

42nd ANNUAL P.A.S.S. BASKETBALL MARATHON MAKES SUCCESSFUL RETURN



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This past Easter weekend brought the long-awaited return of the P.A.S.S. Paulding Area Support Society's "playing ball for those who can't" basketball marathon. This is the first time since COVID precautions caused the cancellation in the Spring of 2020. While the participants

were lower this year at 76 teams, we were very satisfied with the results after such a long layoff. The 42nd Marathon is projected to raise over \$3,800.00 for the P.A.S.S. Society. This year marked the first time in the last 22-years that Jim Hooker the "marathon's founding father" had attended the marathon since moving to

Arizona. Jim brought the idea for the Basketball Marathon charity event home from his time at Bowling Green University and served as the chairman & co-chairman for the first 19 years. Jim returned to salute two other chairman & co-chairman that this year's 42nd Basketball Marathon was dedicated in the memory

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MR. & MRS. MICHAEL CULLER CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Culler, of Antwerp, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Michael Culler and Jonne Stout were married on April 29th, 1972, at the United Methodist Church, Antwerp, Ohio with the Reverend Charles Bradford officiating.

The couple have three children: Becky Keys, Antwerp, Rachel (Bill) Beckman, Paulding, and John (Debbie) Culler,

Defiance. They have nine grandchildren: Payton, Katelyn, and Luke Beckman, Jonah Keys, and Keely, Brady, Reese, Kensley, and Crew Culler.

WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING DATE SET

Woodburn Community Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, April 27, 2022,

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

April 26

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

April 28

• How Does Your Garden Grow? @ PC Ext. Office, 9a, registration required

April 29

• CoRP Annual Wine Tasting @ Paulding Eagles, 7pm

April 30

• Paulding 2022 Earth Days @ LaFarge, 9a-12p

• Woodburn Lions Club donuts @ Harlan Park shelter, 7-11a

• Clean Up Day @ ACC

May 1

• Free Meals @ Cecil Comm Church, after 11am service

• IDPA Pistol Shoot, ACC, 1p

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It has been a blessing and honor to serve as your judge for the past five years. I am seeking the office for a second term because I love what I do, ensuring that the most vulnerable members of our community are cared for and helping families realize that bright futures are within their grasp.

I respectfully ask you for your vote in the Republican primary on MAY 3RD.



OBITUARIES



HARLAN, IN:
Matthew David Thomas, 50, of Harlan, Indiana passed away at home surrounded by his family on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.



PAULDING, OH:
Ruth Ann Williams, age 82, passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Vancrest of Payne.

Ruth was born on September 9, 1939 in Latty, OH to the late John and Thelma (Phillips) Mines. She worked in manufacturing for Stoller Honey in Latty, OH for 22 years. Ruth was also a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding.

Ruth is survived by her three sons: Braden Williams, Toledo, OH; Tommy Williams, Toledo, OH; Brent (Sara) Williams, Paulding, OH; three grandchildren: Emily Williams, Jordan Williams, and Abby Williams.

Ruth is also preceded in death by her brother, Justice "Leroy" Mines and sister, Evelyn Goings.

Services will be held 11:00 A.M. on Friday, April 29, 2022 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Burial will be in Middle Creek Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Washington Township.

Visitation will be 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made in Ruth's name to: EverHeart Hospice, 1350 N Broadway St., Greenville, OH 45331 or Vancrest of Payne, 650 N Main St., Payne, OH 45880.

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



PAULDING, OH:
Violet Ruth Riggbach, age 93, passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the Laurels of Defiance Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Violet was born on February 23, 1929 in Paulding County, OH to the late Virgil and Katie (Wilder) Guingrich. On

VVHS LIVING LITERATURE PRESENTATIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Van Wert High School would like to invite community members to experience the Living Literature presentations on Monday, May 16 in VWHS room 102. Juniors in Mrs. Wilhelm's English 11 class have been studying various works of literature, and the culminating event is a 3-D experience representing a scene from one of the literary works they analyzed this year.

Student groups select a scene from a work of literature

they studied and create backdrops, bring in props, and create a "living" scene. Ranging from poetry to drama to short stories, some of the Living Literature scenes could be depicted from several literary works including "Casey at Bat", Hamlet, or "A Rose for Emily".

The Living Literature presentations will be available for viewing from 8:05-8:30, 8:55-9:18, 11:05-11:30, and 2-2:20.

November 21, 1947, she married Vernellas "Vern" Riggbach, who preceded her in death on June 5, 2008. Violet spent her life creating a loving home for her family and she was a charter member of Paulding Church of Christ.

Violet is survived by two sons: Jerry (Pam) Riggbach, Paulding, OH and Tom (Carol) Riggbach, Martinez, GA; two daughters: Shirley (Mike) Graham, Hudson Oaks, TX and Natalie (Dan) Garrick, Danbury, CT; siblings: Mildred Green, Phoenix, AZ; Lorene Zuber, Celina, OH; Patricia Anselman, Celina, OH; Ralph (Karen) Guingrich, Portland, IN; Roger (Charlene) Guingrich, Celina, OH; Dale (Mary Ann) Guingrich, Celina, OH; 14 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Violet is also preceded in death by her son, Rex Riggbach; daughters, Teresa Cottrell and Rita Fahrlander; grandson, Brett Riggbach; siblings: Eilene Ziegler, Valeria Baron, and Earl Guingrich.

Funeral service will be held 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Paulding Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Friday, April 29, 2022 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 9:00 A.M. until time of services on Saturday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made in Violet's name to Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services, P.O. Box 471, Valparaiso, IN 46384.

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

4-H PROJECT GREEN TEACHER GOES HYBRID IN 2022

4-H Project Green Teacher, a school gardening series for educators, Master Gardener Volunteers, and others interested in school gardening, will return to The Ohio State University Columbus campus June 6-10.

The series is designed for those who would like to use gardening as a context for learning with youth, meet resource personnel, and boost their confidence as a garden educator while also providing an opportunity to network with others who are interested in school gardening.

"Research has shown that gardening with youth has significant impacts including higher test scores, increased love of learning, better nutri-

tion, and teamwork skills," said Sue Hogan, Ohio 4-H youth development educator with OSU Ext Franklin County.

The Extension-sponsored series will be hybrid this year, and participants can partake either virtually for \$25, or in person for \$40. Master Gardener Volunteers will enjoy a reduced registration of \$10 for either virtual or in-person attendance.

The in-person location will be at the Kunz-Brundige Franklin County Extension Building, 2548 Carmack Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

The program will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, depending upon attendance option. Online participant sessions will end at 2:15 p.m., while in-person participants will take part in daily outdoor activities at the Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Session topics will include:

- how to start a school garden.
- how to engage administrators, colleagues, the community, etc.
- understanding soils.
- site selection.
- behavior management.
- bees and native pollinators.
- season extension.
- hydroponics and aquaponics.
- integrated pest management.
- plant health.
- chickens.
- celebrating the harvest.
- farm-to-school connections.
- evaluating your school garden.

Presenters will come from a variety of backgrounds and will include classroom teachers and OSU Extension personnel. The series will culminate with a 4-H Project Green Teacher certificate and the opportunity to earn up to 20 contact hours depending on attendance.

"Come join others who are engaged in the school garden movement by becoming a Project Green Teacher," Hogan said. "Help us to make school gardening a solid part of the culture in Ohio."

Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 1. For more information, visit go.osu.edu/pgtsu22 or contact Sue Hogan at hogan.239@osu.edu.

Scripture of the Week

"To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ."

