming in day by day. Three donations were received and one was for \$40,000 as an anonymous donor. All of this should be ready by late August. The Master Gardeners also made a donation for seeds and fertilizer. The Sweetwater Chop-house donated artwork to the school that was made by a previous teacher - Mary Jane. The Range has not broken ground yet. There are still things to review and hopefully a decision can be made by August. A trail is looking to be built around the softball to the "Range" so kids do not have to walk on the road. Another sidewalk near the football field will also be constructed and this should be completed this summer and can be part of the fitness trail.

Harold Gotke gave a technology update with E-rate and should give the school a 60% discount. Many of the wifi devices should help with the speed that has degraded. This will include a fiber connect to the Range building. Harold is looking at a donation for a laser etcher. There are two new TV's going into the Innovation Center.

The SRO is getting new ALICE training that will then comeback to train staff at the school.

Every three years a new emergency plan has to be submitted to the state and then has to be distributed certain staff members. Marty will be traveling to Napa, CA for a training seminar.

The school board voted for the consent items.

PAULDING & OAKWOOD ELEM. PRESENT "VIVA LA MUSICAL"



In celebration of "Music in Our Schools Month" the 5th Grade choirs from Paulding and Oakwood Elementaries recently got together for combined "Viva la Musica!" concerts at both schools. Holding the sign are (L-R) Sophia Booher and Eva Shull, (Oakwood 6th and 5th graders, respectfully) and Evelyn Reyes and Karli Breedlove (Paulding 5th graders).

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3rd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021-22

*Denotes all "A's"

GRADE 3

Mrs. Doster: *Kinley Sunday, *Teagan Bland, Mallory Elder, Hunter Bullinger

Mrs. Buss: Andrew Fry, Margaux Luty, Landyn Watson, Raegen Nicelley

Mrs. Rohlf: *Zoey Manz, *Mia Cameron, Trenit Valle, Jack Roddy, William Repka, Jaxson Lindsay, Averie Kline, Julia Hull, Michael Hastings, Blaze Bassler

Mrs. Agler: *Kyra Aldred, *Alexandria Manz, *Daryus Mitchell, *Melissa Ramirez-Cortes, *Lexi Sunderland, Hunter Walz, Dyllan Bradford, Joseph Griffith, Maria Isabel Isidora, Carlos Lechuga, Kinsley Pease, Peral Reyes

GRADE 4

Mrs. Keller: *Ella Zimmerman, Tucker Stoller, Sawyer Hunt, Levi Fisk, Lila Bryant

Mrs. Stoller: *Anna Baughman, *Hudson Spangler

Mrs. Warner: *Beth Antigo, Katherine Arend, Nahla Carlisle, Gavin Parrett, Sophia Speelman

GRADE 5

Miss Looser: *Shyann Kuhl, *Brynlee Mangette, *Leah Manz, *Ross Myers, *Jordyn Nagy, *Owen Stoller, *Audrey Trejo Marin, Madison Clark, Shelby Hitt,

Kendal Hodge, Kevin Lin, Lincoln Manz, Merissa Schroeder, Jezaih Seba-Fuentes, Lilly Steingass, Sam Verfaillie

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6th graders Braxton Schnipke, Landon Shartzter & Teagan Kline

The Grover Hill Elementary sixth graders designed, created and tested their roller coasters trying to keep their marble on the track. After many trials and adjustments, they enjoyed showing their

work to the student body and staff. Work well done as they showed grit and determination to be successful!
Miss Kathy Sinn is the sixth grade Science Teacher.

LANDERS CAPTURES GMC PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONORS

Antwerp senior Jagger Landers was voted Green Meadows Conference Player of the Year in voting by the league's coaches for 2022.

Landers was named to the all-GMC first team along with Ayersville senior Jakob Trevino, Hicksville senior Jackson Bergman along with the Wayne Trace trio of senior Cameron Sinn, sophomore Brooks Laukhuf and sophomore Kyle Stoller.

Second team honorees were Antwerp sophomore Landon Brewer, Ayersville junior Tyson Schlachter, Paulding junior Nick Manz, Antwerp senior Luke Krouse, Fairview junior Jeffrey Smith and Tinora junior Luke Harris.

Players garnering honorable mention included Antwerp senior Gaige McMichael, Ayersville senior Ike Eiden, Edgerton junior Corey Everetts, Fairview senior Samuel Clemens, Hicksville senior Josh Myers, Paulding senior Christian Bauer, Tinora senior Nolan Schafer and Wayne Trace senior Trevor Sinn.

GMC BOYS BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTION

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Selections for Boys Basketball for the 2021-2022 season:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Jagger Landers, Antwerp (12)

FIRST TEAM:

Jagger Landers, Antwerp (12); Jakob Trevino, Ayersville (12); Jackson Bergman, Hicksville (12); Cam Sinn, Wayne Trace (12); Brooks Laukhuf, Wayne Trace (10); Kyle Stoller, Wayne Trace (10)

SECOND TEAM:

Landon Brewer, Antwerp (10); Luke Krouse, Antwerp (12); Tyson Schlachter, Ayersville (11); Jeffrey Smith, Fairview (11); Nick Manz, Paulding (11); Luke Harris, Tinora (11)

HONORABLE MENTION:

Gaige McMichael, Antwerp (12); Ike Eiden, (12); Cory Everetts, Edgerton (11); Samuel Clemens, Fairview (12); Josh Myers, Hicksville (12); Christian Bauer, Paulding (12); Nolan Schafer, Tinora (12); Trevor Sinn, Wayne Trace (10)

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH 3rd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021-22

ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL:

7th grade - Amber Stoller, Noah Schlatter, Grady Helms, Blake Noggle, Cole Manz

8th grade - Caitlyn Mead, Riley Manz

ACADEMIC LETTER HONOR ROLL:

9th grade - Kathleen Stoller, Isabella Knowles, Luke Stouffer, Nicholas Sinn, Tianna Sinn, Ava Stoller, Lorie Sinn, Makenna Johnson, Dylan Coffman, Harper Myers, Rylin Moore, Braden Miller, Ryan Bostelman, Adela Collins, Tori Young, Tyler Sanderson, Bethany Miller, Trent Thornell, Madison Gur-

ney, Tyson Gerber

10th grade - Trenton McClain, Laryssa Whitman, Olivia Meraz, Kyle Stoller, Melania Dunham, Emma Laukhuf, Meara Rager, Eli Stuart, Kacy Hornish, Hudson Myers, Kaitlin Slade, Katieanna Baumle

11th grade - Kara Stoller, Anna Miller, Laura Thornell, Mallory Moore, Lane Morehead, Evan Crosby, Elizabeth Mohr, Rylee Miller, Sydnee Sinn, Gracie Shepherd, Kiara Bahena, Elise Miller, Macy Doster, Hannah Maenle

