

700+ VIEWERS TUNE IN FOR PPEC'S 86th ANNUAL MEETING BROADCAST



PPEC Board Chairman Dr. John Saxton (left) welcomes newly elected District 4 Trustee William 'Bill' Beckman to the PPEC board. 2022 election results were announced during the co-op's annual meeting.

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PAULDING COUNTY MAYOR ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST QUARTER MEETING

The Paulding County Mayors Association reconvened at the county economic development office with the first quarter meeting of 2022. Ten of the eleven county villages were represented to vote in the only order of business for the year. The group again elected Mayor Greg White to represent them on the Paulding County Economic Development Board for the year.

On hand to present to the group was county Commissioner Roy Klopfenstein. The commissioner introduced discussion to the group about the state opioid settlement. There is a county process that will need to be set up in the near future for fund disbursement. Klopfenstein then shared of his run for the 82nd District seat in the Ohio House of Representatives. Also sharing information with the group about their ongoing election campaigns were Judge Michael Wehrkamp and Paulding County Area Foundation Director Lisa McClure, who is running for a commissioner seat.

Commissioner Mike Weible introduced himself to the group and shared of recent broadband success around the county, with township partnerships using ARPA funds. Weible also invited the villages to indicate

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HOOPS FOR HEARTS AT ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS



Middle school 3-on-3 championship game (left to right: Zaine McMichael, Keegan Gray Wyckoff, Griffin Kosch, and Lincoln Lucas)

On Monday, March 21, 2022, Antwerp Middle/High School hosted Hoops for Heart for the 27th time after a two-year pause due to Covid-19. Students raised

\$6,243.55, bringing their grand total for the American Heart Association to \$90,752.37. Antwerp hosts this event every year in mem-

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SING INTO SPRING: CARING & SHARING CONCERT

Sing into Spring this Sunday, April 3, 2022 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding. Come join a musical celebration to benefit Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund. Dessert bar will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 6:00 p.m.

This concert will feather

music from Community Choir, Paulding High Jazz Band, Paulding High School Quartets, local soloists, St. Paul Lutheran & First Christian Hand Bell Choirs, and more.

Caring & Sharing Food Pantry the food pantry located in Paulding. St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 601 Flatrock Dr., Paulding.

Add event to the calendar
info@westbendnews.net

Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

March 30

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

March 31

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

April 1-3

- "Fools" @ The Huber, 7:30pm (3rd, 2:30pm)

April 2

- UAW CAP Council fundraiser for Candidate Tim Ryan - 5:30 p.m Defiance UAW Local 211

April 3

- Free Meals @ Cecil Comm Church, after 11am Service
- Sing into Spring concert @ St. Paul Luth Church, Paulding, 4:30pm

April 4

- Freedom Celebration @ 114 W Caroline St., Paulding 6-8pm
- VWCOA Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night, 6pm
- VWCOA Drive Thru Dinner, 3:30-6p

April 5

- Beginners' Guide to Grant Writing @ PC OSU Ext. office, 9a-5p

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Christian Church Cemetery. Visitation will be 2:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at Latty Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall. There will also be visitation from 9:30 A.M. until time of services on Monday at church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gateway Woods Family Services, 14505 Klopfenstein Rd., Leo, IN 46765.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

MATT'S MISHAPS



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

Pig Lard Estates
We Americans sure know how to make things sound appealing! When we are back in Indiana I am amazed by all the nice names for the new subdivisions. The names of these new neighborhoods conjure up images of rolling pastures, peaceful streams, quiet forests, and bounding deer.

Overseas they don't have the same creative thinking when it comes to naming places to make them sound very pleasant. We have a neighboring sea port town that was called "Goat Port" as it is a port where goats are shipped from. The local government wanted to develop tourism. They thought they

TIPS FOR REDUCING FERTILIZER COSTS

Farmers are re-evaluating their fertilizer application due to high fertilizer prices. Farmers who regularly applied fertilizer may not need as much or any additional fertilizer if their soil tests are optimal; especially for lime, phosphorus (P), and potassium (K). Most agricultural clay-based soils have around a ton of P and perhaps 40 tons of soil K. Applying high priced fertilizer when it may not be needed is not a good investment.

Soil testing is a good investment for both rented and owned cropland. Soil tests are accurate for 3 years, but knowing what fields need fertilizer is the most important. Fields that are nutrient low should be prioritized over high or optimal fields, especially if fertilizer dollars are limited. Without recent soil tests, farmers are just guessing their crop's nutrient needs. Soil samples are usually taken in the fall or early spring. Soil tests are often taken at the same time of year and then compared over several years to see soil fertility trends. Weather, crop rotation, and the soil environment may change your soil fertility and nutrient availability.

Start by looking at field's

soil pH which should be between 6.0 -6.8 for most field crops. If the soil pH is in the right range, then most other soil nutrients should be available at optimal levels. A low or high soil pH generally ties up critical soil nutrients. Next look at soil P and K levels. Most current soil tests are now using Melich-3 instead of Bray P1. Mehlich-3 P returns approximately 35% higher soil test phosphorous (STP) values than Bray P1 and approximately 14% higher soil test potassium (STK) values.

New crop removal rates for corn are now estimated to be .74# of N, .35# P2O5, and .2# K2O for each bushel harvested. These removal rates are based on P2O5 and K2O and NOT actual fertilizer rates. For example, for potassium chloride (0-0-60), it takes 100# of 0-0-60 to equal 60# K2O. For soybeans, .79# P2O5, and 1.14# K2O are removed for each soybean bushel harvested. For wheat, estimates are .96# of N, .49# P2O5, and .24# K2O for each wheat bushel harvested. These numbers are based on recently updated Tri-State Fertilizer guidelines.

The optimal range for P is around 20-40# P2O5 based on Mehlich-3 which is very close to the old standard of 30-60# P2O5 Bray P1. For

Scripture of the Week

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time."

— 1 Timothy 2:5-6

loamy and clay soils, the optimal range for K2O is 120-170 while for sandy soils the range is 100-130.

When fertilizer prices are high, fields that are in the optimal range have enough nutrients for at least one or several years to grow crops without any nutrient deficiency signs. When fertilizer prices come down, farmers can start applying fertilizer again to keep yields and fertility levels up. In general, soils with good soil health can maintain and even raise crop fertility levels. Beneficial soil fungi (mycorrhizae) supply the plant with 6X more P than roots can alone. Good soil structure and maintaining high soil organic matter (SOM) levels create good soil fertility.

When fertilizer soil tests are less than optimum, start by correcting your pH with lime first then address P and K fertilizer needs. Soil pH along with SOM determines when most nutrients are optimally plant available. Soil P levels remain steady longer

than soil K, especially if forages are harvested. In high fertilizer cost years, avoid trying to "build up" or over applying fertilizer, because it does not pay. Just use up fertilizer in your "soil bank".

For phosphorus (P) fertilizer, avoid broadcasting by applying P starter fertilizer in a band to increase P fertilizer efficiency. Potassium (K) fertilizer can be broadcast because it moves into the soil easier than P. For nitrogen, consider lowering your application rates. Based on the cost of N fertilizer (\$.90 per # of N) and the price of corn (\$5.85/ bushel), lowering your N fertilizer rate 15-20# per acre may only cost you 1 bushel of corn, so it's more economical to cut back N rates slightly. Always follow the 4R's when applying fertilizer. Apply the right rate, use the right source, apply it at the right time, and in the right place.

—James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

PAULDING, OH:

Eunice H. Gerber, age 90, passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at Homestead Assisted Living, Van Wert, OH.

Eunice was born on March 30, 1931 in Blue Creek Township, Paulding County, OH to the late Emil and Anna (Laukhuf) Stoller. On June 18, 1950, at age 19, she committed her life to the Lord, was baptized and became a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church. On March 18, 1951, she married Roger D. Gerber, who survives. They were married for 71 years and worked side by side on the family farm. She was a homemaker. She enjoyed her family and the beauty of God's creation.

Eunice is also survived by four sons and their wives: Dr. Greg (Dianne) Gerber, Middletown, OH; Neil (Leesa) Gerber, Washington, IL; David (Patty) Gerber, Paulding, OH; Scott (Rhonda) Gerber, Kokomo, IN; 12 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; one sister, Anna Lou Grimm, Peoria, IL.

Eunice is also preceded in death by her two brothers, Melvin Stoller and Millard Stoller and five sisters: Lillian Eisenmann, Elizabeth Waters, Marie Moore, Lorine Hackenjos, and Nathalia Getz.

Funeral service will be 10:30 A.M. on Monday, March 28, 2022 at Latty Apostolic Christian Church with church clergymen officiating. Burial will be in Latty Apostolic

needed to update their town's name to better attract tourists. I don't know if it has helped, but the town is now called "Port of the Rosary."

My neighborhood must not have tourism or clever



Where we live overseas, lard and pork fat is used in many different ways. Lard spreads are considered a tasty addition to a piece of toast for breakfast. Here is a pot of paprika lard spread for toast.

marketing in mind as it is called "Pig Lard." Yes, this is really true. It is called "Pig Lard." Yes, pork products played an important role in our area and it must have seemed like a logical name to the first organizers of my neighborhood. I have never heard any present-day neighbors or local officials voice any concerns over the name "Pig Lard."

I understand that lard may have an image problem among some today in American cities. However, lard is doing quite well in other countries and maybe a resurgence among some innovative foodies. I remember my grandpa telling me stories of taking lard sandwiches for lunch during his school years – he was ahead of his time. I have warm fuzzy thoughts about lard and I have a quirky pride that my overseas neighborhood doesn't have any name-change plans in mind. However, if I were to rename the neighborhood, I would pick the name "Scampering Pig Meadows."