— Colossians 1:27-28

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2022 at the following locations:

Auglaize Township - Auglaize Fire House at SR 637 & RD 169; **Benton Township (Payne Village) and Harrison Township (Payne Village)** - Payne Legion Hall, 229 N. Main Street, Payne; **Brown Township** - Oakwood Fire & EMS Station, 201 N Sixth Street, Oakwood; **Crane Township and Cecil Village, Antwerp Village and Carryall Township** - Divine Mercy Fellowship Hall, 303 W Daggett Street, Antwerp; **Jackson Township & Broughton Village** - Township House at RD 126 & RD 131; **Emerald Township, Paulding Township (Latty Village), Paulding Village 1, Paulding Village 2 and Paulding Village 3** - Paulding Co. Extension Building, 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding; **Blue Creek Township, Latty Township and Grover Hill Village, and Washington Township** - Wayne Trace HS, for this primary election only, follow the signage on the north side of the building to a designated classroom, 4915 US 127, Haviland.

For the purpose of nominating for the following offices:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Auditor of State; Secretary of State; Treasurer of State; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (FTC 1/1/2023); Justice of the Supreme Court (FTC 1/1/2023); Justice of the Supreme Court (FTC 1/2/2023); Judge of the Court of Appeals (3rd District) FTC 2/9/2023); U.S. Senate; U.S. Congress (5th District); Judge of the Court of Appeals (3rd District) FTC 2/11/2023); County Commissioner (FTC 1/1/2023); County Commissioner (UTE 1/2/2025); County Auditor; Court of Common Pleas (General Division) FTC 1/1/2023; Court of Common Pleas (Probate & Juvenile) FTC 2/9/2023; and determining the following questions or issues:

Issue 1: Paulding Township and Latty Village (12/1 & 12/2 both splits unincorporated) AND

Paulding Village 2 (14/2 - unincorporated): current expenses, replacement, 2.1 mills, continuing period of time (CPT), commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023;

Issue 2: Paulding Township & Latty Village (12/3 - Latty Village): general con-

struction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of street, replacement, 5 mills, 5 years, 2022-2026

Issue 3: Paulding Township & Latty Village (12/3 - Latty Village): fire protection and emergency medical services, replacement and increase, 0.5 mill and increase of 0.25 mill, 5 years, 2022-2026

The polls for the election will open at 6:30 a.m., and remain open until 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Should you have any questions, you may contact the Paulding County Board of Elections at 105 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879, telephone number: (419) 399-8230. The remaining hours for in person absent voting hours with voting being held at the Board of Elections Office are April 25-29: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 30: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 1: 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Monday, May 2: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. After 2:00 p.m. you will vote on Election Day, May 3rd at your polling location. Election Day hours: 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The last day the office may mail a ballot is Saturday, April 30 at 12:00 Noon. An application requesting the mail ballot must be completed first. The office will process the application upon receipt and then the ballot will be mailed to the voter. Please include contact information on your application should the office need to contact you due to an insufficiency. The USPS recommends to allow 3-5 days for mail delivery. Please don't delay if you wish to have your ballot mailed to you.

Office email address: paulding@ohiosos.gov. Office website: boe.ohio.gov/Paulding. You may review your sample ballot on the office website.

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THE OUT HOUSE

Penny For Your Thoughts By: Nancy Whitaker

Believe it or not, some of us remember the old outhouses or as some say "privy." Yes, I remember going to one and when we had to brave the cold weather to "Go." Sometimes bees or wasps would make a nest in ours and you had to be careful not to sit on one.

Prehistoric man did not have outhouses as they didn't care much about privacy. They would go behind a bush and relieve themselves or dig a hole and go in it.

It is said that approximately 15 centuries before Christ, the Old Testament in the book of Deuteronomy 23: 12 -13 says this,

"Designate a place outside the camp where you can go relieve yourself. It goes on to say in your encampment have something to dig with, dig a hole and cover up your excrement." I did not look up this scripture but found it in an article while researching outhouses.

It seems as if years ago around Halloween time, that a lot of outhouses were tipped over as a prank. Sometimes someone would be in the little building and had a hard time getting out of a tipped over John.

One Halloween, my grandma, who had 2 sons, was thanking God that her boys were home safe that Halloween night, and not getting into mischief. Ha! What granny didn't know was her 2 innocent boys had snuck out of the house and had helped turn over several outhouses in the neighborhood.

Grandma was surprised when the police came knocking on the door and it seems as if someone had spied her boys pushing over a outhouse. I am sure those 2 got a whooping and never tried that trick again.

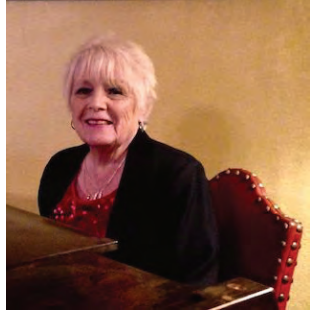
Some people liked to decorate their privy's. They would paint the outside and wall paper the inside. Always nearby was some corn cobs or a Sears catalogue as no one splurged and bought toilet paper at that time.

But it was in about 1878 that toilet paper was invented. At first it was sold in sheets instead of rolls. Who

is credited with the creation of toilet paper? The Scott Company and until this day are producing paper products.

One interesting thing about outhouses was that Eleanor Roosevelt during her husband's administration helped get people back to work through the WPA.

One project was to replace old outhouses with new ones and Mrs. Roosevelt sup-



ported this very much. Workmen could build an outhouse in 20 hours and even with cement floors it only cost \$5.

Of course, outhouse contents needed to be cleaned out. At one time during the early years, it took 2 guys to clean the outdoor toilets. One guy would shovel and the other would somehow get the contents into a cart. They were called gong farmers. (I remember them being called honey dippers) The job was not a desirable position because of accidents and the stench.

If you recall having an outhouse you will remember how many holes yours had; going up a snowy path to use it at 2 am; and the worst thing of all ...sitting on a wasp or a bee and getting stung.

There are not too many outhouses around anymore, but their use and stories they have to tell will always be remembered.

Did you have an outhouse? Did you have to go out in the cold to use it? Did you decorate your outhouse to make it more attractive?

Let me know and I will give you a Penny for your thoughts.

LEPC MEETS TO DISCUSS FLAT ROCK FESTIVAL; GRANTS; EMERGENCY PROJECTS

LEPC held its regular monthly meeting on April 20, 2022 at the Paulding County Health Department. There were thirteen people present at the meeting.

Guy Dasher brought a request into the meeting while representing Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. Dasher stated he would like to have better com-

ANTWERP VFW MAKES DONATION TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



Pictured is Marty Hunt VFW Post 5087 presenting a check for \$1000 to Sheriff Jason Landers. This money is to start a fund for a new K9 to replace anyone of our older dogs. The VFW will be challenging other groups to assist with this project.

munication between LEPC and FRCF. Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA Director, stated he is working on updating, with additions, the plans for the Fair and the FRCF. Sheriff Landers suggested having Dasher added to the LEPC board for the emergency planning of the festival. Landers made a motion to add Guy Dasher to the board. Bryce Steiner seconded it. Approved through vote.

Grants for old business was updated. The EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) has updated the annexes and the deadline is in May.

The mitigation project for outdoor sirens has had \$47,000 in grants applied for and applied for five in Antwerp, Cecil, Grover Hill, Paulding, and Oakwood. They have not been approved yet. Parts are hard to get for the current sirens. Haviland, Scott, Payne, Latty, Melrose, and Five span all have newer sirens.

The training facility is now getting utilized, including outside organizations that want to sign contracts to use, and some already are (Bryan, Vantage, Western Buckeye).