12th grade - Rachel Stoller, Joel Reinhart, Malia Pattwer, Faith Meraz, Brayson Parrish, Claudia Sinn, Nathan Sinn, Therin Coyne, Kate Laukhuf, Christina Graham, Ethan Noggle, Trevor Sinn, Molli Shepherd, Jeremiah Molitor, Rylee Byrne, Alexander Kohart, CAMERON SINN

HONOR ROLL:

7th grade - Campbell Volk, Zachary Stoller, Grayson Sutton, Kaelyn Vejar, Benjamin Gurney, Miley Jacobs, Stefany Lopez-Castillo, Madison Gilbert, Elizabeth Graham, Arianna Viola, KaMaury Sullivan, Carter Baumle, Alex Doster, Olivia Zartman, Ella Crosby, Eli Treece, Reece Olwin, Isabel Gilbert

8th grade - Clay Stoller, Addison Stoller, Whitney Boroff, Torree Sinn, Lucas Morehead, Natalie Richie, Estrella Martinez-Sandoval, Micah Sinn, Lily Boyd, Griffin Williamson, Lance Maenle, Kaden Wilcox, Abigail Evans, Abby Elkins, Izabella Foust, Emma Stouffer, Aubree Miller, Amber Stoller, Careen Winans, Tanner Laukhuf, Myleigh Sheets, Raegan McGarvey, Caroline Winans, Mylie Wittwer, Lexi Moore, Caden Sinn, Jack Schoenauer, Deklyn Schweinsberg

9th grade - Brady Miller, Corbin Kimmel, Allison Noggle, Morgan Elliott, Kamryn Sutton, Jarrett Jewell, Natalie Stoller, Tyler Head, Christian Bohland, Emma Elkins, Anna Meraz, Mackenzie Silance, Elana Bidlack, Riley Hildebrand, Noah Parady, Emma-Jane Benschneider, Cheyenne Goings, Blake Osborn, Dyson Scott, Maya Reynolds, Gage Ogle, Trista Evans, Ryan Viola, Serenity Helms, Kyle Sutton

10th grade - Raelyn Schweinsberg, Brenna Thomas, Cale Winans, Emma Lyons, Maddox Treece, Kyren Karhoff, Caitlyn Thomas, Brenna Parker, Jasmine Mattson, Breven Anderson, Nathaniel Guyton, Paige Alber, Lucas Kennedy, Briley Coffman, Meg Thompson, Zachary Wobler, Caitlin Sanchez, Royce Cooper, Cassidy Lewis, Kamrun Smith, Jude Stoller, Kyla Hurd, Maryannabelle Lands, Kaden Landwehr, Kyla Schoenauer, Kaden Clark, Lynsey Pease, Connor Blankenship, Allison Schilt, Logan Miller, Ava Zartman

11th grade - Laura Stoller, Joshua Shelton, Tyler Davis, Nyle Stoller, Storm Tracy, Ava Dougal, Anna Wells, Martin Alejo, Abby Moore, Cole Fisher, Morgan Riebesehl, Riley Daeger

12th grade - Tatum Tigner, Brooklynn Lee, Haylee Finck, Elijah Spinner, Abbie Stoller, Tianna Cooper, Landyn Whitman, Cameron Graham, Tyler Sinn, Kierstynn Baker, Bailey Adams, Alivia Miller, Brenna Moore, Jackson Sutton, Alexa Campbell, Madison Farquhar, Kyle Klinker

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 3rd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021-22

ALL A'S:

3rd grade - Carter Bereszgazi, Audreylynn Comer, Keigan Custer, Jameson Malfait, Makenzie Muir, Brady Stairhime, Sylvie Zartman, Carter Bagley, Conley Bissell, Quinne Bradbury, Juliet Jones, Charlotte Kauser, Jocelyn Laker, Rilee Martin, Luke Saylor, Cy Zuber, Aubree Feehan, Braxton Fidler, Carson Forbes, Dalton Hines, Adrian Hogans, Kaylie Kapperman, Colt Lockhart, Bradyn Miller, Owen Parisot, Julian Rivera, Lily Zijlstra

4th grade - Parker Bermejo, Eliza Cline, Hayden Grant, Laylah Bermejo, A.J. Honigford, Chaz Moore, Kolton Stuckey, Emma White, Rylan Winslow, Christopher Yanez, Conner Fidler, Isaac Friend, Alivia Kiracofe, Isaac Meyer, Briggs Zartman

5th grade - Brooklynn Lawson, Annabelle Mowery, Garrett Robbins

ALL A's & B's:

3rd grade - Landyn Hermler, Stella Schmidt, Alexander Shipman, Edwin White, Mattalyn Zielke, Riel Gonzalez, Jaxton Leinbach, Lane Sensabaugh, Addie Slattman, Serenity Smith, Devlin Smith, Kennedy Zuber

4th grade - Hannah Bradbury, Jameson Graham, Brady Henning, Kyler Johnson, Marshall Rice, Charles Seslar, Brooklin Baum, carson Hughes, Luke Jones, Heidi Rice, Ava Dunham, Krayston Eicher, Clayton Flanary, Kahne Moore,

AMERICAN PICKERS TO FILM IN INDIANA



The American Pickers are excited to return to Indiana! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in May 2022.

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something

they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories!

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call (646) 493-2184 facebook: @GoTAPick4

Cooper Nestleroad, Jordan Steel

5th grade - Tyler Bradnury, Elliana Burtnett, Pearce Cottrell, Charlotte Hook, Evan Overman, Brennan Barker, Mallory Barker,

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SLAWSON NAMED STUDENT OF THE QUARTER



Every nine weeks Paulding Junior High School teacher Phil Romero selects a Student of the Quarter to recognize a student who is making a positive contribution in the classroom. For the third nine weeks David Slawson was named Mr. Romero's Student of the Quarter and received the "Kindness Counts" award. Shown in the picture is David and he earned a Dairy Queen gift card as his reward for being named Student of the Quarter.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 3rd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021-22

SENIORS

4.0: Nevaeh Alexander, Brooke-Lyn Ankney, Alivya Bakle, Ella Cook, Erika Dobbelaere, Taelyn Etzler, Brody Fisher, Sophia Fisher, Audrey Giesige, Jerrod Hawk, Reid Johanns, Paige Jones, Austen Joseph, Jocelyn Lafountain, Jaylyn McCloud, Boston Pease, Janae Pease, Austin Pessefall, Karli Philipot, Lily Roehrig, Claire Schweller, Caleb Thompson, Logan Tope, Alex Tressler, Grady Vogel

