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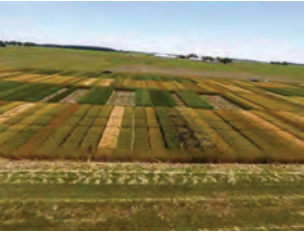
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RECORD WHEAT PRICES PROMPTS MORE WHEAT CROPS



Small grain - including wheat - resiliency field trial located at the Northwest Agricultural Research Station in Wood County. Photo by: Glen Arnold, OSU Extension.

With wheat prices already hitting a 14-year high this year, more Ohio farmers are now planning to plant more of

the grain. The war in Ukraine and its impact on wheat exports is driving wheat to record prices, leading more farmers statewide to consider planting more wheat as a result.

That's according to Laura Lindsey, a field crops expert with The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). Lindsey, a soybean and small grains specialist with Ohio State University Extension, CFAES' outreach arm, said she's already fielded numerous calls, emails, and Twitter messages from farmers statewide wanting to know the feasibility of planting wheat this year and what they can do to take ad-

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PAULDING SWCD EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District, Paulding County Park District, the Paulding County Park District, and Lafarge of Paulding, are planning several events to celebrate Earth Day 2022, kick off the National Association of Conservation District's (NACD) 67th Stewardship Week, and Arbor Day.

On Friday, April 22nd, the Paulding Lafarge Plant is partnering with Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), to celebrate Earth Day 2022 from 10 am to noon at the Lafarge plant's main office. Then, on Saturday, April 23rd, you are invited to the Black Swamp Nature Center, 753 Fairground Dr., at 8:00AM for a site clean-up, mulching, and light trail maintenance. We will provide trash bags and work gloves. Please bring pruning tools/trimmers if you have them. We will be giving away a limited number of tree seedlings Saturday morning and doughnuts will also be provided. Opportunities to help later in the day exist at the Paulding County Parks. Visit New Rochester Park, 11885 Rd. 424, Cecil from 10:00AM - 2:00PM. Stop Saturday and help make Paulding County a better place to live and play!

Summary

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3 COUNTY MEET THE CANDIDATE ELICITS BOOS & PRAISES



Each candidate received 5 minutes to speak to the crowd at the OSU Extension building on Monday night, April 11th. Pictured above is JD Vance, candidate for US Senate.

Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert Counties Republican affiliated groups hosted a Meet the Candidate with twenty candidates from local, state and federal levels of elections on Monday evening, April 11, 2022.

The evening began with an introduction, song, and prayer before Laurie Lucas introduced the first candidate for speaking. Each were given 5 minutes and the event last about an hour and a half.

During the event disdain was noted for the Dewine-Husted campaign as some people booed and praised while Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted spoke.

The event went well for first-timers to the area in-

cluded JD Vance and Jim Rennaci. Other candidates, local and state level, were given the platform and the voters understood that a change may be coming to the local and on up to national level politics.

Speakers at the 3-County Republican Meet the Candidate included the following:

John Adams, Candidate for US Secretary of State; Jami Bradford, Candidate for Van Wert County Auditor; Gina Campbell, Candidate for State Central Committee; Mike Gibbons, Candidate for US Senate; Neil Patel, Candidate for US Senate; Mark Pukita, Candidate for US Senate; JD Vance, Candidate for US Senate; Joe Blystone, Candidate for Ohio Governor; Jon Husted, Candidate for Ohio Lt Governor; Jim Rennaci, Candidate for Ohio Governor; JR Majewski, Candidate for US Congressional District 9; Roy Klopfenstein, Candidate for Ohio House; Ted Penner, Candidate for Ohio House; Tony Schroeder, Candidate for State Central Committee; Jim Horton, Candidate for State Central Committee; Mark Holtsberry, Candidate

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

April 19

• Kindergarten screening & registration @ Payne Elem.
• Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 4-7p
• PC Library board meeting, lower level, 6pm

April 21

• Community Meal @ St. Paul UMC, Payne, 4:30-6pm

April 22

• NH Chamber Meet the Candidates @ NH Comm. Center, 8am
• Paulding 2022 Earth Days Kickoff @ LaFarge, 10a-1p

April 23

• Park Clean Up, meet @ New Rochester, 9am
• Paulding 2022 Earth Days @ LaFarge, 10a-12p
• Mermaid Splash! Daddy/Daughter Dance @ NH Comm. Ctr, 5-7pm
• UWPC Purse Bingo @ PC OSU Ext. Bldg., 6-9pm

April 24

• Free Meals @ Cecil Comm Church, after 11am Service
• Harvest Time Gospel Singers Concert @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm

April 25

• VWCOA Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night, 6pm

April 26

• Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 4-7p

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Extension agriculture and natural resources educator.

Advantage of the record prices for the grain.

The main question Ohio farmers have, Lindsey said, is whether they can get wheat planted this spring to harvest this year and take advantage of the high wheat prices now or if they must wait for fall-planted varieties, which won't harvest until next year.

Most of the wheat Ohio farmers grow is soft red winter wheat, which is planted in the fall and harvested the next spring. This is the kind of wheat that is typically used in pastries, cakes, cereal, crackers, and cookies.

However, while spring wheat can be planted in Ohio, Lindsey said, it doesn't grow as well as winter wheat.

"Is spring wheat an option for Ohio farmers?" she asked. "Yes, we can grow spring wheat in Ohio, but spring wheat yield will be significantly lower than winter wheat yield."

"While in Ohio we usually plant winter wheat, with the commodities market the way it is, more farmers are saying they want to try and capitalize on the record prices. However, although wheat prices are high, spring wheat is probably not the best option in 2022 due to the low yields, high input costs, and uncertainty surrounding selling the grain and its quality."

Wheat prices are surging globally in the wake of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, prompting farmers nationwide to consider planting more wheat. About 14% of the global wheat supply is produced in Ukraine and Russia, according to Gro Intelligence. The two countries supply nearly 30% of all wheat exports, according to the agricultural data analytics firm.

Wheat prices are surging even higher as the conflict is raising significant questions about the ability of Russia and Ukraine to continue exporting, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wheat Outlook for March.

The current price of wheat as of April 11 is \$10.81 per bushel. Wheat prices reached a 14-year high last month, at \$12.09 a bushel.

With Russia blockading ports on the Black Sea, 16 million tons of grain are currently stranded in Ukraine, according to a brief written by Ian Sheldon, a CFAES professor and the Andersons Endowed Chair in Agricultural Marketing, Trade, and Policy, and Chris Zoller, a CFAES associate professor and an OSU

"The USDA is forecasting Ukrainian-Russian wheat exports to fall by 7 million tons in 2021-22, with Australian and Indian exports only partially filling the gap," Sheldon and Zoller wrote. "In the short run, the expectation is that there are real limitations on the ability of the United States to meet the shortfall: Winter wheat is already in the ground, stocks are low, drought conditions are likely to impact yields in states such as Kansas, and farmers face an input price squeeze."

As it stands now, Ohio farmers are on track to harvest 610,000 acres of winter wheat this year, up 5% from the previous year, according to Cheryl Turner, state statistician with the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service's Ohio Field Office. Nationally, all wheat planted for 2022 is estimated at 47.4 million acres, up 1% from 2021.

Despite the potential for lower yields, some farmers may still be interested in planting spring wheat, Lindsey said.

Lindsey said to prepare for that now, farmers can plant early-maturing soybeans in early to mid-May, which are then harvested in late September to early October. At that point, they can then plant winter wheat.

"This growing season will be a mixed bag," she said. "Corn, soybeans, and wheat prices are high across the board. But input prices—including nitrogen, herbicides, and fungicides—are high (due to the invasion, which created further uncertainty for fertilizer costs) and there likely will be shortages in supplies of these inputs, all of which are needed for farmers to produce good crops with strong yields."

Also, you never know what the spring weather will be, Lindsey said.

"Ohio can be very wet in spring, so there could be challenges there, too," she said. "However, I think there will still be strong interest in growing those small grains, for sure."

COMMUNITY MEAL AT ST. PAUL UMC

The St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne is hosting a Community Meal on Thursday, April 21, 2022 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The church building is located at 420 Area Ave., Payne, OH.

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED TO HERITAGE LIONS CLUB



New members Phil and Laura Stoll with their sponsor Jan Hockemeyer and Roger Cash.



Past District Governor, Roger Cash.

Roger Cash, District 25B Past District Governor, presented a New Member Orientation to the Heritage Lions club last night. He explained the Lions' mission both for their local communities and for the world. Over 1.4 million Lions worldwide are actively working to better their communities and to help those affected by natural disasters. The motto "We Serve" is their guidepost for every project they do.

Almost 100 years ago, Helen Keller gave a speech to the Lions national leadership. In part she said: "The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman un-

aided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?" After her plea, the Lions dedicated themselves to serving the sightless and helping provide eye care all over the world. They have provided over 9 million cataract surgeries around the world and distributed many millions of eyeglasses for those in need. Eye exams for young children are conducted in schools and villages worldwide to catch sight problems early, when correction is the most possible.

After Mr. Cash's presentation, Heritage Lions President Larry Smith led the regular monthly meeting. Plans for ice cream sales were discussed and sign-up sheets were passed around. Tom Bullerman said that Pack Away Hunger would let us use their truck to pick up any donations after the Hawks Nest garage sale on June 3-4, as well as any other donations we could secure on those dates.