HAZMAT exercises are scheduled for May 9th, having a table top exercise. Cecil/ Crane TWP are going to have a vehicle accident training with various assessments for state accreditations.

The Mitigation Plan Grant has been approved for \$20,000. FEMA will pay for 16,000 and Paulding County will come up with the other 4,000 as a payment in kind. The contractor will be checking the current plans for the county and villages and adjusting this plan. Current concerns include water issues.

HMEP Grant is 2023 - 2025 for the amounts of \$22,300 for counties who are using funds for training. This is for various rail commodities being transported. This also includes highways such as US 127 and US 24. In the past there has been training for propane, anhydrous ammonia, and other dangerous chemicals.

Tier II Reporting has come to an end. A new agency has come on board for reporting with Mercer Landmark building their new facility. Michael Fry has compiled the data and will be at the meeting in July.

The solar eclipse is set to take place on April 8, 2024. Ed Bohn stated that one of the epicenters is in Forest, OH and the whole state is really pushing for this to be promoted. The state is telling him that Paulding County will see an uptick in visitors during this time.

Bohn said they are working on acquiring more Fire and EMS volunteers and retention of such. He was at the Career Showcase that PCED sponsored this past week and introduced himself to many high school students interested in the squads in their communities. Current volunteers are aging and younger people have not been able to fill the gaps.

Fred Pieper said they are having regular sessions for the Amateur Radio Club that keep people trained and up to date. They would like to set up in June for a Field Day training. They have a mobile trailer and received number 11 on a recent nationwide testing.

Fish and Chicken Dinner Fundraiser went well for the Paulding County Township Association.

Bill Edwards, PCHD Administrator, said COVID cases have gone down.

Mark Holtsberry, PC Commissioner, noted that budgets have ran out with the Office of Aging because due to fuel prices going up. Normally this budget lasts until August. Holtsberry said he was able to get \$11,000 to help with this.

Sheriff Landers said he is down a deputy and is looking for a highly qualified individual to fill this position. Landers said there was a TV show that filmed two murders from 2016. It was on the ID network - show called Murder Tapes, Episode: Body in the yard.

Roy Klopfenstein, PC Commissioner, stated that the McDonald Pike building is beginning occupation now.

The deadline for the West Bend News is Fridays at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

This statement is to correct a published mention concerning operations. 911 is not moving to that facility. This is an offsite communications facility. Julie said COVID is down and that section is moved at PCH, and at times has to go on diversion because of lack of staffing. People are working overtime, but they need more people. Buckeye Hearing has moved to another building on site.

Cooper Farms is concerned about the increase of Bird Flu. They would like to resurrect the committee. There will be a county meeting about this.

On May 18 Paulding County is hosting the regional NWOHio EMA Directors meeting with 18 counties being represented.

Bryce made a motion to adjourn. Jason seconded, and all approved.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER 4/27 - 4/29

4/27 - Tuna salad plate with lettuce & tomato, tropical fruit, broccoli salad, fruit snacks, crackers/dinner roll

4/28 - Pepper steak with white rice, Scandanavian blend, apple juice, tropical fruit, dinner roll

4/29 - Chicken penne pasta, broccoli, strawberry rhubarb crisp, grape juice, w.w. bread

EGGERSS STADIUM RENOVATIONS PROJECT UPDATES

Van Wert City Schools and the Eggerss Stadium Renovation Committee would like to share some updates that have been made to the Eggerss Stadium Renovations project since it was first announced in September 2021.

Garmann Miller has been selected as the board-approved architect that will be providing professional services related to planning, design, and construction for the proposed renovations. New renderings have been provided showing the proposed updates that will be made to Eggerss Stadium if the bond issue passes on May 3.

Renovations will begin as early as possible while preserving all future football seasons at Eggerss Stadium. All renovations will focus on three key components - safety and accessibility, expanded usability, and preservation of tradition.

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7:00 p.m. At the Woodburn Community Center (east side of town). If you live in the area

Preliminary plans include the following renovations:

- Concrete restoration of stadium infrastructure
- Widening aisles and adding handrails
- Replacing safety railings
- Handicap seating & accessibility in the stadium
- Artificial turf field
- New concession stand under the stadium
- New concession building with restrooms and storage in the south end zone
- New, larger restrooms for both men and women under the stadium
- New Cougar Pride Marching Band bleachers in the south end zone
- Expanded home side press box designed as a multi-purpose space
- Additional parking (150+ spots off Crawford Street)
- New Cougar Football locker room under the stadium
- Storage under the stadium
- Preservation of the Cougar Pride Wall

After a thorough analysis, the budget is estimated to be \$5 million, which will be funded primarily through a 20-year bond on the May 3 ballot. Interest rates cannot be secured until the issue passes, but at the time of publication, the annual cost for an individual owning a home with a \$100,000 taxable value is approximately \$40 per year.

VWCS Superintendent Mark Bagley will be presenting on the Eggerss Stadium renovations at several events in the coming weeks, sharing details of the proposed renovations. Community members are invited to attend any public event to listen to these presentations and ask questions so they are fully informed of the May 3 bond issue.

Wednesday, April 27 - VWCS Teacher Endowment Banquet

Thursday, April 28 - YMCA Silver Sneakers

Thursday, April 28 - Optimist Club weekly meeting

*Weekly on Friday mornings - various community breakfast clubs

For anyone wishing to host an informational session with Mr. Bagley, please contact him directly at m_bagley@vwcs.net or (419) 238-0648.

For more information regarding the Eggerss Stadium Renovations, please visit <http://www.vwcs.net/vwathletics/Content/eggerss-stadium-renovations>.

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MATT'S MISHAPS



I always enjoyed a hot, dusty, sunny ride on my grandpa's tractor as a kid

"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



When the horse is dead, dismount

Do you love your pets? My grandpa farmed and loved his shire work horses like pets. He farmed with no cab Ford tractors, but preferred to use his horses whenever he could. I tried to ride those wide shires as a kid. It was fun for a few moments, but I dismounted as soon as they were so uncomfortable as I did the splits to try to sit on them.

When we first moved overseas, we drove a tall height, short length station wagon type car that would look out of place on most roads in America. It was great for parking in tight spots and surely would have never passed USA safety laws as the third-row seats would have been a death trap in an accident. Our first decade went by and we were still driving that vehicle, but it began to break down at inopportune times. We kept driving it and repairing it. However, it got to the point, as the years went by, that we kept shortening our travel range as we didn't want it to break down somewhere we couldn't get help.

The most dramatic car breakdown occurred at high elevation in the mountains.

With no cell phone coverage, we had to wait for a forest ranger to eventually pass by, who then radioed back to civilization to send up a tow truck that took no short time to get to us. Thanks to those same lack of safety standards, the tow truck driver let us all squeeze onto his wide dusty front bench seat, and we and our car traveled down. After one more breakdown and no cost-effective way to repair it, we sold it.

Later that vehicle reminded me of what an older overseas worker that I knew had told me about projects, methods, equipment & programs - when the horse is dead, dismount. How often I had kept things going and nursed things along beyond their effectiveness and usefulness. Sometimes I learn a lesson early in life, only to learn it again later on in life, like when to dismount.

Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story! mattsmishaps@gmail.com; Matt's Mishaps, P.O. Box 114, Grabill, IN 46741.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
In Matthew 5:29-30 Jesus said to pluck out your eye and cut off your right hand. What did He mean?

His teaching here was on the horrors of hell. He taught in Luke 16 of the continual torment in flames, the inescapability, and the absence of even the slightest mercy. He taught in Mark 9:48 about the worms or maggots that do not die in hell. In Matthew 8:12 He told of the bottomless pit, inferring a continual falling.