3.5-3.99: Alexandria Ade, Christian Bauer, Wyatt Beckman, Gabriella Casper, Audrey Cordova, Daytona Dewitt, Cristian Funez, Zachary Gorrell, Kalyn Goshia, Ryleigh Johanns,

Zoraya Valle, Billie Vargo, Samuel Woods, Autumn Yonge

3.0-3.49: Ethan Herman, Kelsey Kupfersmith, Julia Leatherman, Kyle Mobley, Maycee Ross, Cierra Singer

JUNIORS

4.0: Vincente Cantu, Natali Cortes-Becerra, Miranda Iler, Carlea Kuckuck, Ashton Manz, Carter Manz, Jacob Martinez, Emma McClure, Hayden Mullen, Wyatt Pessefall, Olivia Porter, Caydence Rue, Ariana Sheaks, Chaz Shull, Cassandra Weller

3.5-3.99: Katelyn Beckman, Luis Cortes-Becerra, Quinten Doster, Ethan Foltz, Kirsten Lane, Nicholas Manz, Emily Mazariegos, Braxton Ricker, Ean Seibert, Mikayla Shough-Germann, Bryanna Winke

3.0-3.49: Peyton Adams, Mason Doster, Wyatt Jefferies, Skylar Keezer, Savannah Peters, Merson Schlatter, Chandler White

SOPHOMORES

4.0: Casey Agler, Elli Barton, Landrey Fitzgerald, Aiden Herman, Mattie Hirschy, Jamy Hunt, Maci Kauser, Sarah Lewis, Wesley Ludwig, Carla Manz, Malia Manz, Aiden Miller, Kelcie Pack, Patrick Paholak, Jocelynn Parrett, Denis Santillan-Rodriguez, Lathan Schneider, Cerena Sexton, Adam Stahl, Riley Stork, Sarah Wong

3.5-3.99: Drake Ankney, Jacob Fife, Ronald Goodwin, Braden Hernandez, Meagan Hirschy, Brayden Kingen, Taegan Manz, Tytus Manz, Anthony McCready, Emily McCrory, Allyson Merri-man, Esther Rocha, Trinity Salazar, Tyler Schlatter, Dillon Shough-Germann, Tristan White

3.0-3.49: Cyrah Bradford, Jesse Brown, Madison Brown-Schooley, Harley Collins, Hunter Coutts, Zane Daniels, Kaiden Dick, Madi-

son Dunmire, Ava Foltz, Kobe Foor, Joshua Funez, Chloe Hicks, Sammie Jones, Charles McClure, Kylie McCray, Morgan Szurminski, Alyssia Wilson, Miguel Zacarias

FRESHMEN

4.0: Kiara Adams, Hannah Arnold, Matthew Bail, Lucas Beckman, Brianna Bermejo, Gavin Coil, Elizabeth Dotterer, Kaitlyn Goings, Grace Goyings, Jocelynn Hawk, Emily Keezer, Austen Kinder, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Giovanni Linares, Peyton Manz, Claire Miller, Marley Parrett, Emma Porter, Ashley Rickels, Hopeful Rose, Brooklyn Schlatter, Brandon Schroeder, Dominic Stahl, Ethan Warner

3.5-3.99: Esther Cantu, Allison Carnahan, Ameah Carr, Makenna Dunham, Courtney Good, Aeylah Hitzeman, Brooke Kilgore, Piper Kochel, Alex Leal, Christiana Martinez, David Slawson, Jada Smith, Maxwell Stork, Kadence Thomas, Cully Thompson, Alexis Wharry, Summer Wilhelm, Jack Woods

3.0-3.49: Ryan Cantu, Anna Clemens, Savannah Colon, David Dulaney, Carter Evans, Greyson Harder, Curtis Langsdorf, Johnathan Lipps

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

In February 2022, State Wildlife Officer Maurice Irish, assigned to Delaware County, presented a two-hour course to Otterbein University students enrolled in the wildlife, fish, and wildlands science major. Topics covered included an overview of the Ohio Division of Wildlife, a wildlife officer's authority and duties, as well as specific case studies. Officer Irish has presented this information to Otterbein University students since 2016.

During the 2021-22 white-tailed deer hunting season, State Wildlife Officer John Coffman, assigned to Fayette County, received information that a hunter had unlawfully checked a buck deer using a landowner permit. After further investiga-

tion, it was revealed that the hunter failed to purchase a valid Ohio hunting license and deer permit. After harvesting the buck, the individual game checked the deer using a landowner permit for which he did not meet the requirements. The hunter was found guilty and paid more than \$300 in fines and court costs. The venison and antlers were forfeited.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In November 2021, State Wildlife Officer Michele Butler, assigned to Erie County, received a call on the Turn in a Poacher (TIP) hotline regarding a fisherman who had kept additional walleye past his limit of walleye that morning. Officer Butler reached out to State Wildlife Officer Reid VanCleve, assigned to Ottawa County, and the two officers contacted the fisherman later that afternoon. The angler admitted to taking 10 walleye over his limit while fishing from shore in Sandusky. The daily limit for walleye in Lake Erie is six. The 10 extra walleye were seized as evidence and the fisherman received a citation for taking too many walleye. He was found guilty in the Sandusky Municipal Court and was ordered to pay \$610 in restitution and court costs. The seized walleye were donated to a local food pantry. Anyone observing a wildlife violation can report it anonymously through the TIP hotline at 1-800-P O A C H E R (1-800-762-2437).

A few days before Christmas in 2021, law enforcement personnel attended the Operation Santa's Sleigh event in Sandusky. Those in attendance included State Wildlife Officer Brian Baker, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, State Wildlife Officer Michele Butler, assigned to Erie County, State Wildlife Investigator Travis Abele, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, and Lake Erie Law Enforcement Supervisor Matt Leibengood. The event pulled together law enforcement and first responders in their patrol vehicles. Just after dark, the caravan drove by local children's hospitals and veteran's centers while flashing their emergency lights and sirens to boost the residents' spirits. In addition to patrol vehicles, Officer Baker was towing the Lake Erie patrol boat and flashing its lights. Operation Santa's Sleigh is a statewide effort. In addition to the event in Sandusky, law enforcement also gathered in Akron, Cleveland, and Columbus.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the 2021 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Scott Cartwright, assigned to Carroll County, was patrolling Valley Run Wildlife Area. He contacted an individual who was hunting deer with a shotgun. The hunter had not obtained a valid 2021 deer hunting permit. He was charged with hunting deer without a valid deer permit. The individual was found guilty in the Carroll County Municipal Court and ordered to pay \$195 in fines and court costs.