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

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LIFEWISE ACADEMY COMING TO OAKWOOD



LifeWise Academy will be opening a location to serve the students at Paulding Exempted Village Schools Oakwood Elementary in the Fall of 2022.

LifeWise is a Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) program which provides character focused, Bible-based education to public school students. With parental permission, students will be released from school during the school day to attend classes that are off school property and privately funded.

The ministry serves students by offering practical Bible-based education for the betterment of students' academic performance, character development, mental health and family and community involvement. LifeWise serves alongside educators by reinforcing and complementing their efforts to build strong students.

LifeWise's curriculum is designed to take students through the entire Bible over the course of five years. Each lesson reviews a Bible passage as well as a "Living LifeWise" character trait. Rather than presenting the Bible as simply a book of morals or laws which the students should implement, the Bible and the gospel are presented in terms of personal transformation.

LifeWise-Paulding Exempted is run by members of the Paulding and Oakwood community, with the support of many local churches. The ministry is funded through the generous donations of community members, local organizations and businesses.

For additional information about LifeWise Academy, visit www.lifewisecademy.org. If you would be willing to volunteer or support LifeWise-Paulding Exempted through prayer or financially, please contact the local LifeWise Director, Traci Koenig, at 419.670.3159 or pauldingoh@lifewisecademy.org.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
Should gay people have the same rights as everyone else?

Let me ask a question: Should murderers, bank robbers, rapists and pedophiles have the same rights as everyone else? If not, why not?

What has happened in our humanistic world is that we have thrown out God and His absolutes. Now everyone wants to be empowered to do whatever he or she wants and have it be socially accepted and promoted.

That doesn't change the truth of God's moral absolutes nor anyone's eventual accountability to God Himself. If you want to know what God thinks of the gay lifestyle, check out the following passages in His Word, the Bible. Genesis 19:5-7 – "And they called unto Lot and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door" (Continued on Page 3)

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SAVING PENNIES

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
I have never claimed to be a so called Arts and Crafts person, but I do like to cook and create various recipes and try household tips to save time and money. Everyone likes to save a dollar or two, at least I do, because as Ben Franklin said, "A penny saved is a penny earned."

The internet and social media has made it easy to look up almost anything we might want to know. Of course our grandparents and forefathers had just their hands, perhaps a book and made due with what they had.

I have never been able to sew or knit or even crochet. My grandma used to sit for hours and crochet beautiful lace around handkerchiefs and tablecloths. Me, I always liked to play around in the kitchen.

Of course, one day I begged Mom to let me make custard. I had found a recipe in an old cookbook and basically, I just wanted to do something. I was a proud little girl that evening when it came time for dessert and my homemade custard was served. Well, it sure looked good and I could not wait to taste it.

All at once Grandpa let out a choking sound and pulled my little chain bracelet from down his throat and out of his mouth. My little bracelet had escaped from my wrist and had made its way into my pudding. Oh no! I was so embarrassed that I cried. However, I recovered, became a fairly good cook, but never forgot that incident in which Grandpa almost died at the hands of my custard.

Like I said we all like to save money in our homes and I remember my Grandma and Mama making soap. It was the dreadful lye soap, but they

used it for laundry, cleaning, mopping, and hand washing. Of course soap making day and laundry day was a big deal. We heated up big tubs of hot water which we poured into our May Tag Washer with the wringer. There was a rinse tub, a starch tub, and another rinse tub which all played a part of washing our dirty clothes.

After I got married and had my children, it seemed as if there was always a load of



laundry in the washer or dryer. I remember buying the soap detergent called Breeze, which had washcloths, hand towels or bath towels in the box for us to keep. Sadly they do not offer those anymore and I am not sure if Breeze is still even on the market.

Things change, products change, peoples lifestyles change. While good old garden canned vegetables is great from the garden, now Mama and Dad usually both work and there is not a lot of time to do things like we used to. While I love modern, better and improved products, I still miss the smell of that lye laundry soap, the blue thick starch and the agitator of that May Tag clunking around.

Personally, I think I dirty more clothing than a whole family. It seems as if I always have a couple loads of laundry to catch up on. Now they make these pods which you can just throw in your washing machine and they are so handy.

However, even though some people make their own homemade laundry detergent, I have recently found a recipe to make your own laundry soap and you may be able to save a penny.

In case you want to try making the soap here is how you make it:

PJHS VOLUNTEER AT FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, March 19th students and staff members from Paulding Junior High School (PJHS) volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Xsenia Casiano, Mr. Elias Jimenez, Skyler Snyder, and Landon Dasher.

2 bars of Fels Naptha Soap;
2 cups of washing soda
2 cups of Borax.

Shredding up the Fels Naptha is probably the hardest part. I bought a shredder especially to make soap.

Once the Fels Naptha is shredded finely, add the 2 cups of washing soda and 2 cups of Borax. Mix it well together and store in a container. It only takes a tablespoon for a load of wash.

The next time, I may make the liquid version of the soap and there is also a recipe for homemade fabric softener I want to try.

Have you ever made your own soap? Do you remember the old wringer washing machines? Is a Penny earned a Penny saved? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Alfred Henry Paul Blanchard is another young man from Paulding County who served in World War 1. He was born October 8, 1896 in Auglaize Township. The son of Philiase and Mary Elizabeth (Sieren) Blanchard. Philiase was born in Canada, April of 1848. He moved to Ohio at the age of sixteen. Mary was born in Ohio, the daughter of Peter and Theresa Sieren. Peter, was a Civil War Veteran, who served with Company E. 192nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Philiase and Mary, were married June 5, 1876 in Defiance, Ohio. They settled in Auglaize Township and by 1900, the Blanchard's were raising three daughters and three sons, Alfred being the youngest, and they all worked on the family farm. By 1910, the family was still living on the farm, with the children all in school. As war was looming in Europe, Alfred's brother, Leo Charles, had signed up July 28, 1917 to serve in the National Army out of Defiance. Leo, 5-6" tall, gray eyes, brown hair, fair complexion,

medium weight and height, Private First Class, served in Europe with Company G. 166th Infantry, also known as Company G. 6th Ohio National Guard. Alfred had moved to Chicago, Illinois, working at the Chicago Plating Company at 509 Wabash Street.

On June 3, 1918, Alfred registered for the draft. He was listed as blue eyes, light brown hair, medium build and medium height. Alfred came back to Paulding and on September 5, 1918, signed up with the National Army out of Paulding. He basically, at this point, volunteered to serve. Alfred was sent for training at Camp Sherman, which is in Ross County, Ohio. He was serving with 32nd Company, 8th Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade.

The early part of October, Alfred caught broncho pneumonia. On October 7, 1918, a day shy of his 22nd birthday, Alfred passed away. His father was notified of his death. Alfred was brought home to be buried in St. Marys Cemetery, Junction, Ohio in row 4, Grave 4. Alfred's brother Leo, survived the war, and was honorably discharged, May 17, 1919.

Alfred's father, Philiase, passed away in 1929, from heart failure, due to catching pneumonia. His wife Mary, passed away in 1931, from health issues she had been dealing with for years. They too, were buried in St. Marys Cemetery.

Until Next Time

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unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Leviticus 20:13 - "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them." I Kings 14:24 - "And there were also Sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel." Romans 1:26-28 - "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." Jude 7 - "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Some would argue that the gay lifestyle is by mutual consent. That is not always true, but even when it is, that does not make it right. Suppose an incestuous father convinced his nine-year-old daughter that he is just expressing his love for her, and she innocently consents. Does that make it right?

Gay people can be saved through repentance and faith in Christ. I have had the joy of seeing some trust Christ, leave their wicked ways and become servants of the Lord. God loves everyone and wants them all saved, but without that, they will face the wrath of God for their wickedness.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/7/22

Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on March 7th, 2022:

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Officer Cowan as well as Councilmen Voirol, Watts, Gerig, and Martin. Chief Parker and Councilman Thompson were not present. Kaleb Dienelt with Reliance was also present.

Chief's Report: Officer Cowan was present to answer any questions on behalf of the police department.

Superintendent's Report: The superintendent reported that almost immediately after the last Common Council meeting, 60 water meters that were ordered previously had arrived for future use and the city should not be short on meters any time soon.

Mayor's Report: API will begin work on the Stellar Streetscape project this week. The Indiana governor has rescinded the public health emergency for the state as of March 3rd. The mayor discussed the updated state-wide policy for remote meetings that was passed last year. The mayor reached out to the Allen County Department of Planning Services regarding the potential of a housing TIF district for each of the two new home developments that are in process. Landis and Sons Tree Service took down approximately 18 trees that were to be removed for various projects forthcoming this year. New trees will be planted in the near future.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the February 21st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to accept the minutes from the February 21st meeting as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer was asked by a resident if she could be on a payment plan in order to resolve her outstanding balance. She proposed paying \$100 each Monday, starting Monday March 14th, and continuing until paid in full. This would result in payment in full within about 6 weeks. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved as proposed without adding late fees to the account, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The Allen County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is in need of being updated by the end of the year and the Allen County Office of Homeland Security has asked the city of Woodburn to produce a representative to assist in updating this plan. After discussion, it was determined that Mayor Kelsey will tentatively take this responsibility on and may later pass this along to an officer if that becomes appropriate to do so.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin asked about how the construction on Main Street would impact the post office as well as other local businesses in the area. The Mayor explained that API should be aware of the needs of the local businesses but he will reach out to impacted businesses to make sure that concerns are addressed appropriately.