No wonder it is not the will of a loving God that anyone would ever go to hell (II Peter 3:9). He proved His love for us and His seriousness concerning hell by dying for us to provide an escape through receiving Him by faith (Romans 5:8).

In Matthew 5:29-30 He was getting their attention by saying if a sinful habit of the eyes or hands would offend, or keep someone from getting saved, they would be better off without them.

Those who don't believe what Christ said about hell are calling Him, Who is the Truth, a liar (John 14:6). Multitudes of such folks have changed their minds the moment they experience the realities of hell.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

FIRST UM CHURCH REOPENING FOOD PANTRY

The Cooperative Ministries is a group of churches in the area that coordinate the Food Pantry and Bread & Bowl Meals that are housed at the First United Methodist Church on the corner of Jefferson Street and Central Avenue in Van Wert.

First United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Food Pantry will once again be open for guests to choose their groceries. We want to thank everyone for their patience and continued support through the pandemic! It has roughly been 2 1/2 years since we have allowed guests to come into the pantry and we are excited to be able to return to being a "Choice Pantry." Starting on Monday, May 2nd the food pantry will allow one guest at a time to come into the pantry and choose their food. Pantry volunteers will be there to help as needed. Check-in will continue to take place on the first floor inside the Central Avenue doors. If you would like to wear a mask, please feel free to do so. The FUMC Cooperative Ministries Food Pantry is open weekly Monday & Wednesday from 1-3pm and Friday from 10am -12pm. The pantry is open to all Van Wert County residents.

The Bread and Bowl is a warm meal that is served every Friday evening at 6pm. Each week the meal is served by a different church or community agency and since the pandemic it has been a carry-out only. Starting May 6th, the meal will be served in the basement. The doors will open at 4pm for guests to come and enjoy some fellowship. The meal will be served at 6pm. You may still choose to get carryout meals as well. Masks are optional. The Cooperative Ministries is a non-profit organization that solely relies on financial contributions from area churches, organizations, and individuals. If your church is not involved, we encourage you to join us in helping our friends and neighbors in Van Wert County. You may inquire or send donations to FUMC Cooperative Ministries at 113 W. Central Ave. Van Wert, OH 45891 or phone 419/238-0631 ext. 307 and ask for Teresa.

APRIL IS "SAFE DIGGING MONTH"

With Spring's warmer weather, homeowners and contractors across Ohio are anxious to begin their out-

door improvement projects. Once again, April has been designated "National Safe Digging Month," providing an opportunity to promote safe digging practices and the mandatory contacting of OHIO811, a minimum of 48 hours prior to commencing any excavation activities. Governor Mike DeWine has also issued a proclamation for the State of Ohio (attached).

"Statistics show that every six minutes across the nation, an underground utility line is damaged because someone decides to dig without first contacting their state's 811 notification center," said Roger Lipscomb, Executive Director of OHIO811. "Having the location of gas lines, electric facilities, fiber optic telecommunications cables, water and sewer infrastructure marked before you dig will help avoid unnecessary risks of serious injury, property damage, and costly utility repairs. Supported by our utility and excavation industry membership, OHIO811 is available by calling 8-1-1 or using our online utility locate request process at www.OHIO811.org."

According to a national survey by the Common Ground Alliance, some of the most popular planned outdoor projects cited among surveyed homeowners include: planting a tree or shrub, building a patio or deck, building a fence or installing a mailbox. Unfortunately, 42% of those homeowners surveyed, more than 50 million Americans, stated that they were unlikely to call 8-1-1 beforehand and by doing so, are placing themselves and their communities at grave risk. Knowing where gas, electric and other utilities cross your property will help protect your life, your property and your wallet. Please take just a few minutes to call 8-1-1 or visit www.OHIO811.org to start the safe excavation process.

Here are the main things to remember if you plan to dig:

1. Plan your outdoor digging projects in advance.
2. Ohio law requires that you call 8-1-1 or go online to OHIO811.org at least 48 hours and no more than ten days before you plan to dig. The call and online services are free. Providing an accurate address, general location and details of your project provides member utility companies with the information they need to mark their underground infrastructure.
3. Once your property has been marked with flags and / or colored paint, make sure to dig with extra care in and around the utility markings to prevent potentially harmful and costly utility damages from occurring.
4. Be cautious when you are removing soil. Utility lines can be damaged by shovels just as easily as with powered equipment. Where practical, use hand tools while digging within 18 inches of the outer edge of the underground utility line markings.
5. Pay close attention for any signs of a natural gas leak. If you smell something similar to rotten eggs, or hear hissing, whistling, or roaring, immediately leave the area and call 9-1-1. Take

PRO-LIFE SPEAKER VISITS LOCAL YOUTH GROUP



St. Michaels Catholic Church in Hicksville, OH was the recipient of a visit by Allison Stump from the Toledo Diocese Pro-Life Office.

Her Fact Filled presentation to the youth group and many adults focused primarily upon the dangers associated with chemically induced abortions, primarily to the

unborn baby but also to the mother.

Topics also included the January March for Life in Washington D.C. and the October 5th, 2022 Pro-Life Rally to be held in Columbus, OH.

This inaugural event will be held annually in forthcoming years.

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT SAVING MONEY!



Shown here with Miss Olivia are in back: Celeste Hollar, Holly Witkouski, Savannah Coil, Nathan Sizemore and Mylann Good. In front are: Sawyer Stoller, Colton Barajas, Cayden Barajas, and Wyatt Colley.

Miss Olivia from the Paulding branch of The State Bank and Trust Company stopped to visit our students recently at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool. We had colored pictures for a coloring contest for them and she brought prizes for the partici-

pants. Along with a sucker was a card showing them how to save money with a quarter attached! They were so excited! For more information on our awesome summer program (including trips to the town pool), give us a call at 419-399-KIDS (5437).

the same action if you see sparking or hear crackling or otherwise think you may have damaged an electric line.

6. If you accidentally damage any utility lines, call 8-1-1 along with any other appropriate entities.

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Christ Lutheran Church - Woodburn
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Arriving: 7:00 pm

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

Accident kills young Antwerp man. Daniel Boylan was born June 8, 1893 in Antwerp, Ohio. The son of William Nelson and Julia Ann (Rumbaugh) Boylan. William was born in Paulding County, August 25, 1861. Julia was born in Ohio March of 1859.

The couple married, August 25, 1886 in Paulding, Ohio. By 1900, the happy couple were the parents of four children, with Daniel being the youngest. Daniel, at the age of six, was at home along with brother Guy, while brother Earl and sister Clara were at school.

William was a farmer and the family lived in Crane Township. By 1910, the Boylan family added a daughter, Marie, born in 1902. Daniel quit school and was living on Perry Street in Antwerp. He was a laborer working on the family farm.

On June 5, 1917, Daniel, while working as a barber in Ft. Wayne for Charles Shultz, registered for the draft. This medium built, dark blue eyed, light brown haired fellow had plans to join the National Guard out of Paulding. He did so on July 28, 1917. Daniel became a member of

Company B. 2nd Infantry, Ohio National Guard. He remained there until October 4, 1917, where he was assigned to serve with the 11th Company, 3rd Training Battalion. He served until October 27, 1917.

He then he was assigned to serve with Company I. 145th Infantry. Daniel was promoted to Private 1st Class, January 25, 1918. Daniel was shipped out June 15, 1918 from Hoboken, New Jersey to serve in France. He set sail on the ship, "Leviathan", with the service number 1519613. Daniel was promoted to Corporal, July 12, 1918.