In February 2022, Officer Evan Huegel, assigned to Ashland County, was patrolling Mohican State For-

est when he was flagged down by a woman standing on the side of the road. She explained to Officer Huegel that she went hiking on her property with her elderly father and they got separated. She was worried something happened to him. Officer Huegel advised the woman to stay with her vehicle in case he came back. Meanwhile, the officer conducted a perimeter search on the 64-acre lot. After about an hour of searching, the man was located and safely reunited with his daughter.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Ryan Donnelly, assigned Athens County, and State Wildlife Officer Chris Dodge, assigned Hocking County, were patrolling the Wallace O'Dowd Wildlife Area during the white-tailed deer gun hunting season. The officers came across four people who had finished up a deer drive. While the officers were checking the hunting licenses and deer permits, the rest of the group emerged from the woods, which totaled 20 people ranging in age from 8 years old to 78 years old. This was a large group of family and friends from across the state who met on the area to hunt for the day. Two of the members of the group had failed to purchase deer permits and were issued a summons for hunting deer without first obtaining a valid either-sex deer permit. They were issued summons totaling \$260 in fines and costs.

During the 2021-22 white-tailed deer hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Anthony Lemle, assigned to Guernsey County, received information from the Turn In A Poacher (TIP) hotline that someone in the city of Cambridge was killing deer after dark using a bait pile and a light in their backyard. The information indicated that the individual was shooting them while remaining inside his house. A search warrant was conducted at the residence in question. The individual had shot and recovered eight deer from October 2021 to February 2022, three of which were antlered. The individual used a crossbow to shoot through his kitchen window. Seventeen items were seized as evidence, including one whole deer, two compound bows, and five crossbows. The individual was charged with five counts of deer hunting violations.

He pleaded guilty and was found guilty in the Cambridge Municipal Court, where he received a six-year hunting license revocation and paid \$2,520 in fines in court costs. In addition, he was sentenced to 60 days in jail with 60 days suspended, and was placed on probation for three years. All evidence seized was forfeited to the state except a cell phone and one compound bow. Anyone observing a wildlife violation can report it anonymously through the TIP hotline at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437).

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

During the 2019 white-tailed deer archery season, State Wildlife Officer Matt Hunt, assigned to Greene County, was contacted by a landowner in Bellbrook. The property owner suspected that a hunter was trespassing on their property. They found evidence of a blood trail and a hole cut in the fence. The neighboring property was owned by the City of Bellbrook and did not allow hunting on it. Officer Hunt checked the area and located a tree stand, trail camera, and bait site in the middle of the city's land. For the remainder of the season, Officer Hunt checked the location as often as he could but never contacted any hunters. In 2020, the tree stand, bait, and trail camera were again in the same location. Officer Hunt frequently checked the area hoping to find a trespasser, and again no hunter was found. In October 2021, Officer Hunt checked and found the same set up. On the third day of checking, Officer Hunt contacted a hunter in the stand and hunting without permission. The hunter was issued a citation for hunting without permission. He paid \$300 in fines and court cost.

State Wildlife Officer Jasmine Grossnickle, assigned to Miami County, recently delivered 80 pounds of venison to help feed the wildlife being housed at the Bruckner Nature Center. This facility provides educational opportunities for the public to view Ohio's native wildlife, and rehabilitates sick and injured animals to be returned to the wild. The venison was confiscated from individuals who had committed wildlife hunting violations and was deemed not of a quality to be donated to a food bank for human consumption.

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VAN WERT LIVE RECOGNIZES ANNEX DONORS WITH CELEBRATION



The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Center, presenting Van Wert Live events unveiled the Central Insurance Annex at The Niswonger Performing Arts Center to donors, dignitaries, and stakeholders in a celebration event on Sunday, March 13.

The festivities, sponsored by Gary Taylor, VWAPAF Board Member, began with an Appreciation Dinner at Willow Bend Country Club with 105 Annex contributors and stakeholders in attendance.

Following dinner, guests enjoyed tours through the Central Annex at the Niswonger for a behind-the-scenes look at how the staff and artists use the space on show days. A private concert by The Lee Warren Band, began with a recognition presentation

orchestrated the Van Wert Live Professional Team. The program included remarks from Senator Rob McColley and Representative Craig Riedel, both integral in securing \$400,000 in OFCC funds for both the Annex and Sound and Lights Project. RJ Coleman, Central Insurance Regional VP, addressed the audience with the community-minded intent behind Central's continued investment in the live performing arts. Van Wert County Foundation CEO, Seth Baker, provided

the historical significance of contributions paving the way for progress today.

VWAPAF Board Chairman, Kevin Laing, recognized the Central Annex Naming Rights Donors that include: Central Insurance \$200,000 (Annex Naming Rights), Leigh Eisenhower \$100,000 (NPAC Permanent Endowment Fund,) Kenneth & Marilyn Merkle \$50,000 (Star Dressing Rooms 1 & 2,) Jim & Mary Pope \$25,000 (Laundry Facility,) Hallrich Inc. - Pizza Hut \$25,000 (Multi-Purpose Room,) Tim & Karie Stoller \$15,000 (Multi-Purpose Room,) Kent & Judy Bradford \$15,000 (Production Office,) Bruce & Julie Kennedy \$15,000 (Production Office,) Van Wert Federal Savings Bank \$25,000, and First Federal Bank Of Van Wert \$25,000. Additionally, over forty personal donors were recognized for their contributions to the project.

"State Funds through the OFCC have been essential to our Capital improvements. We are fortunate to be represented by dedicated dignitaries working on our behalf to bring state budget dollars to Van Wert," states Tafi Stober.

The Annex construction took place during the pandemic, instilling hope for the future of the performing arts in Van Wert thanks to OFCC Funding, Naming Rights Contributors, and personal donors. The Annex and the Sound and Lights project represent a \$1.1 Million Capital Improvement into the Niswonger Performing Arts Center which was a \$10.1 Million project opening in 2007 as a result of a campaign funded by Scott M. Niswonger, The Van Wert County Foundation, business, and personal donations.