Audience: A resident went over details for a proposed community food pantry and wanted to know what the city council thought about the idea. After discussion, it was determined that the city would not be opposed to this idea and offered suggestions for community contacts that may help get this project started.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE	MR. LICHTY- HS/MS	MRS. STOKES - ELEMENTARY	ATHLETIC CALENDAR
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I hope you were able to attend the music department's production of "The Sound of Music" that took place in the middle of March. The dedication and hard work of the 40-member cast was evident and the production was outstanding! A special thanks to Director Mary Smith, her crew, and our music boosters for a job well done. A big thanks also to our community for your attendance and support of our musical.

The annual Hoops for Heart day was held March 21. Our students took advantage of this opportunity to participate in friendly competition for a good cause and raised **\$6,243.55** for the American Heart Association. This amount was one of the largest amounts in the twenty-six-year period of the event and elevates the total amount raised to \$90,752.37. Thanks to all who participated and helped with the event.

The month of April is the last full month of school, and as such, a very busy month. The busy month will get started with our annual Kindergarten Screening taking place April 1 and 4. School will not be in session Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18 in recognition of the Easter holiday. Our Spring Fine Arts program is scheduled for April 23. From a core academic standpoint, our staff and students have been preparing for the annual state assessments that will be given to students in grades 3-12 throughout several days of the month and into early May. Our spring athletic teams have also been busy preparing for an onslaught of baseball and softball games and track & field meets that will take place throughout the month. When attending a softball game this spring, you will notice a large billboard near the outfield fence that displays the accomplishment of our softball team during the 2019 season. A special thanks to Christy Williamson and Vulcraft Corporation for the donation of the billboard structures.

Looking ahead to the month of May, Prom preparations will be underway for the May 7 event at Grant's Reception Hall, which begins with walk-ins at approximately 6:30 p.m. Assuming there are no more calamity days during the remainder of the school year, students in grades K-11 last day of classes will be Wednesday, May 18. School staff will have a Professional Development day Thursday, May 19, followed by a teacher work day Friday, May 20.

We are excited to announce that construction of the Innovation and Aquaponics Center is nearly complete. The Innovation Center will feature a Discovery Lab space for our elementary students and a Fab Lab space for our middle and high school age students. Also included in the innovation center is a multimedia/sound control studio and a technology hub area. The Aquaponics Center will have a corridor connection to the Innovation Center and provide a greenhouse space for the growing of fish and plants. The greenhouse will serve as a teaching tool area for core STEM subjects such as math, biology, chemistry, and engineering and areas of study including economics, marketing, and nutrition. Students will have the opportunity to study fish, plants, and bacteria interacting in a living ecosystem. Students will also have the opportunity to perform water quality tests and measure growth rates in fish and plants and additionally, produce food items for consumption.

As always, thanks for your support of our school district.
Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

The Archers are coming off another very successful season in numerous extra-curriculars!

Congratulations to:

- Sophomore Gymnast Hannah Molitor. Hannah won the all-around at the District level and represented Antwerp at the State Gymnastics Competition, finishing 16th in the all-around.
- Coach Doug Billman and his Archer Basketball team made school history by advancing to the State Final Four. Our Archers played their hearts out and came up just short in their State Semi-final game vs. Tri-Village. Coach Billman was named District 7 Coach of the Year, as well as the Division IV Coach of the Year by the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association.
- Senior Jagger Landers received much well-deserved recognition.
 - 1st Team All-GMC
 - GMC Player of the Year
 - District 7 Player of the Year
 - Paulding County Player of the Year
 - He will represent Antwerp in the Ohio North vs. South All-Star game, as well as playing in the Ohio vs. Kentucky All-Star game.
 - We will find out soon where he places on the All-State Team.
- Senior Luke Krouse and Sophomore Landon Brewer both earned 2nd Team All GMC and 2nd Team All District.
- We had three girls basketball players also earn District 7 Honors. Senior Asti Coppes was named First Team GMC and First Team District 7. Sophomore Aewyn McMichael was 2nd Team GMC and Honorable Mention District 7. Senior Grace Schuette was named Honorable Mention District 7. The girls are coached by Scott McMichael.
- Two Archer wrestlers, Junior Eli Reinhart and Senior Trayce Lengacher, advanced to Districts. Dustin Carnahan is the wrestling coach.
- The Archer Cheer Competition Squad finished runner-up at the state competition. Katie Schar and Kelli Bradbury are the Cheer advisors.

The Archer Pep Band entertained crowds all season at home games and even traveled to the Regional and State Tourney games to create a home court environment for the team. The band is directed by Andrea Newell.

The Music Department recently performed "The Sound of Music" in front of large crowds and received rave reviews for a job well-done. The production was directed by Mary Smith.

State Assessments will be administered during the mornings of April 5-6, 12-13, and 26-27. Please try to avoid pulling students for appointments on those mornings.

Spring Sports are underway. Hope to see you at an event soon! Come out and see our much-improved baseball, softball, and track facilities.

Go Archers!
~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Jaxton Schilt, Lyric Smith, Thatcher Friend, Duke Dangler, Blade Ruffing, Sophia Friend, Ulrik Zijlstra, Braxton Smith, Audreylynn Comer, Jocelyn Laker, Julian Rivera, Eliza Cline, Emma White, Isaac Meyer, Tyler Bradbury, Lucas Langmeyer.

SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

The Spring Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Band and choir members, as well as kindergarten, first, and fourth grade students, will perform onstage in the auditoria. Student artwork will be displayed in the auxiliary gym. There will be raffle items being raffled off with donations going to the Antwerp Band program. The public is invited to attend this great event.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

PTO BINGO night will be held on Thursday, April 21. BINGO will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end by 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30. The PTO will provide baskets, gift cards, and money as some of the prizes. Concessions will be available. Please come join us for an evening of family fun!

The next PTO meeting will be held April 12 at 6:00 p.m. Parents and teachers are welcome!

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in classroom guidance, the kindergarten classes talked about interrupting. They listened to the book, *My Mouth is a Volcano*, and talked about different ways to keep their words in their mouths until it's the right time to talk.

First through fifth grade participated in a survey called PASS (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School). This survey assesses students' attitudes towards themselves as learners and their attitudes to school. Results from this survey help identify children who may need additional support.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is always available to meet all students' individual needs as well. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please call Mrs. Lichty at 419-258-5421, extension 2204, or email her at lichty_e@antwerpschools.org.

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

The AP Exam Schedule for 2022 is available at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/advanced-placement-ap?authuser=0>. AP exam fee balances are due to Mrs. Hammer by April 8, 2022.

Juniors and Seniors will be participating in the Paulding County Economic Development Career Day on Tuesday, April 19.

The following local scholarships are due in April: Bruckhart; VFW; Paulding County Area Foundation; JP Crain; Jessica Thornell Memorial Scholarship; Van Wert Health; Antwerp Education Association; InSource Technologies; Rotary Essay; Roger Brown Memorial; Community Memorial Hospital; Antwerp Conservation Club; Jean Detmon; Jacob's Trust; Ross Family Foundation; Conservation Club. More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/scholarships?authuser=0>.

Intent to participate in College Credit Plus courses for 2022-23 are due to the guidance office by 3:00 p.m. on April 1. Northwest State's College Credit Plus applications and consent to participate forms are due by April 15. For more information, visit <http://northweststate.edu/college-credit-plus/> for more information.

VARSITY BASEBALL

Apr 2	12:00	@ Lincolnview
Apr 4	5:00	Home vs. Wayne Trace
Apr 7	5:00	@ Fairview
Apr 8	5:00	@ Ottoville
Apr 9	10:00	@ Libery Center (DH)
Apr 11	5:00	@ Parkway
Apr 12	5:00	@ Edgerton
Apr 14	5:00	Home vs. Hicksville
Apr 18	5:00	@ Ft. Jennings
Apr 19	5:00	Home vs. Ayersville
Apr 21	5:00	@ Paulding
Apr 22	5:00	@ Hilltop
Apr 25	5:00	Home vs. Continental
Apr 26	5:00	Home vs. Tinora
Apr 28	5:00	@ Wayne Trace
Apr 29	5:00	Home vs. Fayette

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Apr 4	5:00	Home vs. Parkway
Apr 5	5:00	Home vs. Delphos Jefferson
Apr 7	5:00	@ Fairview
Apr 11	5:00	@ Kalida
Apr 12	5:00	@ Edgerton
Apr 14	5:00	Home vs. Hicksville
Apr 18	5:00	Home vs. Van Wert
Apr 19	5:00	Home vs. Ayersville
Apr 21	5:00	@ Paulding
Apr 25	5:00	Home vs. Montpelier
Apr 26	5:00	Home vs. Tinora
Apr 28	5:00	@ Wayne Trace
Apr 29	5:00	Home vs. Hilltop

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

Apr 5	4:30	Home vs. Fairview/Holgate
Apr 12	4:30	@ Ayersville/Ottoville
Apr 14	4:30	@ Wayne Trace Invitational
Apr 19	4:30	@ HV/Continental/Crestview
Apr 23	9:00	@ Hicksville Invitational
Apr 30	9:00	@ Hopewell-Loudon

JV SOFTBALL

Apr 4	5:00	@ Parkway
Apr 5	5:00	@ Wayne Trace
Apr 7	5:00	Home vs. Fairview
Apr 11	5:00	Home vs. Hilltop
Apr 14	5:00	@ Hicksville
Apr 19	5:00	@ Ayersville
Apr 21	5:00	Home vs. Paulding
Apr 26	5:00	@ Tinora
Apr 28	5:00	Home vs. Wayne Trace

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 24-Apr 1	Spring Book Fair
Mar 31-Apr 1/4	Kindergarten Registration
Apr 5-6	ELA testing
Apr 12-13	Math testing
Apr 15-18	Easter/Spring Break
Apr 21	PTO BINGO
Apr 23	Spring Arts Festival
Apr 26-27	Science/SS testing
May 7	Prom
May 13	Seniors last day
May 18	Last day of school (K-11)
May 22	Graduation