Light refreshments were served following the meeting. The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
Matthew 13:32 indicates the mustard seed was the least (or smallest) of all seeds. That is not true. Is the Bible wrong?

There are several possibilities. Most likely, Christ was referring to a mustard seed different than the one with which we are most familiar. Next, the seed of the black mustard was smaller than any seed commonly known in that day. The context appears to be that of herbs: "...when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs."

Taken in context, Matthew 13:32 is a true statement.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

FINDLAY POST TO TARGET FTY VIOLATIONS IN HANCOCK COUNTY

One of the main contributing factors in crashes in Hancock County is failure to yield. In an effort to reduce the number of serious injury and fatal crashes, troopers from the Findlay Post will be working a targeted enforcement effort through the month of April. Violations that troopers will focus on during this effort include running red lights

and failure to stop at a stop sign.

"We look at traffic crashes from the perspective of education, engineering, and enforcement. All three play a pivotal role in preventing injuries and deaths. We try to educate the public on a regular basis through the media and public speaking engagements. We speak to students at driver's education classes and others through local civic organizations. We work hand in hand with ODOT and our local partners when it comes to looking for ways to improve our roadways. Our final approach is enforcing the traffic laws, when those driving choose to violate it" said Crow.

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Scripture of the Week

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

— Romans 10:9-10

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!" - Matt



There is nothing like trying to be comfortable in a tight economy seat on a long flight with a toddler on your lap and then trying to eat meals and keep the kid entertained or asleep.



TRYING NEW FOODS

My world was pretty small growing up in small-town middle America, which was often a good thing! I took my first plane ride when I was 19 years old. Everything was new and exciting on that first plane trip nearly 30 years ago. Since then I have taken hundreds of flights and there is nothing glamorous about it! I would much rather travel by car, train or bus - more wiggle room and friendlier people along the way!

For a while airlines would offer special meals at no extra charge on international flights - Indian, Arabic, Kosher, etc. These meals were prepared much better than the standard meals. I enjoyed making requests for these meals a few weeks beforehand for me or



Specialty meals are often made in smaller quantities, so the food seems to be prepared better than the regular factory line economy class meals.

my wife. My wife would get embarrassed on the flights, when I ordered special meals for her, as the stewardess

would call out her name, so that had to stop, but not for me! We learned that the stewardesses and other passengers assumed only a person of that background would order that kind of meal. Why would someone not from India order Indian food? ... let alone someone from Indiana!

On one transatlantic journey, we had a young son with us and when wiggling into our row on entering the plane, his little foot bumped the seat in front of us. The person in front, a woman from Germany, stood up, glared at us and asked us to not bump her seat again. I apologized and thought, "Wow!, this is going to be a long flight with a toddler sitting behind a person with First Class expectations in Economy Class."

Well, meal time eventually rolled around and the stewardess walked to our section and asked, "Matt with the kosher dinner!?" The German gal turned around with a face of shock, assuming I was Jewish, and probably feeling collective guilt for the terrible abuses her nation had done to the Jews long ago. From that moment on, the German woman treated me and our son like we were royalty and went out of her way to be friendly and helpful the entire flight. I guess sometimes it can be helpful to be adventurous and try different foods.

Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story!
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PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS



On Saturday, April 9th members of the Paulding Junior High track team volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry. Shown in the picture from left are: Makayla Spears, Xander Schwab, Coach Kyle Kramer, and Libby Breier.

PANTHERS HOST TRACK TRI-MEET

Paulding Track hosted a tri-meet on Tuesday April 12th against Continental and Lincolnview. It was a beautiful day for a track meet with it being in the high 60s and little wind. Panthers competed well and had quite a few kids who beat their personal bests on the season.

Boys: Dawson Lamb finished 3rd in discus, 84'4" and 3rd in long jump, 16'1". Ronnie Goodwin finished 2nd in shot put, 38'7.5". Jesse Shaffer finished 1st in long jump with a new personal best, 17'4", 3rd in high jump, 5'4", 4th in the 100M dash, 12.75 seconds and was a part of our 4x100 relay that finished 1st, 49.06 seconds. Drake Ankney finished 1st on pole vault, 10'6". Caleb Larson finished 1st in the 100M dash, 12.57 seconds, 3rd in the 200M dash, 25.5 seconds and was also a part of the 4x100M relay team. The other two members of the 4x100M relay were Sheridan Matty and Jacob Fife.

Girls: Sophia Fisher finished 2nd in discus, 81'2" and 4th in shot put, 25'1.75". Caydence Rue finished 3rd in long jump, 13'4", 2nd in the 100M hurdles, 18.97 seconds and 2nd in the 300M hurdles, 56.22 seconds. Jamy Hunt finished 1st in the 400M, 1:07.5. Claire Miller finished 1st in the 1600M, 6:24.09 and 3rd in the 800M, 3:03.66.

"After each meet, it is clear that we are improving with each day. Our times are decreasing, our lengths and heights are increasing and overall, we are becoming a stronger team. It is great to see that they are really putting in the work and it is showing" stated Kim Bickford, Paulding track coach.

PANTHER TRACK TEAM COMPETE AT CG BULLDOG INVITATIONAL

On April 14th, Paulding track team attended the Columbus Grove Bulldog Invitational and were one of thirteen teams in attendance. They knew there was going to be a lot of good competition from the other competitors and the weather at the meet was also very uncooperative: cloudy all meet with strong winds and heavy wind gusts.

Boys: Caleb Larson was the only athlete who placed and he placed 8th in the 100M dash with a time of 13.28 seconds. Even though they didn't place, Paulding did have a few boys beat their personal bests on the season. Dawson Lamb improved his discus throw by 10' 10" with a new best of 101' 11" as well as increasing his long jump by 10" with a new best of 16' 11". Josh Lemieux improved his 200M dash by .17 seconds with a new time of 28.93 seconds which is impressive given that he had to sprint into the wind most of the race. And Alex Hobart and Eli Jones both improved their 800M run times by 5.58 seconds and 3.65 seconds with new best of 2:33.42 and 2:31.97 respectively.

Girls: Claire Schweller place 1st in the pole vault with a height of 11' 3". She improved her season best by 3" and is only 3" away from her career best of 11' 6". Claire has been dealing with a tail bone injury for the past 2 meets but it was nice to have her back as she is a very strong competitor in that event. Jamy Hunt placed 2nd in the 800M run with a time of 2:41.24.

"The coaches knew coming into the meet that it was going to be an uphill battle, but we were happy with how a lot of our athletes competed. We are a young team and a

small team this year so being able to win meets as a team is going to be hard for us. However, we are pleased with how each of our athletes goes out and performs against teams that sometimes are twice to triple our size. It is nice to see that the work that they are putting in is making them more and more confident" stated Kim Bickford, Paulding track coach.

RAIDERS STAY PERFECT IN GMC

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Logan Bland went the distance to help propel the Lady Raiders past Ayersville in softball action last Thursday. Wayne Trace defeated the Pilots 6-2 to improve their overall mark at 5-2 while remaining perfect in Green Meadows Conference play at 2-0.

Both teams got on the scoreboard in the first inning - each scoring a run a piece. The bats for both squads cooled the following three innings before the red, white, and blue lit up the scoreboard with two runs to move in front 3-1 in the fourth inning. However, the Pilots would answer with a sixth inning run to close the Raider gap and trail 3-2.

The remaining scoring was all Wayne Trace as the Raiders placed three runs in the book in the seventh frame for the key conference win.

Contributing to the Raiders offense was sophomore Katlin Slade who singled and doubled while adding a couple of RBIs and scoring once. Tatum Tigner came up with two singles while scoring once along with teammate Macy Doster crossing home plate twice.

Also, for the Raiders, Ava Zartman and Paige Alber, both sophomores, collected a single a piece with Katie Anna Baumle and Alber scoring one run each.

Bland, another sophomore for the young Raiders squad, scattered six hits, two earned runs while allowing a couple of walks and striking out eight.

For the Pilots, who fell to 1-5 overall and 0-2 in league play, Haley Johnson suffered the loss. The Pilot pitcher lasted 6 1/3 innings, allowing six hits, six runs, three walks and striking out eight.

FULLER DOMINANT IN GOOD FRIDAY WIN

Danica Fuller put up a dominant effort in a Good Friday win for the Heritage Lady Patriot softball team as the squad blanked Fort Wayne North Side 11-0.

Fuller was dominant on the mound for the Lady Patriots, striking out ten North Side hitters in posting a 57-pitch, five-inning victory.

The game was scoreless until the third inning when Heritage picked up a single run. However, the Lady Patriots put the game away in the fourth with a seven-run frame that extended the lead to 8-0. Heritage then wrapped up the scoring with three runs in the top of the fifth.