The Niswonger Performing Arts Center is recognized as a key component of economic development in Northwest Ohio as well as a resource

for enhancing the quality of life throughout the region. Future Facility Capital Improvements are being considered by the VWAPAF to support the vision to make Van Wert an entertainment destination by providing experiences that are so good they demand a return.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Shawn P. Haley, Haviland, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs waived

David A. Vielma, Edgerton, IN; Non support, Guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, Placed on standard probation, Complete 20 hours of community service, Risk assessment, Pay back child support and stay current, Maintain general good behavior; Obstructing, Guilty, Fines and costs to be paid from bond, Addition to rules of probation, Write a letter of apology to officer, Maintain general good behavior

Shane Redman, Battle Creek, MI; Headlights, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived; Unsafe vehicle, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived

Shiara T. Jackson, Toledo, OH; Physical control, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Chapel, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Pay all fines and costs; No tail lights, Count B dismissed

Brook Gerken, Woodburn, IN; Physical control, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Hyman, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs, Motion to suppress withdrawn, Motion granted, Provide proof of insurance today; OVI/under influence, Count B dismissed; Marked lanes, Count C dismissed

Alfredo L. Rodriguez, Lyford, TX; No driver license; Case dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Chad C. Elling, Continental, OH; Pass bad check (2 counts); Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant recalled

Bryan Casey, Cecil, OH; Pass bad check; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Fay N. Nash, Fort Wayne, IN; Pass bad check; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant recalled

Dakota J. Wcislak, Portage, OH; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs today, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Driving under suspension (Failure to reinstate), Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Proof of insurance provided, Pay all fines and costs, Warrant and warrant block recalled

Joseph L. Kangas, Redford, MI; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Megan B. Draper, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dax Massey, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Britnie L. Walton,

Antwerp, OH; Stop for school bus; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Provide proof of insurance by 3/16/22

Jose Luis L. Fernandez Simon, Grover Hill, OH; Wrongful entrustment, Case dismissed, Costs waived; Failure to control, Case dismissed, Costs waived; No operator license, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Proof of insurance provided, Pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine

Daniel A. Lockwood, Celina, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Eduardo L. Menjivar, Columbus, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jason L. Stansberry, Celina, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bobbie J. Dix, Paulding, OH; Failure to yield at intersection; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Coty Franklin, Payne, OH; Assault, Case dismissed per state, Costs waived; Aggravated trespassing, Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior

John E. Moore Jr., Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victim

John M. Straka, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Placed on standard probation; Evaluation at Westwood for anger management; Risk assessment; No contact with victims; Maintain general good behavior

Robert K. Goshia, Defiance, OH; OVI/breath high, Count A dismissed; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared with Mr. Seibel, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Insurance provided, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs, All contraband shall be forfeited, State will not file charges for possession/paraphernalia; Marked lanes, Count C dismissed; Registration violation, Count D dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count E dismissed

Kierre D. Blackmon, Findlay, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed and put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Noah B. Toppe, Payne, OH; OVI/breath (Low), Guilty, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Lee, Pled guilty, Proof of insurance provided, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs, Ignition interlock required; Failure to control, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count B dismissed

William W. Oates Jr., Jeffersonville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Harmonie L. Poe, Columbia City, IN; No operator's license, Defendant appeared via video without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Proof of insurance provided, May be released from jail today; No tail lights, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine

The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

Jason Chad Kremer, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Complete 40 hours community service; Placed on standard

John E. Moon, Grover Hill, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension; Count A dismissed

Joshua E. Fisher, Celina, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING SERIOUS INJURY CRASH

On March 20, 2022 at approximately 0322 hours, troopers were dispatched to a report of a wrong way driver traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes on US24 near County Road 133 in Paulding County. At approximately 0327 hours, the reported wrong way driver struck a semi-truck head on.

Everett Dickerson, of Defiance, Ohio, age 61, was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of US24 and was operating a 2003 Chevrolet pick-up truck. Harkaranpreet Deol, of Caledon, Ontario, Canada, age 30, was traveling westbound on US24 and was operating a 2019 Peterbilt semi-truck. Dickerson struck Deol head on and traveled off the north side of the roadway. Dickerson was transported to Defiance Regional Medical Center in Defiance, Ohio with life threatening injuries. Deol was not injured. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash. The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Emerald Township Fire, Cecil Fire, Paulding Fire and EMS, Defiance EMS, Gideon's Towing and Paulding County ODOT.

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.

Ann Pease, Clerk
Court of Common Pleas
Paulding County, Ohio
By: *Ann E. Pease*
Deputy
Respectively submitted,
Joseph R. Burkard
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 S. Walnut Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8270

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Paulding County Hospital Board of Trustees regular meetings for April 2022 - March 2023 will be held the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Paulding County Hospital Education Room.

Annual Organizational Meeting will be held in March.

Paulding County Hospital 2020 audited financial report is available for review upon request.

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages
1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds
2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW
3rd Weekend- Payne ,
 (Paved lot east of Homier's)
4th Weekend- Antwerp ,
 (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)
New Schedule For Smaller Villages
3rd Wednesday of each month
 Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)
 Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)
 Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)
 Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)
For Questions Call : 419-399-3630
or Visit : www.pauldingcountywmea.com

WT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES 3/14/22

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Room

The following members were present: Mr. Patrick Baumele, Mrs. Melanie Forrer, Mr. Jeremy Moore, Mrs. Rhonda Stabler, Mr. Richard Swary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public* *Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address.

If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

Guests: Mr Jack Baumele, Instructor; Mrs. Laura Steffen, Observer; Mrs. Carly Covarubbias, Instructor; Mr. Tim Manz, Curriculum; Mr. Adam Papin, Paulling Progress; Mr. Mark Holtsberry, County Commissioner

Mr. Mark Holtsberry addressed the board about his concern on how history is being taught in the classroom. There are several history textbooks that are on the market that he is concerned with.

Mr. Holtsberry would caution the board when purchasing textbooks to stay away from the ones he quoted. Mr. Holtsberry doesn't want the truth of World War II and the veterans to be forgotten. He is concerned with Paulling County's legacy. He also informed the board that he is running again for County Commissioner. Mr. Holtsberry spoke briefly on the 4 boards he is very active on and how much money he has gotten through grants for some of the county programs. He would like the support for County Commissioner.

Report of the Treasurer Consent Agenda Items: One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Swary, Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

A. to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 and February 22, 2022 board meetings;

B. to approve the investment report

and payment of bills for February 2022 as presented by the Treasurer;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for February 2022;

D. to approve the budget/revenue comparison for February 2022;

E. to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor: 4.00 Mills Inside Operating, 23.70 Mills Outside Operating, .70 Mills OSFC Construction and Renovation Bond, .50 Mills 2000 Local Funded Initiative bond, .50 Mills OSFC Construction Maintenance

Roll call vote: Mr. Swary, Forrer, Mr. Baumele, Mr. Moore, and Mrs. Stabler, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report - Mr. Pat Baumele announced that Vantage Career Center's board meeting was held at Thomas Edison. The facility is very nice. The programs that are moving over there will have a lot more room as well as the technology they need. Enrollment is looking very good. Wayne Trace has 2 students who will be competing at the State level for Vantage: Allen Minck and Jarrett Hornish.