WHAT'S COOKING ?
MENU - April 1-8

Fri, April 1	Cheese pizza, coleslaw, fruit, milk
Mon, April 4	Sloppy joe on bun, vegetable, fruit, milk
Tues, April 5	Breaded chicken on bun, vegetable, fruit, milk
Wed, April 6	BBQ pork on bun, vegetable, fruit, milk
Thu, April 7	Potato wedges w/ meat & cheese, fruit, milk
Fri, April 8	Pepperoni pizza, celery w/ dip, Applesauce cup, milk

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SUMMER OR NOT?
 Well spring is supposedly here, though the weather doesn't show it and we in Ohio know that spring doesn't get here until June 20, then on June 21 it goes right into summer heat.
 It's supposed to be giving us hope for doing things and going places in warm weather. Sun is shining, things are turning green, summer birds are back, so everything is good, right? But then we go

past the gas stations, to the stores and see the outrageous prices or go and try to buy something we need and they don't have it or can't get it. People better prepare themselves for an unaffordable summer thanks to Biden's administration continuing the destruction of our country.
 I know people who are cutting back on things unless they get these outrageous gas prices down, I know I am. I've put my golf clubs away other than a couple of outings, my classic car away other than a few local cruises and limiting my travels to only the necessary. I'll walk, ride my bikes or stay home and work in the yard or garden.
 I'm sure lots of people will pay the high prices and go about thinking it's ok to be gouged for everything you buy. And they will wonder why I'm giving up things I enjoy, well I'm not paying \$200-\$300 a month for gas no matter how much I like to do things. I won't support those snakes in the administration with their plans for our country. These people just don't realize that as fuel prices go up so does everything else, but Biden and his bunch don't care. They live on taxpayers money.

I refer to them as snakes because when we were young we would go fishing at the old sugar beet dam by the nature center. One year in a brush pile below the dam there was a nest of common water snakes, harmless but we didn't think so. Every time I look at a photo of this administration I think of those snakes. Harmless but this administration is not, it's a nest of poisonous snakes threatening our country.
 Now Biden is talking about

a New World Order coming, this is completely sick and out of control. He's abusing every privilege of that position he is referred to as. One other man on history had the same idea, a world where he controlled everything and everyone's lives and they got just enough to survive. His name was Adolf Hitler and he was going to rule the world after he took it over, see how that worked out and how many millions of people died and suffered for his madness? Are we coming to that now with this administration? When will they implement the "final solution" as Hitler did. The Jews suffered greatly under it. Then there was the elderly, the sick, the infirm and seniors who were not contributing anything positive to his plans for world domination. They suffered the same fate as the Jews because he wanted the "perfect" race where everyone contributed.

Of course Biden is blaming everyone but himself for our high prices and lack of everything. Trying to get in a war with Russia but blaming them for oil shortages, crying to the far Eastern countries to give us more oil and they are just laughing at our country being dragged down, he needs to just look in a mirror to see the problems.

The shortage of products is killing us also, I can hardly find cat supplies, I have items I use in my shop and around here and can't get them. Napa hasn't had them for months and can't get them, their companies have back orders for 5000 and can't get them. Parts for cars, home appliances, office supplies can't be gotten because of everything going on and too much of the crap comes from China where we are at odds with thanks to Joe. I see his approval ratings are down to 27-29% now, guess even a lot of his sheep followers are waking up and seeing the truth about him. The percentage still believing in him must be all those dead voters. He is so ignorant, or doesn't care, that the higher the fuel prices the higher everything else will be, and now he's talking about food shortages so now going to starve us to bring our country down?

It's pathetic, in 14 months he's done more damage than anything since the great depression. We are the laughing stock of the world anymore, no respect from any other countries and they wonder why we are letting this happen. Simple, because our government, our judicial system and everything related to it is a joke. They are getting huge

salaries at our expense why should they care. Veterans, seniors and homeless are suffering while this administration wants to pay illegal immigrants and reparations to people for things hundreds of years ago. They want to take our guns, rights and do away with our constitution and make their own rules.

There is a war coming within our country if things don't change and they will not like the results. So people get ready for a hard summer unless this administration is removed or found guilty of treason and charged accordingly. And those who still believe in him, enjoy what you have brought on our country, and enjoy the high prices on everything. This is the result of turning away from the almighty and following in Satan's foot path.

—Gregg Gorman, Paulding Ohio

COLLABORATION MOVES PAULDING COUNTY BROADBAND FORWARD

A collaboration between Carryall Township trustees, and the Paulding County Commissioners, has started a process of bringing additional fiber broadband to the county. The commissioners awarded a bid that will provide Carryall Township with an additional 28.2 miles of fiber optic cable in the ground, passing 213 homes. This \$634,568 project is located west of Highway 49 and north of the Maumee River.

The only bid submitted was by local internet service provider Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association (SMTA). The bid is the first of many for providing additional cable in the county. Having an additional option of good reliable internet anywhere in the county is a positive for future residential and business growth and offers an attractive incentive opportunity.

Having been provided American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the Carryall Township trustees were looking to do something that would use these funds to benefit as many residents in the township as possible. Discussions in how the trustees could make the dollars go even further began and a col-

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WBESC FRANKLIN B. WALTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Front row (L-R): Students Ellie Vining, Crestview; Carson Fox, Lincolnview; Paige Jones, Paulding; Kayla Krites, Van Wert. Back row (L-R): Teachers Grace Callow, Crestview; Hollie Ford, Lincolnview; Staci Miller, Paulding; Judy Krites, Van Wert. Unable to attend the event were Antwerp's winner, Gaige McMichael, and his teacher, Ryan Zuber; and Wayne Trace's winner, Malia Wittwer and her teacher, Heather Hatcher. Photo courtesy of the Times Bulletin, Van Wert Ohio.

The Western Buckeye ESC hosted the Franklin B. Walter Scholarship Program last night at Vantage Career Center. The results are as follows:

Paulding County:
 Gaige McMichael, Antwerp HS, County Winner; Paige Jones, Paulding HS; Malia Wittwer, Wayne Trace HS

Van Wert County:
 Ellie Vining, County Winner, Crestview HS; Carson Fox, Lincolnview HS; Kayla Krites, Van Wert HS

Gaige McMichael and Ellie Vining were the county winners. They both received \$500 scholarships from the Western Buckeye ESC. The rest of the students received \$100 scholarships for being selected as their district representative.

The Western Buckeye ESC Winner is Gaige McMichael from Antwerp.

Gaige will be recognized at an Awards Luncheon in Columbus in May hosted by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA). He will receive a \$250 scholarship from OESCA.

The Western Buckeye ESC would like to recognize the following businesses and individuals for contributing to this awards program: Avangrid Renewables, EDP Renewables, the United Way of Van Wert County, JW Taylor Construction LLC, Jan Kohart and an anonymous local foundation.

In the application for the Franklin B. Walter Scholarship, each of the students were asked to name the educator that had the biggest impact on their educational career. In the picture below are the individual district winners and their influential educators.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart
Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Paulding Kwik Mart, Library
Payne: Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, PC Branch Library
Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon
Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center
Ney: Marathon
Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain
Monroeville: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland's Pizza Pub
New Haven: ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library

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Dueling Pianos
Saturday, April 9
 @ Grant's Catering, Antwerp
 Doors open @ 6pm • piano @ 7-11pm
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Zaine McMichael, winner of the middle school free throw and three-point contests; Jagger Landers, winner of the high school free throw contest; Carson Altimus, winner of the high school three-point contest



Middle school 3-on-3 champs Hampton Rogge, Griffin Kosch, and Zaine McMichael



High school 3-on-3 champions Carson Altimus, Ross Lee, and Landon Brewer with John Reeb, father of Jason Reeb

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graduate who died in 1995 from heart disease.

ory of Jason Reeb, an Antwerp

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at any time if they would like to discuss the possibility of participating.

New Paulding County Progress newspaper Editor Adam Papin introduced himself to the group. He shared some of his background and then explained how he would like to cover more for all of the villages but being short staffed, cannot be everywhere at the same time. Papin expressed his interest to share more with input and communication from the villages.

Mike Jay was on hand to explain his position with the Regional Growth Partnership (RGP). Paulding County is one of the seventeen counties the RGP represents for the JobsOhio network.

Paulding County EMA Director Ed Bohn updated the group on the mitigation plan schedule that will be submitted in 2023. The villages will all be invited to planned discussions. Bohn shared that the county will apply for funding for new emergency warning sirens. The application this year will be for the villages of Antwerp, Cecil, Grover Hill and Oakwood. Paulding will be switching over to a new digital signal and Junction & Melrose currently have new

SPRING FLOWERS AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginners recently made some beautiful sun-catchers with real flowers! They turned out so beautiful! For more information on our summer program or fall preschool, call 419-399-KIDS (5437) or check out our website at www.annsbrightbeginnings.com. Shown here from the left are: Nathan Sizemore, Mylann Good, Colton Barajas, Wyatt Colley, Kyla Barajas, Savannah Coil, Scarlett Simonin, Holland Witkouski and Cayden Barajas.

sirens. Haviland and Payne received new sirens in 2012. Bohn was asked about the possibility of a collective letter from this group to be sent to Columbus to see if monies could be granted to the county villages to help offset the costs of a new update coming for Marx radios. It was indicated that there may be up to 300 radios in the county. The EMA Director will check on details to see what this would entail.

Economic Development Director Tim Copsey reminded the group that CBDG applications were out and if a village was applying, the application should be shared amongst this group for ranking to help commissioners identify best projects. The group asked for prior examples from MVPO for review to see what kind of applications could be submitted.