Libby Cain had two doubles and a single to pace the Heritage offense, scoring three times and driving in four runs. Grace Guenther added three singles for the Lady Patriots with Caylen Schane recording two singles, two runs scored and a run

PAULDING JH STUDENTS NAMED MINDSET MOTIVATORS



Paulding Junior High School is utilizing the 7-Mindsets curriculum to address the social and emotional

needs of students. Each unit revolves around a specific theme students can apply to their lives. This unit's theme

was Live to Give. Shown in the picture are Paulding Junior High School's Live to Give Mindset Motivators.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Oakwood Elementary School March Students of the Month are Front Row: Hudson Miller, Preston Schlatter, Alaina Daniels, Middle Row: Mason Weible, Kinlee Sherry, Brextyn Bartley, Kennedy Manz, Kaylee Pack. Back Row: Madison Durham, Gannon Landers, Lily Leatherman, Dylan Weible.

batted in. Abriyah James also finished with a single and drove in three runs for Heritage. Fuller and Shelby Schane both chipped in a single.

BIG THIRD PUSHES PATRIOTS PAST KNIGHTS

A five-run third inning put Heritage in control and the Patriots cruised the rest of the way to a 10-3 win over visiting Norwell Thursday evening outside of Monroeville.

Heritage struck first with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first before Norwell tied the game in the top of the second at 2-2.

However, the Patriots took control with a five-run third inning that put Heritage in top and in command at 7-2.

After Norwell got one run back in the top of the sixth, Heritage wrapped up the win with a three-run sixth to set the final margin at 10-3.

Dalton Wasson totaled three singles, two runs scored and two runs batted in while Barry Lomow finished with a single and a triple while scoring three times.

Dalton White added a single and a triple with Caleb Abbott recording two singles and a double along with scoring twice and driving in one run. Tyler Redmon chipped in three runs batted in and Jackson Bearman finished with two runs batted in.

Christian Hoffman picked up the win in relief for Heritage, pitching the final 4-2/3 innings giving up four hits and one earned run with three strikeouts.

BUUCK'S ONE HITTER SENDS PATRIOTS PAST GENERALS

Visiting Heritage scored 11 first inning runs and Lucy Buuck allowed only one hit in four innings of work as the Lady Patriots rolled to a

21-0 victory over Wayne Thursday night in high school softball action.

Buuck struck out seven on the mound for Heritage, throwing only 39 pitches on the mound with 30 of them going as strikes.

Ella Bickel tossed the final frame with all nine pitches being strikes in closing out the contest.

Shelby Schane, Lydia Schultz and Grace Guenther all had three hits for Heritage, including a home run by Schultz and a double from Guenther.

Avi Washington, Ella Bickel and Raelyn Mullins added two hits apiece for the

Lady Patriots, who totaled 22 hits overall in the contest. Buuck, Kendall Zelt, Caylen Schane, Claire Bickel, Abriyah James, Danica Fuller and Libby Cain each totaled one hit for Heritage.

Ella Bickel, Schultz and Shelby Schane posted three runs batted in apiece for the Allen County squad while Buuck, Claire Bickel, Washington, Cain and Fuller picked up two RBI's apiece.

Schultz and Shelby Schane both scored three times for Heritage with Zelt, Buuck, Caylen Schane, Guenther, Fuller and Ella Bickel touching home plate twice each.

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The Nature Center is managed by Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District and is located on the South side of Paulding on the corner of Fairground Drive and Road 107. The site is 51 acres of woodland, wetlands, meadows, and a pollinator garden. This area is open to the public from dawn to dusk for walking on the natural trails, fishing in the Flatrock, and other

forms of out- door recreation. The Nature Center building is available for workshops, training, meetings, youth groups, and personal rentals. As the SWCD Staff prepare the area for summer activities, we are asking for the communities help in cleaning up the site. By collaborating with community organizations, their employees, and Paulding County residents, we hope to help foster a sense of pride and stewardship.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285



Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

April 16 - NRL22 Match - Sight in and registration opens at 8am. Match begins at 9am. This event is open to the public.

April 30 - Spring Clean Up Day @ ACC

May 1 - IDPA Pistol Shoot - Registration opens @ Noon. Match begins @ 1pm. 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.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Your vote to re-elect Judge Michael Wehrkamp to the Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Court is a vote for continuing the accomplishments of the court during Judge Wehrkamp's first term.

I supported Judge Wehrkamp's candidacy in 2016 because I believed he would follow through on his promises to improve services to children and families and he has done what he said he

would do.

Judge Wehrkamp said he would create lines of communication and collaboration with our schools and other organizations in the community to better serve children and families. During his first term, the court has formed partnerships with more than 20 community entities, including schools, law enforcement, Family & Children First Council, faith-based groups, behavioral health providers and others.

Judge Wehrkamp said he would develop programs to hold juvenile offenders accountable and help them get their lives back on track. Under his leadership, mentoring, literacy, community service and diversion programs have been implemented to help our court-involved youth to contribute meaningfully to the community.

Judge Wehrkamp said he would maximize valuable taxpayer dollars by applying for grant funding that would improve and increase access to the court's services. During his first term, the court has applied for and been awarded over \$715,000 in competitive state grant funding and local grant dollars. These dollars have allowed the court to create programming for youth and families, update its technology and create a website containing a probate case record search and online marriage license application.

I am a retired juvenile justice professional with 40 years of experience, most recently as a juvenile court administrator, and served as an interim court administrator and probation officer during Judge Wehrkamp's first term. Based on this experience, I

can say with confidence that Judge Wehrkamp has followed through on his campaign promises and is the best person to lead the court into the future. I invite you to join me in voting for Judge Michael Wehrkamp's re-election to the Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Court in the Republican primary election on May 3, 2022.

—Kathleen Nern Antwerp, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Judge Michael Wehrkamp's candidacy for re-election to the Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Judge.

I have been in education for thirty-one years, including nine years as a principal for Antwerp Local Schools, five years as the superintendent for Wayne Trace Local Schools, and two years as the superintendent for the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center. It was during my tenure with Western Buckeye, from 2016-2018, that I worked most-closely with Judge Wehrkamp and the Paulding County Juvenile Court.

Shortly after beginning his first term, Judge Wehrkamp contacted me about establishing a school-court liaison position that would serve all three of the county's school districts. Judge Wehrkamp was on a mission to bring stakeholders to the table to discuss truancy and other barriers to education that our students were facing. Together, we established the school-court liaison position, which helped bridge the gap between the schools and the court.

Judge Wehrkamp didn't stop there. He and his staff have maintained regular lines of communication with Paulding County school administrators. The court also hosts an annual meeting between county school administrators, the county prosecutor, and court personnel at the beginning of each school year. Under his leadership, Judge Wehrkamp's staff members are in the schools weekly to collaborate with school officials on what are often challenging cases.

Doing the best we can to serve our community's students and young people is something for which I feel very strongly. I know that Judge Wehrkamp is passionate about that matter as well, and that is why I am supporting his re-election. The students in Paulding County

have been well-served by Judge Wehrkamp, and we all would do well to keep him as our judge.

—Steve Arnold, Antwerp

FIVE AREA STUDENTS WILL VISIT D.C. FOR OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES YOUTH TOUR



Jenna Dulle (Edon High School), Emily Keefer (Tinora High School), Joseph Schnipke (Miller City-New Cleveland High School), Megan Meyer (Patrick Henry High School), and Katherine Johnson (Patrick Henry High



School) will be attending Ohio's Electric Cooperatives' Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This annual program returns after a two-year interruption due to COVID-19. Youth Tour 2022 will be held June 18-24, and the students will be representing North



Western Electric, Paulding Putnam, and Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperatives.

The Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour is an annual weeklong youth leadership experience for high school students whose family is served by electric coopera-

tives. On the trip, students will be visiting the nation's capital and its many famous and historic sites, including Arlington National Cemetery, memorials, and national mu-



seums. They also have the opportunity to meet with Ohio's congressional delegation members on Capitol Hill and learn about public service and the cooperative business model.

The five local students will join nearly 40 students from the state of Ohio - and more than 1,800 students from electric co-ops across the country - who are participating in this year's Youth Tour.

Sites on this year's Youth Tour included the United States Capitol; the Vietnam and Korean War memorials; the Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson, and Martin Luther King, Jr. memorials; the Smithsonian Museums of Natural History and American History; the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Center; and the Gettysburg battlefield.

Applications are accepted each year starting in December. Members of each co-op can watch for details in the Ohio Cooperative Living

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LADY ARCHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER ACES



Senior Kennedy Trabel is batted in from a hit to the fence by sophomore Caydence Shull. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Lauren Schuller and Caydence Shull each had a single and a double to lead the Antwerp Lady Archers to a 10-0, five-inning win over Hicksville in Green Meadows Conference softball action Thursday evening.

Emerson Litzenberg got the win on the mound for the Archers, scattering five hits

while striking out four in the five-inning complete game.

Kearstyn Pierce had a triple for the blue and white with Jillian Treece, Caroline Rohrs and Astianna Coppes all adding singles for Antwerp, which improves to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the league.

Allie Nelson took the loss

for Hicksville, surrendering eight hits and a pair of walks in four innings on the mound.

Avery Slattery had a double for the Lady Aces offense with Nelson, Katie Chapman, Macie Eicher and Josie Smith all recording singles. Hicksville falls to 1-5 in all games and 0-3 in the conference.

PANTHERS BLANK CADETS

High school baseball action took place over the Easter weekend as the Paulding Panthers blanked visiting Hilltop 7-0 Saturday afternoon.