Report of the Building Principals Curriculum Director-Mr. Tim Manz reviewed the ELA curriculum textbooks for TK-grade 6. He also informed them that they will be seeing grades 7-12 to be approved next. Mr. Manz also talked about the interest in ESports. He is presently looking into this. There are college scholarships for ESports now. It would be an extra-curricular activity. Mr. Manz also addressed Mr. Holtsberry's concern on the textbooks in our district. Mr. Manz informed the board that none of the textbooks talked about are in the district.

Building Principals-All principals were present to review their reports to the board. Mr. Myers updated the board on the band and choir contest. Both band and choir qualified for State on April 30, 2022. Wayne Trace wrestlers were well represented at State competition. Hunter Long is State Champ, Jarrett Hornish placed 3rd in his weight class, and Corbin Kimmel placed 8th. Corbin Kimmel is the first freshmen from Wayne Trace and Paulling County who has placed at the State level.

Committee Reports - No reports Superintendent's Report A. Curriculum

Testing Season: The 2021-2022 state-mandated tests will be administered April through the beginning of May.

Mr. Manz has finalized the curriculum work with our English/Language Arts. You will find their recommendation for updating the curriculum which includes all grades PK thru 6 (consent item N). These

materials replace our current curriculum which was last updated seven years ago and will get us back on a normal rotation of examining the curriculum in this area every six years. Mr. Manz is waiting on the final quote for the English/Language Arts materials for 7 thru 12 and also science at all grade levels. We will utilize our ESSER funds to cover the cost of this update to curriculum.

B. Personnel

Tammy Nouza has resigned her 1st grade teaching position at WTGHE for the purpose of retirement (consent item A).

In consent item B, Mr. Lange and I are asking for your approval of Gabrielle Miller to fill the open 1st grade position for next school year.

Consent item C represents filling our open volleyball position left by the retirement of Jen Mohr, an additional volunteer for baseball and the coverage that was provided during the absence of the 8th grade boys' basketball coach.

The WBESC substitute list is included in consent item P for your approval.

C. Buildings and Grounds

Our Master Planning Process continues to move forward with a survey of the community being developed and released.

With spring right around the corner we will again be working a local company to apply fertilizer and weed control to our athletic fields and the grounds at all campuses.

D. Events

Several extra-curricular deserve recognition for outstanding accomplishments. This recognition can be found in consent items D through H.

The Sound of Music was performed on March 4, 5 and 6. Consent Item I recognizes those involved in the musical.

We had held off on formally approving the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. to confirm it would go. We are confident it will now go from May 10 - 13, 2022 (consent item O).

E. Operations

The open enrollment period begins April 1 (consent item J). We plan to continue with the same guidelines and procedures as previous years.

Consent item K represents the changes to policies that were recommended by our NEOLA representative.

Sean and I are asking for your approval of a new 78 passenger bus, which will likely arrive in late summer (consent item L);

You will find the recommendation we discussed for laptops for our students in consent item M.

III. Consent Agenda Items

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Baumele, Seconded by: Mr. Moore

A. to accept the resignation of Tammy Nouza from the 1st grade teaching position at WTGHE on September 2, 2022;

B. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and WTGHE Principal to approve Gabrielle Miller to fill the open 1st grade teaching position at WTGHE for the 2022-2023 school year;

C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director to approve the following supplemental positions:

Anne Myers - Assistant HS Volleyball 2022-2023 Corey Adams - Baseball (volunteer) 2021-2022

Treg Lymanstall - 8th Grade Boys' Basketball (coverage) 2021-2022 Derrick Miller - 8th Grade Boys' Basketball (coverage) 2021-2022

D. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for winning individual Green Meadows Conference titles: Corbin Kimmel, Hunter Long, and Jarrett Hornish;

E. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for winning an individual sectional title: Corbin Kimmel, Hunter Long, and Jarrett Hornish;

F. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestler for winning an individual district title: Hunter Long;

G. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for qualifying for the state wrestling meet: Corbin Kimmel, Hunter Long, and Jarrett Hornish;

H. to commend Coach Jim Linder, the assistant coaches, and the varsity boys' basketball players for capturing the Green Meadows Conference title and sectional title;

I. to commend Joel Dunham, Jenna Dunham, Joni Wenninger, Kaleb O'Donnell, Angie Stokes and the cast and crew of The Sound of Music on three spectacular performances;

J. to confirm that open enrollment applications will be accepted between April 1, 2022, and June 1, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year, with such applications being accepted from qualifying students from anywhere in the state of Ohio (not simply just students who reside in contiguously bordering school districts);

K. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and NEOLA representative, to modify several school board policies to reflect changes in state and federal laws (attached);

L. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Transportation Supervisor to purchase a bus at a cost of \$93,004 through the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council;

M. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Technology Coordinator, to approve the purchase of 330 laptop computers for student use from Xtech Partners at a cost of \$341,027.40;

N. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Curriculum Coordinator, to approve the purchase of new English/Language Arts curriculum for grades TK thru 6 at a cost of \$129,527.23;

O. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal to approve the 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip from May 10 - 13, 2022;

P. upon the recommendation of the

Superintendent to approve the WBESC substitute list listed on the WBESC website.

Roll call vote: Mr. Baumele, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Forrer, Mrs. Stabler, and Mr. Swary, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed. New Business - No new business

Adjournment Motion by: Mr. Baumele, Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

To adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held April 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school lecture room.

HEALTHY SOILS MAY REDUCE AGING

New Penn State University research shows that tilled soils have reduced levels of an essential amino acid called ergothioneine (ERGO). ERGO is an amino acid or vitamin that promotes longevity or reduced aging. Healthy soils that are not tilled have more healthy bacteria and specific fungi

that make this "longevity vitamin" to fight the detrimental effects of chronic diseases on human cell aging. ERGO is an antioxidant/vitamin used to keep human cells healthy. Plants, animals, and humans cannot make ERGO themselves but they can absorb it, either from the soil or from plants that absorb it. The Penn State study demonstrates that soil disturbance may directly impact a key dietary factor associated with long-term human health.

In the Penn State Study, researchers evaluated the effect of intense tillage (mold board plow, disking, harrowing), to medium tillage (chisel plowing, harrowing) to complete no-till. These plots were established in 1978, so these are long-term tillage plots. Researchers

found that ERGO concentrations declined as tillage intensity increased. ERGO content declined 32% for corn, 33% for soybeans and 28% for oats in the grain. Tilled soils have more bacteria but less beneficial fungi that produce ERGO. In these long-term replicated plots, increased tillage also reduced crop yields. So over time, healthy soils with more bacteria and fungi grew healthier plants with higher ERGO absorbed from the soil, which suggests a human health benefit. The higher crop yields on no-till plots also increased farmer profit while protecting the environment. A Win-Win for everyone!