The second quarter meeting will take place in June.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022
Sing into Spring COMMUNITY CONCERT
A musical celebration to benefit Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund
DESSERT BAR 4:30 PM • CONCERT 6:00 PM
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Health Fair

FOUR DAYS. ONE CONVENIENT LOCATION.

DATES & HOURS

- Tuesday, April 26. 7:00 am - 9:00 am
- Wednesday, April 27. 7:00 am - 9:00 am
- Thursday, April 28 7:00 am - 9:00 am
- Friday, April 29. 7:00 am - 9:00 am

LOCATION

Black Swamp Nature Center
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Registration available the day of the fair or pre-registration packets are available at Paulding County Hospital provider offices, lobby and online at pauldningcountyhospital.com. Cash and check accepted the day of the fair. Credit Card accepted ONLY when pre-registered.



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NOW HIRING

Summer Intern - Groundman Position

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Paulding, Ohio, is looking for a summer intern Groundman. A high school diploma preferred but not required. This position requires outside work and physical exertion with safety as a priority. We are a drug-free workplace and offer necessary on-the-job training for this position. To apply or for more information, visit ppec.coop. The deadline for applications/resumes is Friday, April 1. The direct link to our employment webpage is <https://ppec.hirecentric.com/jobsearch/>

Entry-Mid-Level Apprenticeship Lineman

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Paulding, Ohio, is looking for an Entry to Mid-level Apprenticeship Lineman. This position will serve as a groundman/apprentice to a lineman by constructing, replacing and maintaining electric distribution lines, substations, structures and equipment. A high school diploma and a Class A CDL Driver's License is required. Pre-employment aptitude proficiency testing is also required. Successful candidates will be required to enroll in a 4-year Apprenticeship Lineman Training Program. This position requires outside work and physical exertion with safety as a priority. We are a drug-free workplace and offer a comprehensive benefits package. To apply or for more information, visit ppec.coop. The deadline for applications/resumes is Friday, April 1.



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VANTAGE ADULT EDUCATION LAUNCHES NEW LPN-RN TRANSITION PROGRAM



Current Vantage Adult Education LPN students are assessing "Susie," a high fidelity medical simulation mannequin, who is the patient. Students try to figure out what nursing care "Susie" needs to improve her medical needs. Students fill the role of the nurse, doctor, aide, and pharmacist. The Vantage LPN-RN Transition program will begin in the fall of 2022.

Vantage Career Center Adult Education is currently enrolling students in the new LPN-RN Transition Program, created through a grant provided by the Van Wert County Foundation. This part-time program is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2022. All graduates of the program will receive a diploma of completion and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Nurses to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

"We are excited to offer a program which will allow students to continue working full time, be involved in family activities, and obtain their RN by offering a consistent schedule throughout the program," says Adult Education Director, Angie Fahy. "Students should see a quick return on investment once they complete and obtain a job working as an RN."

Nursing diploma programs are the most established and traditional nursing education types. A common misconception is that the nursing diploma program is somehow subordinate to an associate degree, but students are adequately prepared to take the NCLEX licensure exam and ready to hit the ground running in a variety of patient care settings as a working and skillful RN.

A quick comparison of the diploma programs compared to degree programs may offer even further clarification about Career Tech Education: Those wishing to become registered nurses may choose to pursue a Diploma Program or a Degree Program. Both programs must be approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing to operate. Requirements for instructors for both programs are the same, and established under the Ohio Revised Code. Both programs must be offered through accredited schools to be eligible for financial aid and to be approved by the Board of Nursing. Both programs require passage of the NCLEX - RN examination for licensure as an RN. Diploma Programs often offer the completion of the licensure in a shorter timeframe because of the academics being embedded in the curriculum. Diploma programs are traditionally offered with a schedule that allows for a balance of work, school and family life. The schedule remains consistent throughout the program with the same group of students, which eliminates class

cancellations and schedule changes. Traditionally, diploma programs are less expensive because many of the extra costs such as; technology costs, books, uniforms, etc. are included in the tuition.

The Vantage LPN-RN Transition Program provides a clear pathway for area LPN's to obtain their RN. The program was specifically designed to create work-life-school balance. There are no prerequisite courses required. "The Vantage LPN-RN Transition Program provides a carefully designed pathway for LPN's to receive credit for previous training and work experience, and expedites the pathway to becoming an RN," says Program Coordinator Jean Sullivan.

All LPN's that meet Vantage admission requirements are eligible for a seat in the program. Classes will be held one evening per week and one clinical day a week. Experienced instructors will work closely with students to assist them to meet their goals. Students will complete 840 face to

face clock hours with expert instructors and preceptors over an 18 month period. Clinical experiences will take place at local hospitals, community health care agencies, schools, and rehab/long-term care facilities. Course and clinical work includes advanced medical-surgical nursing, maternity and pediatric nursing, psychiatric nursing, and professional nursing concepts. The program has been approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and is accredited by The Council on Occupational Education. Students accepted into the program who also reside in Van Wert County are eligible for the Van Wert County Foundation Adult Career Tech Scholarship. More information regarding this scholarship opportunity can be found at <https://www.vantagecareercenter.com/scholarshipsAE.aspx>

Graduates of Vantage LPN-RN Transition program will be able to continue on their educational path and obtain their Bachelor's degree (BSN), if so desired, at an accredited college or university of their choice.

Healthcare workers are essential to our society. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for registered nurses is projected to grow 9% from 2020 to 2030, about as fast as the average for all occupations. The median annual wage for this profession was \$75,330 in May 2020. Statistics taken from the U.S. Occupational Outlook Handbook.

To enroll in the Vantage Adult Education LPN-RN Transition program, please call Maria Diltz, Enrollment Coordinator at 419.238.5411 x2118, and for more information, visit vantagecareercenter.com/LPNRNTransition.aspx

YOUTH FOR CHRIST OFFERS PROGRAMMING TO LOCAL YOUTH



Pictured here (l-r) are Dustin Westhoven, Paulding County Juvenile Probation Officer; Kari Gathany, Defiance Area Youth for Christ Juvenile Justice Ministry Coordinator; Adam Gubernath, Paulding County Family Resource & Assessment Center Director; and Paulding County Juvenile Court Judge Michael Wehrkamp.

Defiance Area YFC and Juvenile Court Partnership Is Changing Lives

March 24, 2022 - Through a partnership between Defiance Area Youth for Christ (YFC) and the Paulding County Juvenile Court, local youth who find themselves in contact with the juvenile justice system are discovering there are people in the community who care about them and their well-being.

YFC has offered programming over the past few years to youth referred by the Paulding County Juvenile Court. Youth have participated in a 10-week cooking class at the Paulding Church of the Nazarene and a 10-week fishing program at the Paulding Reservoir. The program is called LIFT, which stands for Living in Frustrat-

ing Times, and is led by Kari Gathany, who coordinates the Juvenile Justice Ministry at YFC.

"Being able to work with the Juvenile Probation Department has been an en-

couragement as we all seek to encourage teens during these difficult days," said Gathany.

Paulding County Juvenile Court Judge Michael Wehrkamp is grateful for (Continued on Page 11)

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FAIRVIEW FFA OFFICERS READ TO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



Carrie Zeedyk with an elementary class that she read to and did crafts with at this event.



Kaitlyn Zeedyk with one of the classes she enjoyed reading to at this event.

By: Fairview FFA Reporter Elizabeth Bok

On March 22, the Fairview FFA Chapter President and Vice President, Kaitlyn Zeedyk, and Carrie Zeedyk read agricultural-re-

lated picture books to elementary students. Carrie and Kaitlyn shared fun and interesting facts about animals then completed activities and crafts with the students.

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Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative's (PPEC) 86th Annual Meeting of Members premiered on Facebook and YouTube at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2022. More than 700 viewers tuned in to watch the meeting over the weekend to hear co-op updates, a recap of 2021, and election results.

More than 29% of eligible District 4 members voted in

PPEC's 2022 elections, many enjoying the new capability to vote conveniently online through their secure SmartHub account.

Board election results were announced, with each board member elected to serve a three-year term:

- Incumbent William Dowler of Paulding was re-elected to District 2 (represents Van Wert County in Ohio). No candidates submitted petitions to run against

Dowler, so he was re-elected by affirmation.

- New trustee William 'Bill' Beckman was elected to District 4 (represents Emerald, Jackson, Blue Creek, and Paulding Townships in Paulding County, Ohio; Delaware township in Defiance County, Ohio). District 4 had an open seat with three candidates running for election after Jay Dangler's decision not to run for re-election. Candidates Scott Strahley and Fred Pieper (both from Paulding) also ran.

- Incumbent Steven McMichael was re-elected to District 5 (represents Maumee, Adams, Jefferson, and Jackson Townships in Allen County, Indiana). No candidates submitted petitions to run against McMichael, so he was re-elected by affirmation.

The election was run by a third-party company named Survey and Ballot System. The certified election results can be found at www.ppec.coop/2022AnnualMeeting.

Board Chairman Dr. John Saxton, Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Ron Black, and President and CEO George Carter reflected on 2021's challenges and successes, highlighting the "huge struggle" PPEC endured last year.

"Not only have we had to battle through the pandemic as you all have, but we also dealt with material shortages and price increases like we have never seen. In some cases, price was irrelevant because the material was unavailable," said PPEC President and CEO George Carter. "This may last well into next year and will continue to put pressure on our service cost."