Daniel served in the Defensive Sector in France. On August 23, 1918, Daniel was killed by an accidental discharge of a hand grenade in Keravor, France. His father William was notified of his passing. Daniel was brought home and buried in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, in Lot 152 Old Block, Grave 1.

Daniel's mother, Julia, passed away in 1907 and his father William, passed away, February 27, 1933. Both are buried in Maumee Cemetery. This story does not end here, an American Legion Post 253 was formed in Antwerp and the post name, Cottrell.-Boylan.

...Until Next Time!

VWCT PRESENTS MAMMA MIA

Van Wert Civic Theatre ends their 2021-2022 season with the high-energy hit Mamma Mia! This enchanting, funny story that has become a sensation is told through the pop group ABBA's timeless hits and set in a magical Greek island paradise. VWCT began rehearsing Mamma Mia! in

March of 2020 only to have the pandemic put the entire production on hold. Director Chad Kraner, Music Director Dee Fisher, and Choreographer Kim Pollock remained hopeful and agreed to produce the show this season.

The all-star cast includes Nancy Shuffle (Donna), Debbie Briggs (Tanya), Stacy Rife (Rosie), Jen Buehrer (Sophie), John Shuffle (Sam), Adam Ries (Harry), Chad Kraner (Bill), and Seth Rollins (Sky). Haylee Bayman, Austin Carnahan, Josh England, Rachel Dettrow, and Ken Markward appear in supporting roles. The ensemble includes Burdette Bolenbaugh, Emily Gehle, Evan Joseph, Hannah Kraner, Janelle Moorman, Jan Miller, Terry Plas, Alyssa Taylor, Dale Terry, Courtney Wendel, and Rachel Wilson.

Mamma Mia! will play May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, and June 4 at 8 p.m. and May 8, 15, and June 5 at 2 p.m. The Box Office will open to the public on April 11. All tickets are \$16. Visit vwct.org to purchase tickets online, or call 419-238-9689 to leave a message. A volunteer will return your call in 24 hours to take payment and complete your reservation. Van Wert Civic Theatre is located at 118 South Race Street in Van Wert.

Attend a performance of Mamma Mia! to find out what shows will be produced next season. Also visit our website vwct.org to learn about our summer youth theatre opportunities. Disney The Little Mermaid Jr will be auditioning May 15 and 16, and Hey Diddle Diddle: The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon will be auditioning on June 19 and 20.

PCED HOSTS CAREER DAY SHOWCASE



Pictured here are Antwerp Juniors & Seniors conversing with representatives from Mercer Landmark at the PCED Career Day Showcase.

The Paulding County Economic Development office hosted a Career Day Showcase event this past week. The event, held at the Paulding County Fairgrounds, was the first in the county in three years. Businesses, colleges, not-for profit groups, and government offices displayed and highlighted their businesses to the junior and senior classes from all three Paulding County schools.

The event ran from 8am-12noon with students arriving at the top of each hour. The Vantage Career Center students from Antwerp, Paulding and Wayne Trace schools were invited to attend the first hour. Each school then brought their students on the hour for forty-five minutes. CHEP-C homeschool students and the public were invited to attend at any time.

Students were provided a "passport". The passports suggested a variety of questions to ask presenting businesses to help create conversation. Each student was invited to talk to a

minimum of five businesses and have the business sign their passport. Completed passports were entered into a drawing for two \$25 gift cards per school. The cards were sponsored by National Oil & Gas, Inc. They provide fuel to Marathon gas stations all over the county.

Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copsey noted, "The event far exceeded what we hoped to create and achieve today. The excitement of the businesses and colleges to get in front of the students again was a great positive, but to see the interaction of the students in front of the presenters today, for the first time in years, was worth all of the time and effort put into this event." Copsey continued, "The county Business Advisory Council meetings have provided interaction between the PCED office, county businesses, and school officials and certainly helped facilitate this event coming back. With our office going in and meeting with students a

couple times this year, to help prepare them for this event, it seemed to make the students more comfortable with us. The bridges that were built today between students and business leaders was truly impressive to watch."

This was the first event that the fairly new economic development office staff was able to host since taking their PCED positions. They noted their thankful appreciation for the help of Vicky Steele who has helped prepare this event for the PCED office in the past.

SUNDAY AM FIRE IN PAULDING



A Sunday morning fire broke out at the old Krick Glass Factory, according to Mayor Greg White, at 400 W Wall St near the Paulding Fire Department. The April 24 blaze destroyed the two structures on the lot, and Fire De-

partments from Paulding, Antwerp, Cecil and Payne all contributed to helping contain the fire. Crews were able to stop the fire from spreading and quickly get the fire under control. Unfortunately, the buildings are a complete loss.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF NORTHWEST STATE

Northwest State Community College has long been regarded as a top value in higher education, but the College sought to quantify its economic value through an official economic impact analysis. The College hired EMSI Burning Glass to conduct the study, and the findings below are from the November 2021 report.

In FY 2019-20, Northwest State added \$58.6 million in income to the NSCC service area economy (Williams, Fulton, Defiance,

Henry, Paulding and Van Wert Counties), a value approximately equal to 0.7% of the region's total gross regional product (GRP).

The study looked at two key analyses: Economic Impact and Investment Impact. Some highlights are shared below:

Economic Impact

• Operations Spending: NSCC employed 316 full-time and part-time faculty and staff, with payroll amounting to \$13.6 million, and another \$14.6 million on day-to-day expenses related to facilities, supplies and professional services. The net impact of the College's operations spending

added \$16.5 million in income to the regional economy in FY 2019-20.

• Student Spending: The expenditures of relocated and retained students in FY 2019-20 added \$1.6 million in income to the NSCC service area economy.

• Alumni Impact: Thousands of former NSCC students are employed in the NSCC service area, with a net impact of \$40.5 million in added income in FY 2019-20.

Investment Analysis

• Student Perspective: In return for students' investment in an NSCC education, they will receive \$117.5 million in increased earnings over their collective working lives. This translates to a return of \$3.30 in higher future earnings for every dollar students invest in their education. Students' average annual rate of return is 14.7%.

• Taxpayer Perspective: For every dollar of public money invested in NSCC, taxpayers will receive \$2.70 in return, over the course of students' working lives. The average annual rate of return for taxpayers is 8.3%.

• Social Perspective: In FY 2019-20, Ohio invested \$53.2 million to support NSCC. In turn, the Ohio economy will grow by \$388.5 million, over the course of students' working lives. For every dollar in-

vested in NSCC in FY 2019-20, people in Ohio will receive \$7.50 in return, for as long as NSCC's FY 2019-20 students remain active in the state workforce.

The entire economic impact study is available at NorthwestState.edu/media.

Additional information on Northwest State programming, including degree and certificate programs, as well as the "Bachelor's Bound" transfer pathway, is available online at NorthwestState.edu, or by calling NSCC Admissions at 419.267.1320.

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AquaBounty (Nasdaq: AQB), a land-based salmon producer innovating to enhance productivity and sustainability in aquaculture, celebrated breaking ground today on the construction of its first 10,000 metric ton Atlantic salmon farm in Pioneer, Ohio. AquaBounty was joined at the groundbreaking event by partners CRB, Innovasea, local and government officials, and key Ohio economic development leaders.

"We are pleased to have officially begun building our next-generation, highly productive facility in Pioneer, Ohio, which will serve as a model for the aquaculture industry and our continued expansion," said Sylvia Wulf, Chief Executive Officer of AquaBounty. "This milestone comes after many dedicated teams completed extensive scientific investigation, analysis, testing, modeling, and regulatory review. We also celebrate with the Village of Pioneer, Williams County, the Regional Growth Partnership, and the State of Ohio, which will benefit from the introduction of a new industry with new jobs and new opportunities in Northwest Ohio."