The maroon and white got a stellar effort on the mound from Kane Jones, who struck out 11 Hilltop hitters and gave up only two hits in recording the complete-game victory.

Paulding took the early lead with two runs in the second inning before putting up

two-spots in the fourth and fifth frames to expand the margin to 6-0. The Panthers rounded out the scoring with a single run in the bottom of the sixth.

Jacob Martinez had a double and scored a run for the maroon and white while Reid Johanns, Casey Agler, Sam Woods, Logan Tope, Jones and Peyton Adams all chipped in singles. Adams, Nick Manz, Jones, Ethan Foltz, Tope and Ethan Herman scored a run each for the Panthers while Adams drove

in two runs and Johanns added one run batted in.

PANTHERS HOLD OFF EAGLES FOR NON-LEAGUE WIN

The Paulding baseball jumped out to a lead and then had to hold off a late rally from host North Central before posting an 11-9 win over the Eagles Friday afternoon.

The maroon and white jumped in front early in the contest, scoring twice in the first and four times in the

third for a 6-0 advantage. After North Central got one run back in the fourth and four more in the fifth to pull within 6-5, the Panthers answered with two in the top of the sixth for an 8-5 lead.

Paulding plated three more runs in the top of the seventh for an 11-7 margin and needed nearly all of them.

The Eagles scored four straight runs in the home half of the seventh before the Panthers held on for the 11-9 victory.

Sam Woods paced the Paulding offense with two singles and a double while scoring three times and driving in two runs. Jacob Martinez and Logan Tope both chipped in two hits for the Panthers with Martinez scoring twice and posting a run batted in while Tope finished with three runs batted in.

RAIDER JV'S FALL TO ACES

In a high scoring affair, the Hicksville junior varsity softball posted a 19-15 win over visiting Wayne Trace Tuesday night in Green Meadows Conference action.

Anna Miller took the loss on the hill for the Raiders, pitching the complete game for the red, white and blue.

Makenna Elliott had a single and a double to lead the way for Wayne Trace while Morgan Elliott posted a pair of singles.

GAFF THROWS ONE-HITTER IN WOODLAN WIN

Austin Gaff struck out six Prairie Heights hitters and gave up only one hit and two walks in leading the Woodlan Lady Warriors to an 11-0 win over the Panthers Saturday outside of Woodburn.

Mya Jones, Alyssa Harvey and Gaff all had three hits to lead the 11-hit Woodlan attack, with Libby Fisher and Abigail Cowan adding one hit each.

Harvey also scored three times for the Lady Warriors while Jones and Gaff touched home plate twice. Adrienne Spieth, Alivia Ulmer, Libby Fisher and Abigail Cowan each recorded one hit for Woodlan.

Harvey and Gaff drove in two runs each while Fisher, Ulmer and Jones recorded a run batted in apiece.

PATRIOTS SWEEP WILDCATS

Heritage picked up a pair of wins on Saturday as the Patriots swept a doubleheader from Whitko in Allen

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ATHLETES BATTLE WIND & COLD AT WT TRACK INVITE



Wayne Trace Junior Derrek Dangler takes his turn at the high jump! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Eleven high school track teams converged on the Wayne Trace track & field on a windy and chilly Thursday, April 14th.

Wayne Trace sophomore Maddox Treece was named boys meet Most Valuable Participant - he finished first in the 100m dash (11.78), 200m dash (23.97) and 400m dash (53.55).

Antwerp senior Jagger Landers landed 2nd shot put. Senior Leslie Pollock won discus event - breaking the meet record of 128'5 with a new throw of 143'8" which is also a new school record. She also placed 2nd in shot put.

Team Scores:

Boys - 1 Tinora 110; 2 Fairview 79; 3 Wayne Trace 72; 4 Ayersville 51; 5 Holgate 44; 6 Antwerp 39; 7 Edgerton 38; 8 Hicksville 25; 9 Continental 17; 10 Stryker 10; 10 Edon 10

Girls - 1 Tinora 118.333; 2 Wayne Trace 115; 3 Holgate 52; 4 Fairview 46; 5 Hicksville

41; 6 Ayersville 38; 6 Antwerp 38; 8 Continental 19.6666; 9 Edgerton 16; 10 Stryker 11; 11 Edon 1



Antwerp senior Gaige McMichael takes the top spot on the 100 meter invitational at the Wayne Trace Invitational. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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SPROLES LEADS ARCHERS IN ROUT OF ACES



Hicksville Junior Tatum Sheets hits the ball to third when Ethan Lichty picks up the grounder and throws to first, where his brother Aiden stops Sheets from getting to first. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Hunter Sproles did it all for the Antwerp Archers Thursday night as he got the win on the mound and led the Archers at the plate in a 12-3 victory over visiting Hicksville.

Sproles shut down the Aces on the mound, surrendering only three hits, three runs (one earned) and two walks with nine strikeouts in six innings of work.

At the plate, the Archer senior recorded a pair of doubles to go along with a home run while scoring three times and driving in two runs.

Sprole's efforts helped Antwerp improve to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Green Meadows Conference, staying tied atop the league standings with Paulding, Tinora and Wayne Trace.

The blue and white jumped in front against the Aces with a single run in the second before Hicksville responded with a two-run fourth to post a 2-1 advantage.

However, it was all Antwerp the rest of the way.

The answered with a five-run fourth to go on top 6-2 and plated three more runs in the fifth to extend the margin

to 9-2.

After Hicksville got one run in the sixth, the blue and white put the game away with three more in the home half of the frame for the 12-3 final.

Parker Moore pitched the final inning for Antwerp, giving up one walk and striking out two.

Chase Clark also had three singles for the Archers while driving in three runs and scoring once. Parker Moore singled twice, scored once and drove in a run with Luke Krouse chipping in a double, scoring twice and getting one run batted in. Ethan Lichty also had a big night for Antwerp, hitting a pair of singles and a home run with two runs scored and three runs batted in.

Aiden Lichty, Reid Lichty and Eli Reinhart doubled for the Archers while Derek Hines and Carson Altimus each singled.

Jackson Bergman paced Hicksville with two singles and three runs batted in while Aaron Klima singled and scored twice. Maverik Keesbury also scored for the Aces.

half of the opening frame. Heritage scored a single run in the bottom of the second to make it 5-3 before the Wild-

cats added one run in the top of the third, trimming the deficit to 5-4.

Heritage again expanded the margin with two runs in the bottom of the third to push the lead to 7-4 but single runs in the fourth and fifth brought Whitko within 7-6. The Patriots then wrapped up the scoring with a single run in the fifth to set the final margin at 8-6.

Easton Grable, Brent Bowers and Riley Harman all had two hits for Whitko. David Ousley scored twice for the Wildcats.

Wasson had two hits while Lomow, Noah Redmon, Leroy Lepper, Mirelez, Christian Hoffman and Meyer getting one apiece. Noah Redmon also drove in a pair of runs for the Patriots.

Jackson Bearman picked up the win on the hill for Heritage, pitching two innings in relief giving up six hits and two runs (one earned) with two strikeouts.

WARRIORS ROUT PRAIRIE HEIGHTS FOR WIN

The Woodlan Lady Warriors pounded out 20 hits and scored 21 runs in rolling to a 21-2 five-inning victory over Prairie Heights Saturday afternoon.

Woodlan opened the scoring with a six-run first inning before Prairie Heights plated two runs in the top of the second frame.

The Lady Warriors added four more runs in bottom of the second and third innings, expanding the margin to 14-2 at the end of three frames.

Woodlan then wrapped up the contest by scoring seven more times in the fourth to set the final margin at 21-2.

Trinity Pratt had two hits for Prairie Heights with Lillie Booher and Lilli Howe getting one hit each. Booher and Pratt each scored a run with Howe driving in two frames.

Alyssa Harvey had four hits to pace Woodlan while scoring four times and driving in three runs. Libby Fisher posted three hits and scored twice with three runs batted in. Mya Jones, Jade Lichty, Austin Gaff, Avah Smith and Briana Roney posted two hits apiece for the Lady Warriors.

Olivia Roney, Adrienne Spieth and Alivia Ulmer picked up one hit each for Woodlan. Gaff scored four

RITE OF CONFIRMATION AT MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Five youth of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church confirmed their baptism through Rite of Confirmation on Palm Sunday, April 10th, 2022. Pictured front row, L to R: Raelynne Zuber, Harlee Moore, Estee Lichty. Back row, L to R: CJ Eaton, Pastor Tim Zechiel and Zaine McMichael.

times for the Lady Warriors with Lichty touching home plate three times. Jones, Ulmer and Fisher scored twice each for Woodlan with Fisher and Briana Roney driving in three runs apiece. Gaff, Smith and Spieth all had two runs batted in.

Abby Horn pitched the Warriors to the victory, throwing five innings giving up four hits and two earned runs with eight strikeouts.

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County.

Game one saw the Patriots plate ten runs over the first three innings in blanking the Wildcats 10-0.

Morgan Andrews pitched a one-hitter and struck out eight to get the win on the mound for Heritage, throwing only 60 pitches in the five-inning contest.