Carter also reported that the cost of purchased power from Buckeye Power (PPEC's electricity supplier) increased dramatically this year, two factors for which include the price of fuel and the transmission cost. To put the fuel cost into perspective, Carter reported that for the year 2007, the total cost of fuel averaged \$471,000 per month. Meanwhile, in January (one month) of this year alone, the cost was \$1.1 million.

The same is true for transmission costs, but higher.

"Since 2015, transmission costs have increased \$3 million and are now 20% of our total Buckeye bill," Carter said. "Looking back to 2007, total transmission costs were just above \$1 million; in 2021, the total was just under \$6 million. That's a nearly six times increase! This trend is expected to continue and will undoubtedly put upward rate pressure on the cooperative."

Other 2021 highlights reported on during the meeting included:

- PPEC received its high-

est-ever score in the comprehensive RESAP safety inspection, conducted by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives.

- Total margins were down from the prior year – a result of higher wholesale power costs from Buckeye Power – but above budget at \$4.78 million.

- The largest capital credits refund in co-op history: \$2.3 million was returned to members last December via capital credits – this is proof of each member's ownership in the co-op.

- Member growth increased in 2021, with sold kilowatt-hours increasing 5% over the prior year

- Three apprentice linemen graduated from the 4-year, hands-on Central Ohio Lineworker Training (COLT) program in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and will soon be journeyman linemen: Terry Minic, Garrett Gerdeman, and Jordan Mohler.

- Retiree Mary Arend was commended for her 26 years of service to the co-op as a member service representative.

- Members were asked to save the date for PPEC's Member Appreciation Family Fun Event on Saturday, July 23, 2022.

Board Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Ron Black reported that "the financial health of our cooperative is strong," with operating expenses under budget by \$326,000 (5%) and utility plant investments – including poles, wires, transformers, and other equipment – increasing by \$5.7 million in 2021. PPEC's auditing firm of Bashore, Reineck, Stoller, and Waterman issued an unqualified, or clean audit opinion.

Board Chairman Dr. John Saxton gave an overview of the board's concerns and priorities, including setting the company's tone, ensuring safety is top of mind, reviewing budgets and monitoring performance. Succession planning was reviewed to address board turnover.

"Currently, we have five board members with less than five years of experience on the board," said Dr. Saxton. "Additionally, this year, Trustee Jay Dangler chose not to seek re-election, so we welcomed a new board member in District 4. It takes several years to get a good understanding of the industry and what's required, which is why we require educational training through our National Association – NRECA. We must maintain this active education, which is vital for a strong board."

Dr. Saxton also addressed

2021's detailed strategic planning session, including preparation for electric vehicles (EVs).

"Will EVs have a major impact? Should the cooperative install charging stations? If members buy EVs will their existing home services be able to manage the additional load? Will the existing electrical system manage the additional load if EVs are the majority of vehicles produced in coming years? Changes to the grid take years of planning and construction...your board is committed to providing the membership with a reliable electric system and reasonable rates, meaning we must continually plan, stay educated, and empower our employees."

A total of \$750 in bill credits were drawn at random from those members who watched the meeting and left a comment. Winners were as follows:

\$50 BILL CREDIT WINNERS:

- Leonissa Hermiller, Columbus Grove (OH)
- John Pier, Oakwood (OH)
- Machetta Salyers Porter, New Bavaria (OH)
- John Smalley, Cecil (OH)
- Janice Gfell, New Haven (IN)
- Paula Meek, Hicksville (OH)
- Staci Miller, Grover Hill (OH)
- Kevin Kettels, Continental (OH)
- Sandra and Anthony Payton, New Haven (IN)
- Valerie Turner, Hoagland (IN)
- Karen and Dennis Ricker, Delphos (OH)
- Christine Gable, Ottawa (OH)

- Jill and Nathan Patrick, Ottawa (OH)

- Eugene F Siefker, Columbus Grove (OH)

- Jerry Schlaudroff, Monroeville (IN)

To view the annual meeting recording, visit www.ppec.coop/2022AnnualMeeting. PPEC's 2021 Annual Report, 2021 audit, and the certified election results can be found here as well. Those wanting more information can call the office at 800-686-2357.

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is proud to serve more than 12,900 members in Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert, and Allen counties in Ohio, and Adams and Allen counties in Indiana. Since 1935, our not-for-profit model has allowed us to provide affordable, reliable, and safe power to rural areas with pride.

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



On March 11, an officer assisted with a parade escort back into the village of Antwerp.

On March 11, the police department received a call that a possible child sex abuse incident that was occurring at a residence in the county. Information was turned over to

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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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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff,

vs. DELNA R. YOH, ET AL. DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-22-002 Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Delna R. Yoh; Unknown Spouse of Delna R. Yoh; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Delna R. Yoh; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Unknown Spouse of Delna R. Yoh;

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 15744 Bowman Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879

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 Delna R. Yoh, to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 174 Page 227 of the Paulding County Records.

The real property in question is situated as follows:

Situated in the County of Paulding, in the State of Ohio, and in the Village of Hedges and Township of Jackson, and bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point in the center of Hare Street which point lies West of the Northwest corner of Lot No. 21 of the Original Plat of the Village of Hedges, Paulding County, Ohio; thence North along the center line of said Hare Street a distance of 150 feet; thence East 183 feet; thence

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South 150 feet; thence West along the North line of said Lot No. 21 of the Original Plat of Hedges, Ohio, extended, a distance of 183 feet to the place of beginning and containing .63 of an acre, more or less. Said premises are subject to all easements either apparent or of record.

Auditor's Parcel ID.: #21-33B-012-00

Property Address: 15744 Bowman Street, Paulding, Ohio (Hedges)

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

Ann Pease, Clerk Court of Common Pleas Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *Ann 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

On March 16, a resident of Madison St. reported a 14 year old juvenile was trespassing on her property on his bicycle.

On March 16, the police department received a report of a gift card that was stolen from a mailbox on E Canal St.

On March 16, the police department received information that 2 elementary students came to school and their book bags had a strong odor of marijuana. The police department investigated with assistance of Antwerp School Resource Officer. As a result of the investigation, officers recovered a large amount of drugs and drug paraphernalia from an apartment in Park Avenue Villas.

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

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lective agreement was made with the county commissioners to match committed township dollars with county ARPA funds.

The realization is there aren't enough funds to cable the entire township at this time. SMTA aims to capitalize on their existing infrastructure, currently located on the northwest Defiance-Paulding County line. Starting south into this portion of Carryall Township will allow the opportunity to eventually grow the township even further east and south. SMTA identified the most populous part of the township to cover at this time. This allows SMTA the opportunity to have a quicker return on investment and allow even more future growth in a very short time.

A collaborative effort to bring reliable internet to NW Ohio started several years ago. A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) committee had been meeting, including several area economic development directors and some commissioners representing the area. Despite the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) maps showing adequate coverage for this area, the lack of reliable broadband was identified by the group as a critical need in the area. Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copey, and the late Commissioner Clint Vance, joined the committee just after the CEDS group won a grant and enlisted the BGSU Center for Regional Development (CRD). CRD was asked to provide a more in-depth study of regional broadband and requested each individual county to help by providing maps of existing fiber optic cable in the ground in their respective county.

Vance and Copey started immediately contacting the broadband suppliers in the county. Eight providers were identified, with still others sharing wireless options. Scheduled meetings began with each provider, and a map was developed showing all current fiber optic cable in the ground, located around the county. The map clearly identified the void areas. The passing of Commissioner Vance slowed the project for a short time, but as new appointed Commissioner Mike Weible was brought up to speed, the

meetings began again and the project moved forward. With local mapped void areas identified, and evaluated with providers located in those areas, discussions were finalized between the township and commissioners to combine financial resources and develop a project attractive enough to receive bids. A bid template was developed, indicting the collaboration, and was shared with the other townships in the county with the hope of deriving additional projects.

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JUNIORS

Gavin Clevinger, Katryna Fish, Hayleigh Jewell, *Lydia Krouse, Makenna Lawson, Ross Lee, *Anna Meglich, *Rayni Rister, Aerial Snyder

SOPHOMORES

Myranda Brooks, *Aiden Cole, *Brooke Molitor, *Hannah Molitor, Emma Saul, *Leila Spyker

FRESHMEN

Shelby Bowley, Allison Carnes, Elle Clem, Lydia Johnson, Aiden Lichty, *Braylen Moreno, Madisyn Peters, *Eden Shuherk, *Gracelyn Stoller

EIGHTH GRADE

*Kalli Billman, Krystal Bradbury, *Nikolas Brandenburg, Andonia Christakopoulos, *Marcelo Cruz, *Leigha Doster, Emory Ehrhart, Sara Farr, *Olivia Franklin, Amelia Graham, Dylan Hahn, Andrew Johnson, Griffin Kosch, Dominic Laker, Haydyn Lengacher, Lillyanna McKay, Zaine McMichael, Harlee Moore, *Hampton Rogge, Colten Sargent, *Corbin Sargent, *Taylor Shull, Ethan Thomas-VanKirk, *Raelynne Zuber

SEVENTH GRADE

*Briley Bagley, *Tatum Boyer, Lucy Conley, Roman Delong, Payleigh Dickess, Maclaren Ehrhart, *Kole Elston, Maddox Friend, Keegan Gray Wyckoff, *Josie Hahn, Alexisa Hankinson, Lexy Hicks, *Aiden Hook, *Eliana Hormann, Emily Laker, Alyssa Lawson, Ethan Marlin, *Tyler Overman, Nathan Sanders, *Gabriella Snyder, *Keira Spyker

SIXTH GRADE

*Bryceton Barker, *Wyatt Cline, Tucker Doster, Brayden Fuller, *Gabriella Gross, Taylor Lockhart, *Elise Meyer, *Braxton Peters, *Kora Zuber