AquaBounty expects the project cost to be in the range of \$290 million to \$320 million, including a reserve for potential contingencies of \$30

million. The Company anticipates commercial stocking of salmon eggs to commence in late 2023. Once in full operation, the farm is expected to bring more than 100 new jobs to the region.

CRB, an international leader in sustainable engineering, architecture, construction, and consulting solutions to the food and beverage and life sciences industry, will lead the design and construction of the facility for AquaBounty. Innovasea, a global leader in technologically advanced aquatic solutions for aquaculture and fish tracking, is designing the Recirculating Aquaculture Systems ("RAS") technology for the new farm.

"AquaBounty's facility demonstrates the bold vision necessary to defeating food insecurity on a global scale," said Ryan Schroeder, President of CRB. "We are extremely humbled and grateful that our integrated ONEsolution approach is playing a key role in uniting that vision with execution methods designed to deliver projects on schedule, on budget and with high quality." "This is an important milestone in the advancement of aquaculture in the United States, and Innovasea is excited to lend our RAS expertise to the project," said Innovasea CEO David Kelly. "AquaBounty's state-of-

the-art facility will go a long way to proving that commercial land-based aquaculture can be scaled up and remain both profitable and sustainable."

"AquaBounty will establish its largest and most advanced facility here in Ohio," said J.P. Nauseef, president, and CEO of JobsOhio. "The farm will create more than 110 new jobs while attracting the next generation of food production technology to Williams County."

"As the global population increases, we are working to efficiently feed a hungry world with a sustainable source of nutritious food," said Wulf. "The RAS technology and overall facility design combined with the proximity to major markets will continue to generate a lower carbon footprint compared to flying salmon produced overseas, as well as ease pressure on wild salmon stocks, while using natural resources responsibly and sustainably."

AquaBounty offers a consistent supply of salmon raised in the U.S. in a safe, secure and sustainable way. AquaBounty strategically locates its farm facilities within easy reach of key U.S. markets to accelerate delivery of fresh and safe Atlantic salmon to consumers.

FARM INCOME ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM STUDIES ACCURACY OF AGRICULTURAL BASELINE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) long-term agricultural baseline projections give farmers, agribusinesses, and policymakers a 10-year look into the future of farming and global trade. Researchers at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) recently looked at the informativeness and accuracy of these projections, which many rely on when making business and government policy decisions.

The Farm Income Enhancement Program studied more than two decades of baseline projections and actual realized values of major agricultural indicators to determine the accuracy of the projections. Examples of indicators included commodity prices, yields, farm income, acres harvested, etc.

Their studies focused primarily on corn and soybean figures, two prevalent crops

in Ohio.

The results suggest that most of the baseline projections are informative for the future only up to four to five years. However, the report shows that some projections are quite accurate for an extended period. For example, corn and soybean yield projections are predicted accurately for nine to 10 years into the future. On the contrary, more volatile figures, such as projections for the price of corn or soybeans, are useful for the future only up to one to two years.

"The findings of our study inform both the users of the baselines and the agencies producing these projections," said Ani Katchova, Farm Income Enhancement Chair in Agricultural Policy, Trade and Marketing. "The tests of informativeness allow the market participants to use the projections for their decision-making reliably."

The baseline projections are used to estimate spending outlays for various Farm Bill programs. They are also used to shape the federal budget.

"As conversations about the next 2023 Farm Bill start, the baselines will play a role in shaping the discussion, particularly concerning the recovery from the pandemic," Katchova said. "Therefore, evaluating the accuracy and informativeness of the baselines is important for the users of these projections, and for future revisions of the models generating the baselines."

Katchova advises that the baseline projections are not the same as short-term forecasts. While short-term forecasts are widely affected by shocks to the market, the projections are created on specific assumptions.

"We foremost want to inform the stakeholders about using the projections as they are meant, as projections into the future based on conditional scenarios," Katchova said. The baselines provide a neutral conditional scenario, making them ideal for evaluating alternative policies.

Katchova hopes her team's findings allow farmers to use the baseline projections confidently as well.

"Farmers can feel good about putting more focus on the years to come by utilizing the projections," Katchova said. "For example, a farmer could determine what future crops to plant for many years based on the harvested acres and yield baseline projections."

Katchova's team, which includes PhD candidates Sidhartha Bora, Rabail Chandio, and Kexin Ding, hopes other economists are inspired to examine the baseline projections more closely.

"Despite their importance in shaping agricultural policy in the United States, the agricultural baselines are not rigorously evaluated in the literature. Our studies aim to fill this gap," Katchova said.

The researchers also put together recommendations and suggestions on how to improve the models and processes used to produce the projections.

The reports from the study are available to read and download on the Farm Income Enhancement Program website, aede.osu.edu/programs/farm-income-enhancement-program/publications.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Endorsements & Difficult choices.....

Dear Editor,

This is as much a letter about encouraging all of your registered voter readers to get out and vote in the Republican Primary this Tuesday, May 3rd as it is about my endorsing two individuals within Paulding County that are seeking the opportunity to either serve for the first time as Probate Judge or continue serving as a Paulding County Commissioner.

I know both Shane Lee and Mark Holtsberry well and when each asked me over the Easter holiday while in Ohio to endorse them, my first reaction was not to...only because I didn't want to get involved, but more truthfully, I didn't want to ruffle the feathers of those campaigning against them, but I decided I didn't like myself for being reluctant to take a stand and let my position become public knowledge, especially since I consider both of them as friends; Shane actually worked for me for a number of years while attending high school and college, a son of one of my closest friends in high school. He was among my very best of the best employees and that's saying a great

deal since I had nearly 80 young people in my employ throughout the years. Mark, not only a building contractor who my wife and I had do decking, fencing, pergola and gazebo work to our satisfaction many years ago there in Ohio but more significantly, year after year, and very unselfishly, give of his time to help with the officiating of countless basketball games at the 24 HR Charity Basketball Marathon during the past 42 years, benefiting the Paulding Area Support Society (P.A.S.S.). Throughout the years, the Basketball Marathon Committees have always been able to rely on Mark for his help.

And since I am no longer a citizen of Ohio and Paulding County, and unable to vote for them, all I can do is ask that you consider casting your vote for these two individuals who I know well and am convinced will certainly be hardworking, compassionate, honest and trustworthy while serving you to the best of their abilities in their respective offices.

Voting is your sacred right and responsibility and all of us must take both seriously.

Very respectfully,

—Jim Hooker, Republican

Paulding Co. Commissioner, 1989 thru 1992
Mesa, AZ (formerly Payne, OH)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reflections on Easter

Jaroslav Pelikan was a longtime Yale professor and renowned authority on Christian History. One of his students considered the teacher's most important words were spoken from his deathbed: "If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not - nothing else matters."

Pelican echoed Paul's conviction: "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is our faith." (1 Corinthians 15:14) The apostle made such a bold statement because he knew the resurrection was the pinnacle of God's redeeming work in human history. The promise of the resurrection wasn't only His assurance that Jesus would rise from the dead but His affirmation that broken lives, neighborhoods and relationships would also be brought back to life through Christ. If there is no resurrection, however, Paul knew that we were in deep trouble. If there is no resurrection, then death

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.

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and destruction win. But, of course, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (verse 20). Death loses and we have hope for eternal life. He conquered evil and death so that we can live bold and free. This changes everything!