Austin Buuck, Morgan Andrews and Dalton Wasson all had two hits for Heritage with Caleb Abbott and Dalton White getting one hit each. Barry Lomow and Wasson each scored twice while Jackson Bearman, Abbott, White, Buuck, Kobe Meyer and Andrew Mirelez also touched home plate once apiece.

Wasson, Abbott and Buuck all picked up two runs batted in while White and Tyler Redmon added one RBI each.

In game two, the Patriots jumped in front early and held on late in the contest for an 8-6 victory.

Whitko scored three times in the top of the first inning before the Patriots answered with four runs in the home

NSCC RECOGNIZES AWARD OF MERIT & DISTINGUISHED FACULTY MEMBERS AT LUNCHEON CEREMONY



Luke Tester, Emily Smith, Alexandra Roth, and Noah Kimble

Northwest State Community College recently recognized fifteen Award of Merit recipients. For over 25 years, Northwest State has recognized graduates within the de-

mins (Pioneer), Shayna Eberle (Napoleon), Clay Gerig (Archbold), Kaisha Hudson (Montpelier)

- Nursing & Allied Health division: Amanda Crompton



Clay Gerig, Shayna Eberle, Kaisha Hudson and Michael Cummins.

degree programs for their academic achievements. Award of Merit recipients are chosen by faculty from the respective divisions based on leadership

(Grand Rapids), Shannel Durbin (Wauseon), Karri Fife (Van Wert), Melissa French (Montpelier)

- STEM & Industrial Tech-



Melissa French, Shannel Durbin, Amanda Crompton, and Karri Fife.

involvement, special talents or abilities in their academic field, and significant contributions to Northwest State.

nologies division: Kelly Neiling (Hamler), Scott Rinell (Bryan), Anna Schrag (Perrysburg)

Distinguished Faculty nominees:

- Arts & Sciences division: Christa Burken*, Sherry Howard
- Business & Public Services division: Heather Galbraith, Michael Yambor*
- Nursing & Allied Health division: Jennifer Behnfeldt, Eileen Alexander*
- STEM & Industrial Technologies division: Rebekah



Anna Schrag, Kelly Neiling and Scott Rinell (not pictured).

during the ceremony. The award recognizes exemplified excellence in teaching. The list of nominees is as follows:

Faber-Starr*, Josh Verhoff

An asterisk above denotes part-time faculty member Sherry Howard was named the full-time Distinguished Faculty Award recipient, and Rebekah Faber-Starr received the part-time Distinguished



Josh Verhoff, NSCC Sherry Howard, Heather Galbraith, and Jennifer Behnfeldt

Emily Smith (Hicksville), Luke Tester (Wauseon)

Faculty Award. The College congratulates the students and faculty recognized in the ceremony.

- Business & Public Services division: Michael Cum-

ARCHERS HOLD OFF BOMBERS FOR WIN

Antwerp hit the road to Williams County Saturday to take on Edon in a non-league high school baseball contest where the Archers posted a 16-10 win over the Bombers.

The visiting Archers scored once in the second and six more in the third to go on in front 7-0 before Edon answered with a three-spot in the home half of the third.

Following another single run by Antwerp in the fourth, the Paulding County squad plated four runs in the fifth to expand the margin to 12-3. The Bombers cut into the deficit with two runs in the bottom of the fifth but Antwerp again had an answer, plating three in the top of the sixth to widen the gap to 15-5.

After Edon sliced the Archer lead to 15-10 with a five-run sixth, Antwerp completed the scoring with a run in the top of the seventh to set the final margin at 16-10.

Hunter Sproles had three hits, scored three times and drove in three for the Archers while Ethan Lichty added two hits, two runs scored and four runs batted in. Carson Altimus posted three hits as well for the blue and white from Paulding County and Reid Lichty finished with two hits and three runs batted in.

Gannon Ripke posted two hits and six runs batted in to lead the Bombers.

KNIGHTS, LIONS WIN HERITAGE RELAYS

The Norwell boys and Leo girls captured team championships at the Heritage Relays Saturday outside of Monroeville.

Norwell's boys totaled 130 points to win the title over New Haven (103), Heritage (90) and DeKalb (86). Leo placed fifth with nine points.

The Bulldog boys 800 relay finished first in 1:35.01 and placed first in the 1000-meter sprint medley relay with a time of 2:09.96. Individually, Kamari Clopton posted a jump of 20-1-1/2 to win the long jump.

Charlie Riddell of Heritage won the shot put with a throw of 44-3-1/2.

On the girls side, the Lady Lions racked up 100 points to take the title in front of Heritage (80) and New Haven (76).

Leo won the 6400 relay with a time of 23:45.20 while the Lions' 1600 relay took first in 4:19.46. In the 3200 relay, Leo posted a time of 10:34.75 to place first and Lions were the first to cross the finish line in the 1000-meter sprint medley relay, recording a time of 2:31.58. Katelyn Fry threw the

PAULDING FFA CELEBRATES THE 95TH FFA BANQUET: SMALL TOWN FFA



Pictured here are the 2022-23 Paulding FFA Officer Team (l-r) - Parliamentarian: Tyler Schlatter; Sentinel: Kobe Foor; Student Advisor: Brooke Kilgore; Reporter: Caydence Rue; Treasurer: Jalyn Klopfenstein; Secretary: Jamy Hunt; Vice President: Carter Manz; and President: Mason Schlatter.

By: Caydence Rue, Paulding FFA Reporter

The Paulding FFA Chapter recently held its 95th Annual FFA Banquet on April 9th, 2022. The theme for this year's event was, "Small Town FFA". This event was held to recognize the Paulding FFA members, community members, and advisors for their great accomplishments throughout the past year.

The banquet started with awarding members their Greenhand and Chapter degrees along with recognizing our 3rd and 4th-year members. Then students were rec-

ognized for Career Development Event awards and accomplishments this year. Our chapter also received various community members through the presentation of Blue and Gold awards as well as Honorary membership into the chapter. President Paige Jones gave her retiring address with a main message about growing up with no agriculture background but finding her love with agriculture and FFA beginning her freshman year. The banquet ended with the announcement of the Paulding FFA 2022-2023 Officers which are as follows: Presi-

dent Mason Schlatter, Vice President Carter Manz, Secretary Jamy Hunt, Treasurer Jalyn Klopfenstein, Reporter Caydence Rue, Sentinel Kobe Foor, Student Advisor Brooke Kilgore, and Parliamentarian Tyler Schlatter. The Paulding FFA would like to thank Robin Dobbelaere with Above and Beyond Catering, Hailey's Heavenly Sweets, and the Paulding High School Freshman and Sophomore Classes for serving the meal. It was a wonderful night and we look forward to what next year will bring.

discus 107-7 in recording a first-place finish for the Lions.

For New Haven, Ashyla Marshall captured the 100 dash in 13.11 seconds while the Bulldogs also won the 400 relay in 43.83 seconds. New Haven took first in the 800 relay with a time of 1:49.41 while Trishelle Ganaway leaped 16-7-1/2 to win the long jump.

Heritage's Abby Zelt had a toss of 35-5-3/4 in recording a first-place finish in the shot put.

EARLY START PROPELS PATRIOTS TO WIN OVER CADETS

Heritage scored twice in each of the first two innings and the Patriots made them stand up in a 5-3 high school baseball win over Concordia Monday night.

After the Patriots jumped in front 4-0, the Cadets plated single runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings while Heritage added one in the fourth to set the final at 5-3 in the five-inning contest.

Noah Redmon pitched one inning in relief to get the win, giving up one hit, one earned run and one walk with one strikeout. Leroy Lepper, Jackson Bearman and Tyler Redmon also saw time on the

ground for the Patriots.

Max Cohen took the loss for the Cadets, throwing all five frames surrendering nine hits, five earned runs and three walks with two strikeouts.

Tyler Redmon recorded three hits and Barry Lomow added two hits for the Patri-

ots with Payton Fields scoring twice. Dalton Wasson, Jackson Bearman, Leroy Lepper and Payton Fields also had hits for Heritage.

Reese Anderson, Sam Brunow and Max Cohen picked up the hits for Concordia.

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TRINE STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY



New members inducted into the Trine University chapter of the Delta Mu Delta business honor society on April 5: front, from left, Maximo Pelaez, Kaitlin Rathbun, Ingrid Rosales Perez, Holly Gainsford, Melissa Noel, Laurel Podgorski; back, Christopher Moehlenkamp, Gavin Swift, Ben Sears, Evan Mohr and Noah Johnson.

Trine University welcomed 21 students into the Delta Mu Delta business honor society during a ceremony on Tuesday, April 5.

Delta Mu Delta is an inter-

national honor society that recognizes academic excellence in business administration programs at institutions accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools

and Programs.

Evan Mohr of Payne; Holly Gaisford of Antwerp join the conversation, #TrineU.

MEMBER-OWNERS VOTE TO PASS NVEC CODE CHANGES, MORE THAN 800 VOTES CAST

Nearly 380 member-own-



ers and guests attended North Western Electric Cooperative's (NVEC) drive-through annual meeting at their Bryan office Saturday morning, April



9, from 9 am to noon. Member-owners registered and voted to approve 2021's annual meeting minutes and two proposed changes to the cooperative's Code of Regulations. Many guests brought pets along for the ride (be sure to check out NVEC's Facebook

page for photos).