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SENIORS

Hailey Grant, Alexandra Lehman, Skyler McCabe, Kaden Phares, Kelsie Puckett, Hunter Sproles

JUNIORS

Zachery Devall, Parker Moore, Ethan Sanders, Makenna Smith

SOPHOMORES

The West Bend News **Sudoku Puzzle**

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Landon Brewer, Addyson Hormann, Aewyn McMicheal, Isabella Meyer, Connor Shiple, Kahlea Shook, Emma Townley

FRESHMEN

Drew Eaken, Owen Franks, Derek Hines, Jonah Keys, Teeghun Marlin, Brynn Reinhart, Caroline Rohrs, Tavin Sholl, Austin Zuber

EIGHTH GRADE

Corbin Eaton, Raelley Franklin, Miley Jewell, Estee Lichty, Caleb Lockhart, Camryn McAlexander, Tyler Palacios, Taylor Stiebling

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**** NOTICE ****
VILLAGE OF PAULDING CEMETERY SPRING CLEANUP
By order of the Village of Paulding Cemetery Board, all old wreaths, flowers, grave blankets and decorations on the graves at Live Oak and Paulding Memorial Cemeteries are to be removed by Sunday, April 10, 2022. Anything left on the graves after that date will be removed by the Cemetery Board. New flowers can be placed on the graves beginning Sunday, May 1, 2022. Due to safety concerns, shepherd hooks, plant hangers, decorative stones, mulch, statues, solar lights, perpetual lights, wreaths, etc. are prohibited. Any items not directly on the grave stones or its foundation will be disposed of. THIS WILL BE ENFORCED!
Please refer to the rules and regulations for Paulding cemeteries which are available on our web site at www.villageofpaulling.com.
—Cemetery Board, Village of Paulding

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: MyCUMORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ZACHARY N. LITZENBERG, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. CI 21 172.
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:
4801 Road 72, Payne, Ohio Parcel Number: 03-03S-022-01
A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office of the Courthouse or at: www.uslandrecords.com.
Said premises appraised at One Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 (\$120,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.
The first sale date will be on the April 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:
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Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the date of sale.
In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on the May 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.
The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.
Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars will be due at the time of the sale. Balance of the purchase price shall be paid before the deed is recorded.
The successful bidder will have Thirty (30) days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has Thirty (30) days to file a written motion requesting the sale be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed Ninety (90) days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.
Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.
Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.paullingohsheriff.com Matthew I. McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff

Paulding County Sheriff.

On March 12, a resident of Main St. reported that their neighbor had gotten into an argument and that the neighbor got into a vehicle and then rammed a vehicle in his driveway and left. Case was investigated, an individual was arrested and charged.

On March 12, an employee of local retail store reported a gentleman was in there to purchase multiple \$250 pre-paid cards. She was concerned he was getting scammed. Officer investigated and was able to determine he was in fact getting scammed. He believed he was speaking with a female

from Texas and that she was requesting money with the cards. The case is being investigated and it was sent to attorney general's office.

On March 13, Hicksville Police Department requested assistance in locating a resident to be served with a citation.

On March 13, a resident of Schaffer Rd. reported that they believed their mobile home may have been broken into. The resident arrived home and found the door open. Nothing was missing from the residence. A report was prepared on the incident.

On March 14, a resident reported that his dog had gotten loose while at Dollar General. Officer responded and assisted with recovering the dog.

On March 15, a resident of Erie St. reported that on multiple occasions the neighbor is engaging in disorderly conduct. A report was prepared and sent to Paulding County Prosecutor.

On March 16, a vehicle was stopped for no turn signal at intersection of Stone St. and Main St. Suspected methamphetamine and heroin were found inside vehicle. The evidence was forwarded for testing and a report sent to the prosecutor.

NOTICE
Brown Township Cemeteries
Please remove all grave decorations, including grave blankets, artificial flowers and pots, that you wish to save by April 15, 2022 for spring clean-up. Please do not return any decorations until May 15, 2022.
Due to safety concerns, all shepherd hooks and plant hangers are to be removed and not returned.
—Brown Township Trustees

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

**OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:
MAMA WON'T FLY**



Reviewed by John Vining
The local dinner theater troupe Off Stage Productions is performing "Mama Won't Fly" for your viewing and dining pleasure this spring. I had a chance to

view the dress rehearsal for this production last night. The trio of Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten are rapidly becoming the premier writers of dinner theater scripts for

small community productions. Off Stage Productions has presented several of their works in the past, each more zany than the previous one. It seems like Jones, Hope, and Wooten explore different aspects of dinner theater production with each of their plays. With "Mama Won't Fly," they utilize a "minimalist" approach to the stage setup - few stage props and little side-to-side or front-to-back movement of the players. At first blush, this might seem to be a bland concept for a stage production. However, in the context of a cross-country road trip taking place in a variety of vehicles, it works!

The story revolves around a trio of ladies preparing for the marriage of one of them on a beach in California - the bride-to-be

and her future mother- and sister-in-law. Kecia Pontius plays Savannah Honeycutt, a talkative Southerner and the flamboyant sister of the groom, who is in charge of getting her cantankerous mother Norleen Sprunt (Dolores Foreman) from the Deep South to California in four days. The main problem is, Mama won't fly! After a bit a verbal sparring, Mama agrees to allow the use of her ancient Buick for the impending cross-country drive. Enter Hayley Quinn (Courtney Wendel), the blushing bride-to-be, who sees the long drive as a perfect way to get to know her future in-laws better during the four-day trip. Thus begins a series of misadventures, as the ill-matched trio unsteadily make their way across Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, and finally to the Southern California beach. On their way, they encounter a variety of eccentric locals who turn the trip into a madcap adventure reminiscent of the 1940s-'50s-era Bob Hope-Bing Crosby "Road" movies.

"Mama Won't Fly" calls on a couple of Off Stage veterans (Pontius and Foreman) to step into lead roles, while newcomer Wendel provides the third foil to the other leads. All are up to the task, as the interplay between the three diverse characters provides almost constant amusement and occasional outright guffaws. Pontius and Foreman play their characters as suitably but lovingly gruff and contentious, as grown children and aging parents many times are. Meanwhile, Wendel plays her young bride-to-be as achingly anxious to do and say the right things, desperately wanting to get off on the right foot with her soon-to-be in-laws. A special note: Anyone who has played "car games" on long road trips will find this group's portrayal of them very funny!

Another aspect of stage production explored by writers Jones-Hope-Wooten in "Mama Won't Fly" is that the supporting actors all play multiple characters in this cross-country romp. This presented quite a challenge for the wardrobe manager of this production, but Julie Lang pulled it off very well. Veteran Terri Stevens plays four separate characters during the course of the road trip, and as always played each solidly. Her interplay as "Tanya" with Foreman's "Mama" in an early scene is noteworthy, and their stand-off for a moment appears destined to end their relationship with a bang! Long time Off Stage player Ed Eichler also plays a quad of characters. Ed is unfailing solid, especially as a supporting character actor. He once again shines in his roles, especially as a befuddled prospective groom about to partake in a tawdry Las Vegas wedding. Likewise, veteran Amy McConn is very funny in her roles. In what I thought was perhaps the funniest scene of the entire production, she plays the bumbling curator of "The National Museum of Foundational Undergarments." Several of the exhibits in this museum feature "over-the-shoulder boulder-holders." I may

never be able to hike in the Rocky Mountains with the same perspective again!

Veteran Off Stage performer Mary Weismann likewise plays a trio of characters, all acted with her inimitable humorous style. I felt Mary's portrayal of a combination "showgirl/marriage chapel minister" was one of the most offbeat characters I have seen in many years. I trust you will find Mary's character "enlightening" as well. Chris Burkheimer was a revelation for me. I enjoyed his first three roles...then we came to his portrayal of a caffeine-charged truck driver! Chris was hilarious as the wide-eyed trucker who had spent far too many continuous hours behind the wheel. I am sure Off Stage Productions welcomes Chris back into the troupe!

Finally, there is a surprise cameo late in the production as the long-lost "Spud." I can't tell you who it is; that would ruin the surprise. But it appears that one of the past veterans has been dragged into the role.

Ed Eichler makes his directorial debut with this production, while Julie Lang serves as wardrobe manager and Emily Smith is the stage manager.

"Mama Won't Fly" is being presented at Vantage Career Center on April 1, 2, and 3. April 1 is a Popcorn Night; Doors open at 7:00 PM and the performance starts at 7:30 PM. Saturday March 26 & April 2: Doors open at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, and the show starts at 7:30 PM. Sunday Matinee is April 3. Doors open at 12:30 PM, Lunch at 1:00 PM, and the show starts at 2:00 PM. The Off Stage Box Office is available for reservations: it can be reached at 419-605-6708; hours are 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Come out and enjoy local theater presented by Off Stage Productions!