A lack of ERGO in the diet may result in increased diseases associated with aging including Parkinson's

PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022 - 9:00AM 277+ ACRES OF FARMLAND MULTI-PARCEL AUCTION. Includes a detailed map of parcels with acreages and names, and descriptions for Parcel #1 through #10. Auction site: The Gathering Place, 775 W. High St., Hicksville OH 43526. Auctioneers: Bruce Guilford; Steve Zuber; Donna Baldwin.

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disease, Alzheimer's Disease, memory loss, cancer, and reduced life expectancy. ERGO is used to treat liver damage, cataracts, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, heart disease and is used in skin care products to prevent wrinkles, reduce signs of aging skin, and reduces sun damage.

As we age, our human cells (skin, nerves, brain, reproductive tissue, etc.) eventually give up fighting against free radicals, toxins, and harmful substances which damage human cells. Our bodies are bombarded with these harmful substances on a daily basis. Free radicals are uncharged molecules which are typically short-lived and highly reactive, causing many degenerative aging diseases through cell damage and cell death. ERGO as an antioxidant reacts to oxidize or neutralize these harmful substances, keeping our human cells safe and increases our "vitality". A lack of ERGO in the diet reduces human life expectancy.

Imagine you are making a fruit salad from apples, bananas, fresh peaches, oranges, strawberries, and kiwi. After a few hours, the apples, bananas and fresh peaches start to turn brown due to oxidation. The oranges, strawberries, and kiwi are high in Vitamin C, which is an anti-oxidants like ERGO to prevent browning. Adding lemon juice (high in

Vitamin C, an antioxidants) to the salad reduces the browning effect by keeping the fruit fresh for a longer period of time.

Researchers have found five benefits to high ERGO levels in the human body. ERGO may defend against and reduce inflammation in the body. For example, ERGO may reduce inflammation in patients with rheumatoid arthritis. Second, ERGO is used as a supplement for Alzheimer's and Parkinson patients. ERGO protects brain cells from oxidative damage and stress from free radicals and toxins. ERGO may even prevent or delay brain cell death. Third, ERGO is a favorite supplement in liver disease. Fourth, ERGO is often a supplement in anti-aging skin creams because it reduces skin cell damage, aging, and wrinkles. Fifth, ERGO is being studied as a supplement to fight lung diseases. ERGO has many potential health benefits and is now being more actively studied.

There are several good food sources for getting more ERGO in your diet. Mushrooms which come from fungi, are the highest source of ERGO. Only a few distinct types of fungi and mycobacteria produce ERGO. Oyster mushrooms are high in ERGO as are Porcini mushrooms. Porcini mushrooms are harder to find because they cannot be commercially cultivated. Other good sources of ERGO are king crab, cereals, oats, kidney beans, black beans, and animals who have consumed plants high in the ERGO vitamin.

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A new Regenerative Agricultural movement is beginning to form. Farms can have their soils tested by Regenerative Laboratories (Regen Lab, Inc. LLC) and if your soil are healthy with high levels of beneficial bacteria and fungi, your fields can get certified as a regenerative farm field. Some agricultural food companies are now looking to certify their produce as regenerative, which may eventually lead to premiums and or higher farm prices for healthier food.

—James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

Nature and Society (SUSTAINS) Learning Community.

"As we challenge ourselves to lead in sustainable energy, partnering with an innovative and highly-engaged institution such as The Ohio State University will help us move the needle further together," said Shawn Lyon, Marathon Pipe Line President. "We're committed to investing in projects that promote sustainability and excited about the opportunity to invest in the important work being done at Ohio State and CFAES."

More than 80 Ohio State students have engaged in research and projects through the Terrestrial Wildlife Ecology Lab (TWEL). "TWEL is a cooperative venture that has always thrived on partnerships," said Gabriel Karns, clinical faculty member. "Entering into collaboration with Marathon Pipe Line provides yet another opportunity to study conservation potential and possibilities on working landscapes - namely rights-of-way."

Marathon Pipe Line manages over 8,000 miles of utility rights-of-way nationwide, said Karns, whose research focuses on how working landscapes can provide habitat for pollinators.

Specifically, the donation to TWEL will support research to understand the benefits of integrated vegetation management on utility rights-of-way with a focus on ecology, soil carbon, and landowner relations.

The gift will enable Karns and his SENR colleagues, lecturer Joe Campbell and assistant professor Scott Demyan, to examine how rights-of-way vegetation management can bring together utilities and private landowners to address soil conservation issues and create biodiversity reservoirs for threatened taxa. They will also be able to hire three new

GIFT TO BENEFIT OHIO STATE'S SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

A \$250,000 gift will benefit both undergraduate and graduate students in The Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR).

The donation from Marathon Petroleum Foundation will advance terrestrial wildlife ecology research, student learning and sustainability, and diversity and inclusion scholarships.

"We are excited that this gift will further enhance our efforts to support students from a diversity of backgrounds interested in pursuing careers in the environmental and natural resource fields," said Jeff Sharp, SENR director and professor of rural sociology in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). Specifically, \$165,000 has been designated to research in terrestrial wildlife ecology, \$60,000 to create the SENR Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship Fund, and \$25,000 to the Students Understanding Sustainability and Taking Action to Improve

six-month positions to work in the field.

An internship opportunity for one Ohio State student has also been made available within Marathon Pipe Line's rights-of-way vegetation management team. "This internship will be a hands-on, experiential learning moment where everyone learns from one another," shared Lyon.

SENR diversity and inclusion efforts will also get a big boost with scholarship monies earmarked to students who add diversity to SENR and/or who actively contribute to nurturing a more diverse and inclusive community within the school. Up to \$6,000 could be awarded annually per recipient.

Monies from the new SENR fund may be used for research-related costs, tuition, and fees, and other education expenses. Sharp noted that support may be awarded in varying amounts based on student enrollment, available funding, and other factors.

SENR co-administers the SUSTAINS Learning Community experience with Ohio State's Sustainability Institute. Students live alongside their peers who share common interests in exploring sustainable solutions for local, national, and global issues.

"The gift from Marathon will allow for the SUSTAINS Learning Community to return to in-person programming after almost two years of delivering a virtual curriculum due to COVID," said Matt Griffin, program coordinator and co-lead of the SUSTAINS Learning Community. "With this gift, we can deliver safe, engaging, and unique sustainability-focused learn-

Sudoku solution from page 13

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ing opportunities for students."

SENR director Sharp noted, "A growing number of students are interested in issues of climate, sustainability, and conservation. These gifts will help make college more accessible and affordable."

For more information about SENR and its programs, visit senr.osu.edu.