What you believe matters and was reflected in how you celebrated Easter. What difference does it make to understand the expansive hope of Jesus' resurrection? Where do you need resurrection in your life?

The Son of God suffered, was crucified, died and buried, and He lay in the tomb for three days—until He walked out shining like the sun. In a culture in which history is erased or rewritten at will, the existence of an empty tomb matters. Why? Because if the tomb is empty—then anything is possible. Unveiling how God's plan for Christ's sacrifice is threaded throughout scripture, and shows why Christ's resurrection—impossible, unbelievable—means that nothing is too hard for our God. Ultimately, we must ask ourselves, Do you live every day of your life as if the tomb is empty—or as though Jesus is still buried in the tomb?

—Ric Michael Montpelier, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear West Bend News, I am writing in support of Judge Michael Wehrkamp's re-election to the Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Court. Judge Wehrkamp is a Paulding County native with empathy for our youth. He understands that strong fami-

lies are the building blocks of a strong community. While Judge Wehrkamp has been instrumental in the implementation of several successful programs, each case becomes personal for him and his care for the children is evident. Judge Wehrkamp's concern does not end with the immediate needs of the individual, but rather for their growth and future ability to contribute as a member of society.

As evidence of this care, Judge Wehrkamp has demonstrated, during his first term, that he has a heart for the youth and the vulnerable in the county. He started a Court Appointed Special Advocate Program to serve children who have experienced abuse and neglect, as well as a program to link youth with an adult mentor who can help teach life lessons and offer a consistent sounding board.

Judge Wehrkamp recognizes that it takes a team to have a positive impact and has partnered with others in the community to assist in his mission. For example, Judge Wehrkamp works with the Defiance Area Youth for Christ, where court-involved children, many of whom have no background of faith, have the opportunity of participating in a program called LIFT (Living in Frustrating Times).

In the past 5 years at the court, Judge Wehrkamp has put individuals and families first. With the programs he has built during that time, it is proof that he will continue to do so in the next 5 years as well. I will be supporting Judge Wehrkamp in the primary election on May 3, 2022.

Respectfully,
—Klint D. Manz
Paulding, Ohio 45879

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: ANTWERP CORNER CAFE



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for April is the Antwerp Corner Café. The owner is Alice Ford.

Alice has been a manager in the restaurant and hospitality business for over 20 years. This adventure is a chance for her to work for herself and her customers.



Situated at the southeast corner of SR 424 and SR 49, the building had been a long time Subway shop that ceased operations in 2019. It changed owners and opened up in May 2021 as Sub and Grub. Alice purchased the business in October of 2021 and renamed it the Antwerp Corner Café.

The Antwerp Corner Café is your destination in Antwerp, Ohio for breakfast and lunch. Food is available for dine-in or carryout. The café is best known for its Biscuits and Gravy. Breakfast also includes biscuit, bagels or English muffins. The egg, sausage, and cheese biscuits are something everyone must try. Pancakes, Breakfast Pita Pizza, hash browns, and omelets are a few other breakfast items on their menu. Breakfast is served until 2:00pm.

You can also build your own sub just like you used to in the old days. They have many of the same subs that will be familiar to you along with the toppings and condiments. If salads, wraps or soups are you favorite, they have these also. You can create your meal any way you

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want. What sets Antwerp Corner Café aside from others in the food industry is their sense of humor in their advertising, signage and conversation. It is important that the customer has a memorable dining experience. Customers return because of the welcoming staff, friendly service with more than one smile and good food.

The café also stocks various cheeses for you to take home. Tri-state Cheeses provide unique cheeses like Jalapeno Bacon, Habanero Muenster, Peppercorn Bacon and Muenster, Green Onion and Horseradish are a few of the other cheeses they offer along with deli meat, including ham, salami, chicken breast and pepperoni to name a few.

Recently they have added hot dogs and chili dogs, tacos (soft or crunchy), quesadillas, Walking Tacos, nachos, chicken wings and Pita pizza to their menu.



One funny anecdote about their business is that it is reported that sub dressings are messy: if you shake the mayonnaise upright you will wear it on your face. I wonder who this happened to? Alice and her staff are most passionate about providing a fresh product and a clean restaurant. Be creative in your order. You can decide how your meal is created.

PAULDING CHAMBER ADOPT-A-POLE BANNER PROGRAM



By: Erica Noggle

Downtown Paulding is looking a little more vibrant these days. The Paulding Chamber of Commerce's Adopt-A-Pole Banner program is now on full display. Last fall planning began to place banners on the twelve street poles that surround the Paulding County Courthouse. After months of planning and the support of twelve local business sponsors including Kiwanis Club of Paulding County, MetaLINK Technologies, Northwest State Community College, Defiance/

Paulding Consolidated Job and Family Services, Paulding County Area Foundation, Paulding County Hospital, Paulding Putnam Electric Coop, Shisler Insurance Agency, State Bank & Trust, Straley Realty & Auctioneers, Inc., The Union Bank Company, and Vantage Career Center Adult Education, the spring banners were put up right before Easter weekend. Each season the banners will be changed ensuring that the downtown continues looking beautiful all year round.

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ARCHERS GET OUT EARLY, HOLD ON LATE FOR WIN OVER PANTHERS



Paulding senior Alivia Bakle slides in safely to home after she earned three bases in the previous play! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Meagan Pendergrast, Antwerp sophomore, in left field gets the last out for the inning in this hit! More pictures at westbendnews.net

stop the rally there to hold on for the slim one-run victory.

Samantha Rigsby, Astianna Coppes and Kearstyn Pierce all had two hits for the Lady Archers with Pierce also driving in two runs. Rigsby and Coppes both scored one run while Pierce, Emerson Litzenberg, Kennedy Trabel and Lauren Schuller touched home plate once apiece.

Jocelynn Parrett, Alivya Bakle and Brooklynn Bakle all had a pair of hits for the Lady Panthers with Alivya Bakle and Brooklynn Bakle each scoring twice as well. Zoe Valle, Eternity Bassler, Maci Kauser, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Riley Stork and Katie Beckman picked up one hit apiece.

Kauser and Klopfenstein both drove in three runs for the maroon and white.

OMERUNS KEY TO RAIDERS COME BACK WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

It took an extra inning but the Raiders prevailed in comeback fashion to post a 9-8 Green Conference win to stay perfect in league play. With the win the Raiders stand at the top of the GMC along with Antwerp and Tinora -- all at 4-0.

In the deciding extra inning with the score even at eight runs apiece the Raiders didn't take long to score. Breven Anderson opened the inning with a single followed by a bunt single by Tucker Antoine to put runners on first and second with no outs. Cale Winans responded with a single to load the bases. The Raiders fourth batter in the inning, Kyle Slade, rapped a pop fly to deep center field that was

dropped by the Edgerton fielder. Anderson, standing on third, quickly made his way to home plate for the winning run.

While the Raiders came away with the win, it appeared they would be in trouble after the fifth inning. Both the fourth and fifth inning appeared disastrous for the red, white and blue after giving up six runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth.

"The fourth inning was certainly not a good inning for us. We walked three, gave up three hits and then committed four errors. Our lack of solid play led them (Edgerton) to multiple opportunities and they took advantage of our mistakes," said Head Coach Ryne Jerome.

Jerome went on to say, "When things started to unravel a bit in those two innings I didn't say a whole lot to the team. I never felt we were in trouble until after the fifth when they scored two runs and we came up scoreless. We were down 8-3 and it didn't look real positive for us but we managed to bounce back."