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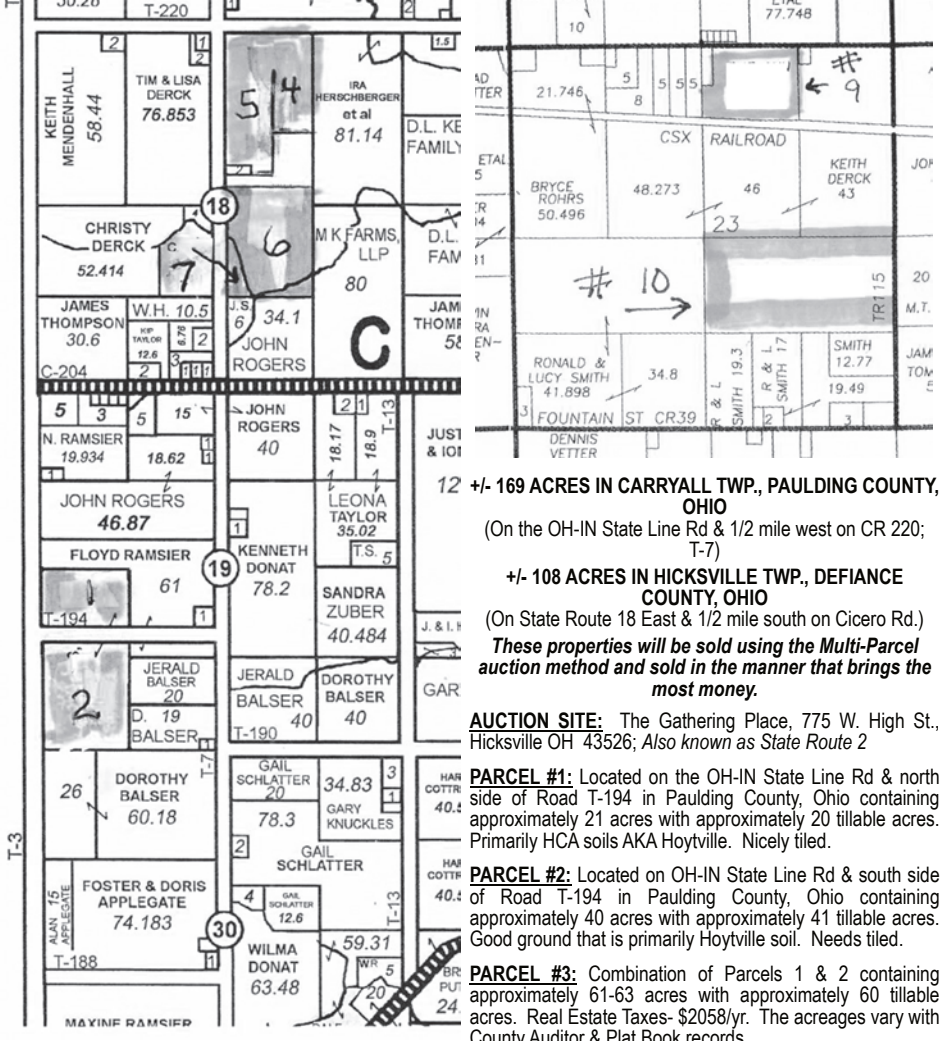
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PARCEL #4: Located just east of the SE corner of Paulding County Rd 220 & Road T-7, 1/2 mile from IN & approximately 1/2 mile north of Parcels 1 & 2, this parcel contains approximately 20.5 acres of land with +/- 650 feet of frontage on CR 220. Could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

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Criminal/Traffic

Disposition

Cassidy V. Cerventes, Maumee, OH; Domestic violence; Count B dismissed per state

Danielle R. Dempsey, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Possession of hashish, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Duggan, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs, Standard probation, Show proof of insurance by 3/24/22; Left of center, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive; Count C dismissed

Bobby J. Thompson, Defiance, OH; FRA suspension; Count A dismissed

Kenneth V. Shellenbarger, Paulding, OH; Reckless operation, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Bates, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs, Motion to suppress withdrawn; Seat belt/drive, Count C dismissed

Amanda L. Roberts, Paulding, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Derek A. Schuette, Wauseon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James L. Young, Defiance, OH; OIV/refusal, Case dismissed with prejudice, Costs to defendant, ALS vacated; Marked lanes, Case dismissed with prejudice, Costs to defendant

Shane R. Burk, Ohio City, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Defendant appeared

in court, Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Show proof of insurance by 3/24/22

Andrew J. Geren, Paulding, OH; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Possession of hashish, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Duggan, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs, Standard probation, Show proof of insurance by 3/24/22; Left of center, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive; Count C dismissed

Jennifer J. Hines, Sherwood, OH; Criminal damaging; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Complete 20 hrs community service; Write a letter of apology to the correction's officer; May be released when conditions are met

Ernest F. Hall, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kristen R. Rhonehouse, Cecil, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tessa A. Yoho, Defiance, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Defendant appeared in court, Pled no contest, found guilty, Proof of insurance provided, Pay all fines and costs; Headlights required, Defendant appeared in court, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine; Driving under FRA suspension, Case dismissed at defendant's costs

Curtis M. Monk, Defiance, OH; Marked lanes, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Defendant completed course

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Crystal D. Murray, Paulding, OH; Assault; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant and warrant block recalled

Ernie L. Ginter, Mendon, OH; Theft; Case dismissed

per state, without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant and warrant block shall be recalled

Terri L. Thomas-Vankirk, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Maintain general good behavior; No foster children in the home

Amber N. Deyarmond, Montpelier, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Paul L. Jackson Jr., Detroit, MI; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Driving under non FRA suspension, Defendant appeared in court, Pled guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond

Avtar Singh, Brampton, OH; Permit violation; Defendant pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs

Stacy M. Bartley, Holgate, OH; FRA suspension; Defendant appeared in court; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Fine may be suspended if defendant is working on license

Devvon M. Hale, Van Wert, OH; FRA suspension, Guilty, Defendant pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Count B dismissed

Tonya L. Bever, Madison, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Hillary A. Daniels, Lima, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Arona D. Williams, West LaFayette, IN; Driving under suspension; Count A dismissed without prejudice

Amber N. Deyarmond, Montpelier, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Maria A. Ornelas Limon, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alicia R. James, Payne, OH; Equipment regulation, Defendant appeared in court, pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fine and costs, Show proof of insurance by 3/24/22; No operator's license, Defendant pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine

Dianna L. Jesse, Ney, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alyssa M. Reyes, Fort Wayne, IN; Child restraint, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Dianna L. Jesse, Ney, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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YFC's ministry. "Kari has done a tremendous job with our youth, who often find themselves in discouraging life circumstances with little stability," said Wehrkamp. "They find out in the LIFT Program that there is hope for them and that there are people who care about them and their success." Gathany leads the classes

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

and is aided by several community-minded volunteers. Some of the bonds formed have been life-changing for the youth. "Providing a fun and interactive way to discuss life issues and skills that teens can take with them throughout life through the means of mentoring relationships is impactful in the teens' lives," said Gathany.

Wehrkamp was a guest at the final cooking class of the 10-week program. "As the children prepared and served the food, you could see on their faces just how impactful the program had been on them. Their faces told the story," Wehrkamp recalled. "And all the while, they're learning a valuable life skill."

Future classes are scheduled for 2022. Next month, the LIFT Program will return to fishing while incorporating outdoor cooking skills.

Youth participating in the LIFT Program are not required to participate in any faith activities, and a youth may request an alternative to the YFC programming if he or she wishes. "We respect the varying religious beliefs of the children who participate," said Gathany.

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Start Date: **June 1, 2022**
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ANTWERP SCHOOL HOSTS LITERACY NIGHT



HS student, Aerial Snyder helps elementary students at the sight word cup-stacking activity in the country of Egypt.

On Thursday, March 24, Antwerp Elementary School hosted a Literacy Night for elementary students and their families. Around 400 students, parents, and younger siblings attended the event, which centered around the theme "Books bring us together as we begin reading around the world." Students received boarding passes and passports, entered the "airport" for a free book, ate walk-

ing tacos in Mexico, used new VR goggles to swim in the Great Barrier Reef, painted in France, listened to books in Japan, and engaged in other literacy activities themed around various countries. Students and other guests also visited the new innovation center, shopped at the book fair, won prizes, and posed in front of the green screen for a postcard souvenir. A big thanks goes to Mrs. Pam Bai-

ley, Title 1 teacher, for envisioning and planning the event; to Mrs. Elyse Boyer, curriculum director; and to the teachers and staff for bringing the vision to life. With the detailed decorations, overall theme, and various activities, it was a fun and educational night for the school.

I-69 SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT TO BEGIN IN ALLEN COUNTY

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the beginning of a superstructure replacement project on I-69. Work is going to take place on the bridges over Robinson Creek which is just north of Lower Huntington Road. This project will take place over several construction seasons, with the first phase of work scheduled to begin on or after March 26 with work expected to end for this year in November. There will be various traffic changes and speed restrictions in the area throughout the project.

Shoulder strengthening will take place first before other phases of the project. The right lane and shoulder of southbound I-69 will be closed from the morning of March 26 until the morning of April 1. Crews will then move to the northbound lanes which will have the right lane and right shoulder closed from the morning of April 2 until the morning of April 8. During these lane closures, significant backups are expected during peak travel hours and drivers might want to seek an alternate route. A width restriction of 15 feet will also be in place during this portion of the project.

Once the shoulder strengthening portion of the project is complete, traffic will be moved to the outside lanes and work on the median half of the superstructure will take place in both directions of I-69. The project is scheduled for completion in June 2024. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: NATURAL DESIGN AND GRAPHICS



This week on Paulding County Business Weekly we meet Natural Design & Graphics owner Kelly Goyings. Kelly is a lifelong Paulding County resident that brought a big city idea to a small rural community. Thanks to Ohio Means Jobs and My102.7 FM, we can listen to the business story and

understand how the local business is now doing marketing for big businesses all around the region, right here at home. The program will air on Tuesday & Thursday at 8am & 5pm and be available on the www.pced.net and My1027.org websites or on Spotify



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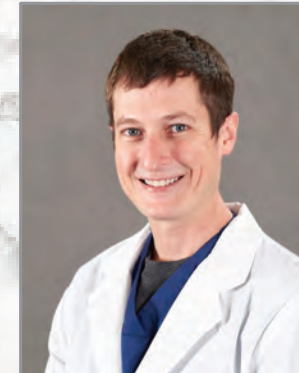
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