In accordance with NVEC's Code of Regulations, member-owners could also vote online from March 21 through April 8, 2022, at noon. A total of 536 votes were submitted by those who could not attend the meeting but utilized voting through their secure online SmartHub account.

All member-owners who participated in their annual meeting (either by attending the drive-thru or casting their ballot online) will receive a \$20 bill credit on their May electric bill (the one received at the end of April that is due May 10).

In District 3, no petitions were received to run for the board; Trustee Kim Shoup was re-elected by affirmation. In District 7, no petitions were received so Richard Polter was also re-elected by affirmation. The full NVEC Board of Trustees can be viewed online at www.nvec.com/board-trustees

Prior to the drive-thru meeting, each NVEC member-owner was sent an Annual Meeting packet on March 2, containing the following documents:

- Official Notice of Meeting

- Official Ballot Form
- Proposed Changes to the Code of Regulations
- NVEC 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Approved Changes to the Code of Regulations

Article III, Meeting of Members

- Organized the order of business at NVEC's Annual Meeting. Allowed for hybrid format versus large in-person meetings when necessary.

Article IV, Board of Trustees

- Expanded the nepotism policy for board members to include close relatives and former employees of less than three years - including employees of NW Ohio Propane. It also added that trustees could not be convicted felons.

- Removed nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Jeff Woodbury and Keith Stark were member-owner representatives present to oversee the collection of the ballots during the drive-thru meeting and counting the votes following the meeting.

The 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes were also accepted by the membership.

To find NVEC's cooperative documents, including the complete Code of Regulations and 2021 Annual Report, visit www.nvec.com/cooperative-documents. Call NVEC at 419-636-5051 for more information.

North Western Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric utility serving nearly 5,900 members in Williams, Defiance, Henry and Paulding counties. To learn more about the cooperative and its programs and services, please visit www.nvec.com.

SCHLACHERS DRIVEN TO SUCCEED

The youth of today are balancing between innovation and tradition which has helped them create their own pathways forward and harvest their entrepreneurial spirits. This is true of local entrepreneur, Ethan Schlachter. Ethan, a 2018 graduate of Ayersville High School, is currently a student at The University of Toledo majoring in electrical engineering... and a successful business owner. While Ethan was still a senior in high school, he purchased his first residential home and created ELS Ventures, LLC.

Great Support System

Hard work and perseverance could be used to describe Ethan and his brothers Logan

and Tyson, although they give a lot of the credit to their support system, specifically their parents Brad and Trisha Schlachter. "My parents are very supportive of our endeavors, provide a wealth of knowledge and have guided my brothers and me along the way," Ethan said of his parents. "The number of hours our dad has spent helping us renovate our properties is incredible. While having his own business ventures outside of his day job, he has consistently sacrificed evenings and weekends since we started buying houses to help us out" he adds. Although his mom doesn't typically help with the renovating, she still plays an important role in their success. "Our mom is the glue of our family. From doing little things like mailing our Menards rebates for us, to helping us clean up our houses once we are done working on them, and everything in between, her impact is huge" Ethan says.

Ethan also credits his roommates, girlfriend, and family friends because he believes it takes a village to accomplish his business goals. He specifically wanted to



mention the following people and companies who have helped him with his houses: Dave Delano, Steve Hoffman, Phillips Home Improvement, Scott Seigman, Rich Gamby, Rensi Dirt Works, Valerio's Roofing, United Heating & Air Conditioning, Kelly Baume, and Carpet Mart. "They are all honest, hard-working people that have treated me great" he says.

How it All Started

When Ethan turned 18, he



purchased his first rental home with money he had earned mowing lawns and the financial backing of his parents. After he had made improvements to the property and found a tenant, Ethan was able to use that first property as collateral for his next rental home purchase. He recently sold the last house he completed with the help of Cari Kost, owner of Go Giver Real Estate. "Cari was awesome to work with. I'd highly recommend her for your real estate needs" he mentioned. Ethan now owns several rental homes with minimal debt and has since paid back his parents' initial investment with interest.

With the housing shortage throughout the country including here in Defiance County, it is amazing to see this type of initiative from community members. Ethan added that he believes "it is truly a win-win situation. We've been able to purchase properties that need work at a fair price, renovate and repair them, and then provide people the opportunity to rent and live in Defiance." Ethan and his younger brother (who also owns rental homes) work on the homes themselves rely-

The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

ing on their support system for guidance. One thing Ethan did mention was to not be afraid to try something new and shared about how many times he started and failed during this process. It was very interesting to hear that this was a driving factor for his business and that he saw each failure as a learning experience to grow which "wasn't really a failure" after all. Ethan said, "Each house has presented its own unique problem which I've had to find a solution for. I enjoy the challenges I'm faced with as they give me the chance to learn something new and improve my skills."

The Future is Bright for the Schlachters

Mr. Schlachter is quite the ambitious young man. He is currently working with Marathon Petroleum Corporation through a co-op program traveling the country gaining experience while earning his engineering degree at UT. Ethan spends the week at school and spends his weekends working on his properties. The future is bright for Ethan as he focuses on what comes next with his engineering career, but his passion for rental houses and real estate continues. "I thoroughly enjoy it. I don't think I would be able to devote as much time as I do to it or have come this far if I didn't truly love it" he added. Jokingly, Ethan said he might need to buy his girlfriend a ring before he buys another house.

The business spirit also runs in the family with Ethan's younger brothers, Logan and

Tyson. Logan is a sophomore at the University of Toledo, dual majoring in electrical and computer science engineering. He also owns rental homes. Tyson is a junior in high school who runs a successful lawn care service. Their grandfathers had their own businesses, one being an excavation company and the other being a used car dealership. Their dad has invested in real estate since he was in college. "My brothers and I were lucky to have successful business owners to look up to and learn from growing up. Since we saw family members have success as entrepreneurs firsthand, I think naturally we always believed we could find a way to have some as well"

Starting a new business can be intimidating but also be fulfilling. Personally, I noticed Ethan was very driven and had a great work ethic which are good qualities to have as an entrepreneur.

Although he believes a college degree is worth pursuing for certain careers, he wanted the young people of today to know that you can be successful without going to college. "College isn't for everyone.

Some of the most successful people I know either went to a trade school, started their own business, or went to work right out of high school" he stated. The best advice Ethan had for future business owners was to not be afraid to try something new and fail, find people that you can trust and rely on, and follow your passion.

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne ,

(Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp ,

(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)

Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)

Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)

Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

For Questions Call : 419-399-3630

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PAULDING ELEM. MARCH MINDSET MARVELS



Paulding Elementary March 2022 Mindset Marvels are Front Row: Emma Steingass, Chloe Gonzales, Liam Jones, Molly Eckhart, Sam Vance, Trent Reinhart, Keatyn Manz. Middle Row: Jack Pennington, Averie Kline, Ryan Lin, Rya Wirts, Bristyl Stoller, Allison Donaldson, Zayla Ross. Back Row: Brittany Slattman, Qenton, Jackman, Kenny Paffley, Makenna Adams, Grayson VanVlerah, Sam Verfaillie, Elias Walker. Not Pictured: Avri Schroeder

GROVER HILL ELEM. ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill Student of the Month are Front L-R Gabe Schlatter, Gabriella Walters, Emberlee Sinn, Brynlee Maenle, Gentry Tucker, Zoie Rogers, Griffin Miller, Dexter Adkins, Mimi Hitttle, Gracynn Combs, Gracelynn Shelton and Lucas Wilcox. Back Ian Scarberry, Tylar Herman, Grayson LaBounty, Journey Jackson, Drew McClure, Aubrie Stoller, Brooke Stoller, Kenzie Ogle, Abbie Williams, Maxton Williamson, Karsyn Troth and Blake Santo.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic
Disposition
Leviticus W. Boggs Jr., Defiance, OH; Possession of marijuana, 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; 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; OVI/under influence, Guilty, Defendant appeared in court wit Ms. Karn, Report to jail 4/9/22 @8 am for 1 day, EMHA removed today, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, Shall repay EMHA fees in the amount of \$306; Failure to reinstate, Count B dismissed