HELP WANTED



Vantage Career Center Adult Ed Financial Aid Coordinator Posting

Position: Adult Education Financial Aid Coordinator
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Vantage Career Center Intervention Specialist Posting

Position: Intervention Specialist
Start Date: 2022-2023 School Year
Application Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2022

Job Objectives: Plans, implements and assesses student learning experiences. Helps students make appropriate choices. Encourages parental involvement. This full-time instructional position does not require the writing of student IEP's. To view the full posting and application process please visit <https://www.vantagecareercenter.com/Employment.aspx>

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United States Postal Service Rural Carrier Associate (RCA)

RCA's case, deliver, and collect mail along a prescribed rural route using a vehicle and provide customers on the route with a variety of services.

- Benefits may include health insurance.
- Part-time, non-career position, which may lead to a full time career position; however, there is no guarantee.
- Applicants must have a valid state driver's license, a safe driving record, and at least two years of unsupervised experience driving passenger cars or larger. The driving must have taken place in the U.S. or its possessions or territories or in U.S. military installations worldwide.
- Hours will vary and will include holidays and weekends; there is no guarantee of hours. Hourly pay is \$19.60.
- Example: You may work 8 hours one week and 40 hours the following week.
- You must be flexible with little to no lead time or advance notice of a schedule change and be on call on non-scheduled days.
- You will be required to provide a vehicle sufficient in size for delivery of mail. RCA's will receive an Equipment Maintenance Allowance.
- You will be required to have the ability to deliver from the right hand side of the vehicle, even if you must provide one.
- You will perform work indoors and outdoors in all elements of weather: rain, sleet, ice, snow, cold, and heat, and you may encounter animals and insects too.
- Your duties will be physically demanding requiring moderate to heavy lifting, carrying, prolonged standing, reaching, and walking.
- You will provide mail security at all times.
- You must follow established safe work methods and procedures.
- Oakwood Post Office, 223 N 1st, Oakwood, OH 45873 is hiring RCA's. Call 419-594-3369 for additional information.

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4-H CAMP PALMER ALL CAMP CLEAN UP MARCH 26



To open and prepare the grounds at 4-H Camp Palmer, we need volunteer help. Does your club or organization need a service project? An adult must accompany youth ages 8-15 years of age. Please be prepared to bring own rakes, work gloves.

The clean-up morning is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Please check in at the covered bridge entrance for work assignments.

Some of our main projects will include leaf raking, picking up sticks, mulching trails, and removing pool cover at 10:00 a.m. (Please note no

cabin cleaning this year)

4-H Camp Palmer prepares for its 75th year anniversary in 2022!

The camp is located at 26450 County Road MN, Fayette, Ohio right next to Harrison Lake State Park. For more information about the cleanup call Bill Goodson at 419-237-2247 or goodson.34@osu.edu

JPHS WINE & CHEESE TASTING RETURNS MARCH 26

Doors will open for the Hawaiian-themed event at 6

p.m. The fun gets under way at 7:00 p.m. with delicious wines and cheeses, plus door prizes, silent and Chinese auction, 50/50 drawing, and more. Scott Strahley and Jay Dachenhaus will emcee.

The evening, one of the historical society's most popular events, is returning after a one-year absence. The committee, led by Lois Beamer, will have the museum's dining room transformed into an island paradise. Guests are encouraged to dress Hawaiian-style in keeping with the theme.

For information contact Kauser Trucking in Paulding (419-399-4856), Lois Beamer at 419-769-0661, or John Paulding Historical Society on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The wine and cheese tasting is a major fundraiser for the historical society. The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive, across from the fairgrounds in Paulding.

PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING

NOTICE!! All 96 state members: PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding

County Senior Center, 401 E. Jackson St. at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6th. Speaker will be Sharon Drenrup, PERI District Representative.

PAULDING COUNTY DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS

The annual meeting of the Paulding County General Health District Advisory Council was held on March 7, 2022.

During the meeting, Chad Benschneider was named President of the council and Mark Holtsberry was named secretary for the ensuing year.

Chris Bercaw was appointed to serve a five-year term on the board of health, to expire in 2027. Reports were presented by all the health department personnel for the calendar year 2021.

The following were in attendance: Gene Weidenhamer, Auglaize Township; Gene Sheets, Cecil Village; Bob Young, Harrison Township; Austin Scheiner, Payne Village; Michael Meyer, Crane Township; Ken Laker, Emerald Township; Kerry Hook, Harrison Township; Rick Weippert, Emerald

17th ANNUAL HEALTH, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FAIR!



Pictured are Marsha Yeutter, Director and Samantha Smith, Admin Assistant.

The Paulding County Senior Center is hosting their 17th annual Health, Business and Industry Fair on **Wednesday, March 23rd from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at the Paulding County Extension Building, 500 Fair-

Township; Beau Leatherman, Brown Township; David Schroeder, Auglaize

grounds Rd, Paulding.

The day will include of 35+ vendors with great information, promo items to pick up, door prizes and lunch available for a free will donation. Everyone is welcome and free admission.

Township; Mark Holtsberry, County Commissioner; Chad Benschneider, Harrison Township; Ronald Schmidt, Board of Health; Chris Bercaw, Board of Health; Jacob Shaffer, Board of Health; Wendell Spangler, MD, Board of Health; Joseph M. Kuhn, DO, Health Commissioner; Barbara VanArsdalen, RN, Director of Nursing; Kristen Kurilec, RDN, LD, WIC Director; Robin Gonzales, Clerk/Registrar; William Edwards, RS, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

The Paulding County Health Department's 2021 Financial Report is on file at the health department. The report can be viewed during regular Health Department business hours.

FAIRVIEW FFA GOES TO THE SPRING CONTEST

By: Fairview FFA Reporter Elizabeth Bok

On Thursday, March 7th, the Fairview FFA chapter traveled to Fulton County Fairgrounds to compete in the Spring Contests. The contests that were participated in were Agronomy, General Livestock, Meat Judging, Nature Interpretations, Poultry, and Wildlife. In Agronomy, contest participants looked at crop production and management. The members that competed in agronomy did very well and placed 4th overall as a team. The general livestock participants judged and answered questions on Market Lambs, Market Hogs, Breeding Gilts, Market Steers, Breeding Ewes, Market Goats, and Breeding Heifers. Out of 369 individuals and 49 teams, 27th was Elizabeth Bok, Emma Zeedyk was 28th, and the team placed 8th overall. The Nature Interpretations and Wildlife contests identified species native to Ohio. In Nature Interpretations, Brooke Philips placed 10th overall. Poultry and Meat Judging consisted of evaluating various cuts of meat. These contests are great ways for members to show off the skills they have learned in the classroom or their SEA projects.



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