Shanice D. Davis, Cleveland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kevin T. Lehmkuhl, Spencerville, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course
Matthew Straley, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Robert M. Weible, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jessica R. Vanvalkenburg, Cecil, OH; Failure to reinstate, Case dismissed at defendant's costs; Pay costs by 4/29/22; Left turn McDonalds, Count B dismissed
Jerin R. Parker, Kokomo, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Glenn H. Troth, Paulding, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Estil L. Hatfield, Oakwood, OH; 12 point suspension; Case dismissed at defendant's cost
William J. Harper, Fishers, IN; Following too close; Defendant appeared in court; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs
Mathaniel L. Muncy, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Shane M. Smith, Wixcom, MI; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defen-

dant
Lisa M. Sherer, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Robert C. Bartram, Fostoria, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Macheo L. Wells Jr, Indianapolis, IN; Physical control; Defendant appeared with Mr. Lee; Pled guilty; May attend DIP in lieu of jail days; Fines and costs to be taken from bond
Jeremy L. Lindeman, Paulding, OH; Criminal trespassing; Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, No contact with victims or property; Unauthorized use, Guilty, Defendant to pay all costs, Maintain general good behavior
Matthew D. Campbell, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Rebecca A. Elkins, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY
 Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (16) persons on Thursday, April 14, 2022.
Katelyn K. Pittsley (12/15/91), Defiance, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5; Operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them, OVI M1
Clifford E. Bard (1/16/71), Paulding, OH; Nonsupport of dependant, F5
Natalie Genero (1/9/83), Unknown address, Nonsupport of dependants, F5
Aaron J. Longwell (8/15/89), Paulding, OH; Nonsupport of dependant, F5
Wade Hansen (8/30/69), Paulding, OH; Nonsupport of dependant, F5
Amanda Leah Diaz (5/31/80), Defiance, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F3
Melinda Gonzales (9/5/84), Unknown address; Failure to appear as required by recognizance, F4
Kristie Marie Scott (11/24/86), Springfield, OH; Identity Fraud, F5
Troy A. Rupp, (10/26/72), Defiance, OH; Nonsupport of dependant, F5
Loren W. Hancock (3/15/60), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5
Dana M. Treesh (8/7/82), Latty, OH; Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F3; Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F3; Aggravated possession of drugs, F2
Samantha J. Stahl (1/12/80), Unknown address; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5
Bailey Lynn Ripke (7/18/97), Oakwood, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5
Brandon T. Ruffing (6/30/88), Antwerp, OH; Trespass in a habitation when a person is present or likely to be present, F4; Petty theft, M1
Zachary A. Fisher (10/4/97), Cecil, OH; Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F4; Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F4
Ashley N. Grond (5/10/86), Bryan, OH; Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F4; Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F4

SINN'S NO-HITTER LIFTS WT OVER OG; MILLER GETS WIN IN GAME TWO FOR RAIDERS'

Tianna Sinn struck out 11 and pitched a no-hitter to lead the Wayne Trace junior varsity softball team over Ottawa Glandorf 18-1 in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday in Putnam County.

The Lady Raiders jumped out to a 6-1 lead after one inning and never looked back, expanding the margin to 8-1 after two and 9-1 at the end of three frames. Wayne Trace then put up eight runs in the fourth to widen the advantage to 17-1 before wrapping up the contest with a single run in the fifth.

Brenna Parker had two hits for Wayne Trace with Sinn, Kassidy Lewis and Anna Miller all having one hit.

In the second game, Miller tossed the complete game with a nine strikeout effort as Wayne Trace cruised to a 25-12 victory.

Miller and Sinn both had three hits for the red, white and blue while Allison Noggle and Parker recorded a pair of hits each. Noggle and Tianna Sinn scored four times apiece while Storm Tracy, Lewis and Miller touched home plate three times apiece.

RAIDERS STAY TIED ATOP GMC STANDINGS

Wayne Trace stayed tied atop the Green Meadows Conference baseball standings Thursday night with a slim 1-0 win over host Ayersville.

The Raiders got a second inning run and made that stand up as the red, white and blue improved to 8-1 overall and 2-0 in the league. Wayne Trace is tied atop with fellow Paulding County schools Antwerp and Paulding along with Tinora.

The game's only run was ignited by a Cooper Wenzlick walk followed by a sacrifice bunt from Allen

Minck. Kyle Forrer then picked up the game's lone run batted in with a single that plated Wenzlick to put the Raiders on top.

Minck made that run stand up for the win, giving up only three hits and one walk while striking out six for Wayne Trace to get the win on the mound.

Blake Hauenstein was the tough-luck loser for Ayersville, surrendering two hits, one earned run and three walks in six innings of work while fanning six.

Weston McGuire had a single and a double for the Pilots, who fall to 2-5 in all games and 1-2 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Cale Winans paced Wayne Trace with a single and a double.

WT OPENS GMC PLAY WITH WIN

Wayne Trace started the Green Meadows Conference season with a victory after defeating Hicksville 11-0 Tuesday night.

Wayne Trace scored once in the first for all the Raiders would need but added six more in the second and three in the third. The red, white and blue chipped in one more run in the fourth.

Paige Alber finished the night with two singles and three runs batted in for Wayne Trace with Kaitlin Slade posting two doubles and four runs batted in while scoring once. Laura Thornell added two singles, two runs scored and a run batted in with Tatum Tigner singling once while driving in one and scoring twice.

Ava Zartman also singled and scored twice with Logen Bland adding a run-scoring single. Macy Doster touched home plate twice and Allison Schilt scored once for the Lady Raiders, who improve to 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the Green Meadows Conference. Alivia Miller also contributed a single, a run scored and a run batted in.

Allie Nelson and Leah Seitz had the lone two singles for Hicksville.

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CHOW LINE: GROW YOUR OWN VEGGIES EVEN WITHOUT ACCESS TO A GARDEN



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I'd like to grow my own fruits and vegetables so that I can increase my access to fresh, healthy foods. But I live in an apartment and don't have access to a garden or patio. Any tips on what I can do?

First, I want to commend you on seeking innovative ways to add more produce to your diet by choosing to grow your own vegetables.

And even though you don't have access to a plot of land or space in a garden to plant vegetables, you can still grow your own produce indoors using home hydroponics.

In fact, home hydroponics is one of the hottest ways for you to grow your own fresh vegetables and herbs indoors, says Tim McDermott, an educator with Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

McDermott, who runs the Growing Franklin food production blog, demonstrates how to grow tomatoes, lettuce, basil, and other healthy, tasty garden produce inside your home, during a recent episode of "Extension Today," a production project done in partnership with NBC4

WCMH-TV. The weekly segment offers stories about gardening, cooking, and other tips, and resources for improving Ohioans' gardens, lives, families, and local communities.

Hydroponics is a form of controlled environment agriculture that allows growers to control all the inputs that are required to plant, grow, and produce fruits and vegetables, McDermott explains.

That includes controlling the lighting with LED light panels, feeding the plants through the circulation of nutrients within the water that is used to irrigate them, and using a timer on the plants' lighting to simulate the amount of light that is needed similar to what the plants would experience outdoors during spring or summer, he said.

"The key to successful produce growing through hydroponics is to have the right equipment to enable success," McDermott says. "That includes a grow light, nutrient solution, and rockwool cubes to start your seedlings in."

"The nice thing about growing using some hydroponic units is that you are giving the exact amount of nutrition with the exact amount of irrigation, so lettuce seedlings, for example, can mature into large, edible heads of lettuce in a much faster time than they would do growing outside."

Chow Line is a service of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and its outreach and research arms, Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. Send questions to Chow Line writer Tracy Turner, 364 W. Lane Ave., Suite B120, Columbus, OH 43201.

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BULLDOGS NIP ARCHERS IN EXTRAS

The Antwerp softball team opened Green Meadows Conference action in Williams County on Tuesday night where the host Edgerton Bulldogs rallied in the bottom of the eighth for a 6-5 victory over the blue and white.

Antwerp struck first, scoring twice in the top of the first, before Edgerton cut the deficit in half with a single run in the home half of the second.

The Bulldogs then took the lead in the third, plating four runs to seize a 5-2 advantage.

After the Archers scored twice in the sixth to get within 5-4, the blue and white added another run in the seventh to tie the contest at 5-5 entering extra innings.

Following the top half of the eighth that saw Antwerp go scoreless, the Bulldogs wrapped up the game with a rally for a score in the bottom of the frame to seal the 6-5 victory.

Ashlyn Slesman walked to start the inning before Noelle Ritter reached on an Antwerp error. Ella Miller executed a bunt single to load the bases with Holly Stark then singling to score Slesman with the winning run.

Corinne Cape led the way for Edgerton with a grand slam home run while Ella Miller singled twice and Ashlyn Slesman doubled. Holly Stark and Casey Everetts both singled as well for the Bulldogs.

Astianna Coppes singled twice and tripled with Ali Reinhart recording two singles for the Archers. Kennedy Trabel, Caydence Shull, Meagan Pendergrast, Emma Townley and Caroline Rohrs also finished with singles for Antwerp.

Slesman got the win on the mound for Edgerton, tossing the eight-inning complete game scattering ten hits and three walks while striking out three.

Lydia Krouse suffered the

loss for Antwerp, pitching 4-2/3 innings giving up two walks and striking out four.

LADY RAIDERS HOLD OFF PILOTS

It was a struggle for a while but Wayne Trace eventually pulled away for a 6-2 win over host Ayersville in Green Meadows Conference softball action Thursday night at the home of the Pilots.

Each team scored once in the first inning before the Lady Raiders jumped in front with a two-run fifth, seizing a 3-1 advantage.

The host Pilots cut the deficit in half in the bottom of the sixth to close within 3-2 but Wayne Trace responded with a three-run seventh to put the game away.

Kaitlin Slade had a single and a double for the Lady Raiders with a pair of runs batted in and scored once. Tatum Tigner added two singles and scored once for the red, white and blue while Macy Doster touched home plate twice.

Paige Alber and Ava Zartman added singles for the Raiders with Katie Anna Baumle and Alber scoring once each as well.

Rylee Barnett posted a pair of singles and drove in a run for Ayersville with Alyssa Burke singling and scoring. Taylor Waldron added a single and a run batted in for the Lady Pilots while Chelsie Porter and Hailey Johnson recorded the other Ayersville hits.

Johnson took the loss for Ayersville, tossing 6-1/3 innings giving up six hits, six runs (one earned) and three walks with eight strikeouts.

Logen Bland got the win for Wayne Trace, tossing the complete game allowing six hits, two earned runs and a pair of walks with eight strikeouts.

COMPLETE EFFORT LEADS RAIDERS TO SOLID WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - In its last warm up before hitting the

conference portion of their schedule the Wayne Trace baseball team played host to Ottawa Glandorf. Played last Monday the Raiders posted a 5-3 win to move their record to 6-1.

With the score even at one run a piece the Raiders managed three runs in the third frame to give them a little breathing room down the stretch. In the decisive third inning the Raiders started things off with Tucker Antoine being hit by a pitch and Cale Winans grounding out but advancing Tucker to second base. Kyle Slade secured a walk to put runners on first and second. Sophomore Cooper Wenzlick provided a needed hit; smacking a double to right-center, scoring Tucker while moving to third. Following a walk by Allen Minck, Kyle Forrer delivered a single driving in Slade and Wenzlick. The Raiders were up 4-1 after three innings of play.

"Our kids competed tonight. They responded and we were at our best when we needed to. I feel like tonight was our most complete game so far this season. We certainly have room for improvement but our offense, defense and pitching in all three phases; our offense, defense (no errors) and pitching, collectively won the game for us," commented Head Coach Ryne Jerome.

The Raiders held a slim 4-3 advantage when a hit-by-pitch turned into a run for the red, white, and blue. adding another run in the sixth inning. Lane Morehead was hit by a pitch allowing Breven Anderson to bunt him over to second, The Raiders scored when Winans drilled a double to left field scoring Morehead.

Tyler Davis got the win on 5 2/3 innings of work. The junior gave up three hits while striking out three and walking two. Coming up with the save was Nate Maag who allowed one hit while striking out three and walking one one 1 1/2 innings on the mound.

"Our pitching was very good. Tyler's pitches kept them off balance and when Ottawa-Glandorf managed to connect with the ball it was usually a weak hit to our infield. Our pitching was on target as well as our defense allowing limited opportunity for them to score," said Coach Jerome.

STORK PITCHES PANTHERS PAST PIRATES

Riley Stork limited Continental to four hits and struck

Sudoku solution from page 9

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

out six as Paulding cruised to a 25-5 win over the host Lady Pirates in high school softball action Monday night.

The maroon and white took control of the contest with a 13-run first inning and cruised the rest of the way. Paulding added two more runs in the second for a 15-0 advantage before Continental posted a single run in the bottom of the second.

After the Lady Panthers scored three times in the top of the third, the Pirates plated two in the home portion the frame to get within 18-3. Paulding then scored four times in the top of the fourth and produced three more in the top of the fifth. The Pirates finished off the game with a two-run bottom of the fifth to set the final at 25-5.

Stork got the win on the mound for Paulding, scattering four hits and three walks while striking out six in the five-inning, complete-game effort.

Brooklynn Bakle had a single, double and two home runs to lead the Panther offense while driving in six runs. Alivya Bakle and Jalyne Klopfenstein each had three hits for the maroon and white while Stork and Eternity Bassler both posted two hits. Alivya Bakle picked up five runs batted in.

Maci Kauser, Jocelyn Parrett, Alivya Bakle, Klopfenstein, Stork and Brooklynn Bakle each scored three times for Paulding.

Tori Searfoss posted a triple with two runs scored for Continental and Alli Scott recorded a triple and two runs batted in.

PART-TIME HELP

Part-time help needed for cemetery mowing and Township maintenance work in Payne, Ohio. Experience preferred.

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PAULDING THEATER TO BE DEMOED BY LAND BANK



Lou Ann Wannemacher, PC Treasurer; Greg White, Mayor of Paulding; Mark Holtsberry, PC Commissioner; Tim Copsey, PCED director; Christina Deehr, MVPO; and Diana Savage, Beilharz Architects

Tim Copsey of the Paulding County Economic Development announced the acquisition of the decrepit buildings, including the old Paulding movie Theater during a Press Conference held on Thursday, April 14, 2022. The Conference took place in front of the buildings being discussed.

The last showing from the theater was back in the 1980's that was built in 1893 as an Opera House. A fire in the

early 1940's at the theater heavily damaged the structure, but it was remodeled and reopened. The last film showing took place in the latter half of the 1980's.

Paulding County Area Foundation will be accepting funds to help with the project. Contact the Foundation office and speak with PCAF director, Lisa McClure, for more information on this.

Both buildings will be deconstructed and the hope of

the Land Bank is to provide new life for this part of the Paulding Village.

See the full press conference video here: <https://youtu.be/bkTsOfQDvuw>

FRIENDS OF THE PAULDING PARK DISTRICT CLEAN UP DAY

Park Clean Up day will take place at Cecil Bridge and New Rochester on Saturday, April 23, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Meet at New Rochester and come when you can and stay as long as you like. Lunch will be provided. Free T-shirts for participants. Bring work gloves and hand tools. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Paulding Park District.

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS

The Paulding County Area Foundation is comprised of donors who are committed to making Paulding County a wonderful place to live. The Foundation takes pride in its ability to continue the work they started in 1985, by helping put charitable dollars to work addressing issues that are important to the communities of Paulding County. The December 2021 grant cycle gifted money to the following

nine organizations in Paulding County.

- The Grover Hill Fire & EMS Department received \$5,000 to assist with the purchase of a Genesis S49-SLE rescue spreader which many people identify as the "Jaws of Life".

- \$8,772 was granted to MY102.7 to equip the studio for live broadcasting. This equipment also helped create the ability for emergency announcements and alerts to be made to the community.

- United Way of Paulding County was awarded \$7,500 to help support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This program provides a free book each month to children enrolled in the program who live in Paulding County.

- The Paulding County Opportunity Center received \$1,000 to support the GOAL program which encourages all students to reach their highest potential and become actively engaged and productive members of their community.

- \$1,200 was granted to Friends of the Paulding County Parks to purchase playground equipment for New Rochester Park.

- Oakwood Library Association was awarded \$4,800 for the replacement of the carpet in the library's community room. This room is utilized for various library activities, as well as being available for community use.

- \$2,500 was granted to the Paulding Soccer Club to purchase goals, nets, painting equipment and trash cans for the soccer complex at the Leila Jeffery McGuire Park.

- Holly Beach Splash Pad received \$5,000 to aid their efforts in creating a sustainable, eco-friendly Splash Pad for children of all ages, adults, and individuals with physical and developmental disabilities.

- The Black Swamp Conservatory was awarded \$1,000 to continue their work on the watershed to the Maumee River in Paulding County (Forders Bridge).

Grant applications can be found at www.pauldingcountypcafoundation.com, or you can pick one up in the office at 101 E. Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879.

NSCC RECEIVES \$83,000 GRANT FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVER STUDENT AID

Northwest State Community College received a grant from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) in the amount of \$83,278 for the Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program. A total of 30 schools shared in the \$2.5 million initial round of funding. The ODHE announced a total of \$5 million in funding is available through the program over the next two years, with a second round of funding forthcoming later this year.

Per the confirmation letter dated April 1, 2022 from Chancellor Randy Gardner at the ODHE, the grant provides "critical financial aid to in-state students who complete a CDL program and agree to reside and be employed in Ohio for a minimum of one year upon completion. Students who earn a CDL with this award will help strengthen and grow this in-demand occupation and improve job growth for Ohio's commercial drivers."

NSCC President Dr. Todd

Hernandez remarked, "Northwest State is grateful to Governor DeWine, Chancellor Gardner and the state for this CDL program funding grant. Truck drivers help keep America rolling by providing timely, safe and efficient deliveries across the country. As the need for qualified truck drivers continues to increase, Northwest State is ready to serve those interested individuals who are looking to enter this exciting career path."

The grant funding will provide students with a combination of grants and loans to cover the full cost of the program, and the loan part is forgiven after the student is employed by an Ohio-based company for 12 months. Northwest State Community College currently offers CDL training classes for local companies and individuals throughout the region. The CDL Training Center, powered by Custom Training Solutions (CTS), is a five-week program designed to generate safety-conscious drivers, while providing more than the necessary skills and training for individuals to pass a CDL driver's license exam. For more information on the CDL program, please visit NorthwestState.edu/cdl or call 419.267.1332 today.

BUTTERFLY RELEASE AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Shown here while releasing our butterflies outside is PreK student, Darius Ash.

Ann's Bright Beginnings recently ordered tiny little caterpillars from California. We watched them grow and grow and GROW until they formed a chrysalis. Then, we got to see them emerge as beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. The children were amazed and awed to witness this miracle from beginning to end.

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Over 850 saplings from 15 different species of trees are to be distributed, with a limit of two per person. Area cleanups and plantings are also planned for the following weekends. Paulding County participants are invited to showcase their environmental efforts.

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• Tree Giveaway

Saturday, April 23, 10-12
• Paulding County Park District - Cleanup

Saturday, April 30, 9-12
• Cleanup & Tree Plantings

Please feel free to contact Bob West at r.west@holcim.com or (419) 670-4953 for additional details.