In the last three innings the Raiders responded with six runs while holding the Bulldogs scoreless. In the sixth frame Kyle Forrer started things off with a solo homerun to left field. The hit by Forrer helped spark the Raider comeback and woke the team up as the momentum started to swing back to the Raiders. Later in the inning Lane Morehead, known for his defensive play, went to the plate and smacked a homer to pull the Raiders to within three.

"I felt good heading into the seventh inning down just three and the top of the batting order ready to challenge their pitcher," said Jerome.

Antoine opened the seventh inning with a hard-hit single to third followed by a Winans walk. With two on and no outs Slade had the answer with a home run to score three runs and tie the score after trailing by five.

"I was really proud of the kids resiliency. We could have folded but didn't. The home runs energized us and gave us chance," said Jerome.

RAIDERS SWEEP NORTH CENTRAL ON SATURDAY

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Wayne Trace hosted North Central this past Saturday in a nonconference double header. The Raiders took the first game 6-3 and then took care of business in the second matchup 6-4 for the week-end sweep.

GAME 1: The Raiders took a 2-0 first inning lead and increased their margin to 5-0 after four innings of play. The Eagles managed to cut their deficit with two runs in the

WARRIORS & BULLDOGS TAKE THE MOUND AT PARKVIEW FIELD



The Bulldogs and the Warriors competed at Parkview Field on Tuesday evening. Carter Knoblauch seen here takes 2nd base with New Haven's second baseman indicating to hold up throwing the ball. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan Warrior Baseball stepped onto the mound at Parkview Field in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. They squared off against the New Haven Bulldogs. In this low scoring match up, the score was 0-0 through the 4th

inning. Warriors managed 2 runs in the bottom of the 5th, and then Bulldogs pull out a run at the top of the 7th. That wasn't enough awarding the win to the Warriors on this windy & chilly spring day. Final score: 2-1, Woodlan won.

fifth to trail 5-3 but would get no closer.

The winning pitcher for the Raiders was Tucker Antoine who worked six innings giving up four hits, three runs, two earned, two walks while striking out 10. Kyle Forrer pitched the final inning to record a save.

The Raiders scattered seven hits with Antoine producing a single and double; Cale Winans adding two singles, Kyle Forrer smacked a double that scored two runs; Wenzlick punched a single also producing two RBIs.

GAME 2: Wayne Trace trailed North Central 4-1 before the Raider bats caught fire in the fifth inning with five runs. Sophomore Kyle Forrer connected on a triple that scored three runs to rally the Raider troops. In the inning the red, white and blue managed five runs to regain the momentum and the lead 6-4.

The Eagles were blanked in their final two appearances at the plate and the Raiders prevailed in the come-from-behind win.

Hitters for the Raiders included Forrer with a single and the huge triple along with three RBIs; Tyle Davis, a junior for Coach Ryne Jerome's squad connected on two singles; Antoine doubled while Kyle Slade, Allen Minck and Lane Morehead each contributed a single for the Raider's eight hits.

Sophomore Breven Anderson got the win, pitching five innings and allowing five hits. Anderson allowed four runs, one earned, one walk and three strikeouts. Allen Minck got the save with two innings of work; allowing two hits, one walk and one strikeout.

With the win, their eighth in a row, the Raiders move their overall record to 12-1 while the Eagles stand at 8-5.

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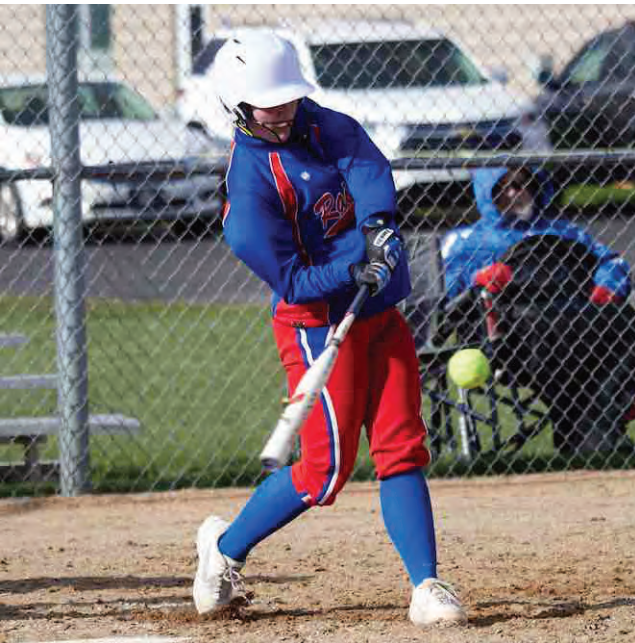
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RAIDERS STAY PERFECT IN GMC PLAY



Raider sophomore Kaitlin Slade picks up a double as she sends the ball to center field! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Fairview's Alyssa Merritt picks up the ground ball and throws it to first, getting the out. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Sometimes in basketball a team needs a bucket in the final seconds to secure the win and in the same way in softball a team may need a run in the last inning to get the win. For Wayne Trace, they did just that as the Lady Raiders eked out a 3-2 Green Meadows Conference win over Fairview.

Played at Raider field, the winning heroics came on a passed ball scoring Macy Doster in the bottom of the seventh. In the game-changing final inning the Apaches managed to advance a hitter to third base but a couple of ground outs followed by a huge strike out delivered by Logan Bland ended the threat of any runs and the score still knotted at 2-2.

After some solid defensive play by the Raiders in the top half of the seventh the red, white and blue responded quickly in the bottom half of the seventh. Doster led things off by connecting on an infield single followed by a Katlin Slade single to put runners on first and second. A passed ball advanced Doster to third with Slade moving on second. Katie Anna Baumle responded with a single to load the bases. With Alivia Miller at the plate, the senior took that first pitch that got past the catcher allowing Doster to scramble from third to home plate for the winning run.

With the crucial conference win the red, white, and

blue remain perfect in league action at 3-0 and a very respectable 9-2 overall. Joining the Raiders at the top of the standing is Tinora who also stands at 3-0.

After a scoreless first inning the Raiders managed to score first in the second stanza for a slim 1-0 lead. The inning started with a Paige Alber single followed by a Fairview error allowing Baumle to reach first and advancing Alber to second. A sacrifice bunt by Miller moved the runners up a base with Alber occupying third and Baumle second. Ava Zartman kept the Raider bats alive with a single - scoring Alber from third.

Fairview came back in the third inning to knot the score at 1-1 when Carrie Zeedyke crossed home plate on an Allison Rhodes single. With the score even the Apaches would find home plate again. Gracie Brown scored on a single to center-field by Paige Ricica.

Trailing 2-1 the raiders would strike back in the bottom of the fourth. Alber led off the inning with a single followed by a Miller single that advanced Alber's to third. With two outs the Raiders came up big with a Logan Brand hit that scored Alber's to even the score at 2-2 and setting up the seventh inning score and win.

Bland came up with the win, allowing three hits, walked three while striking out 10. Ricica worked 6 1/3 innings, scattering 11 hits, one walk and five strike outs.

BIG INNINGS LIFT PATRIOTS TO ROUT OF NORTH SIDE

Two separate five run innings and a nine-run outburst were more than enough for the Heritage Patriots in a 19-1 win over North Side in Friday night baseball action.

Noah Redmon had three hits to lead a 15-hit attack for the Patriots, who scored five times each in the second and third innings before plating nine runs in the fourth.

Jackson Bearman, Dalton White and Caleb Abbott all added two hits for Heritage with Hunter Miller, Andrew Mirelez, Leroy Lepper, Christian Hoffman, Austin Buuck and Dalton Wasson getting one hit apiece.

White also scored four times for the Patriots and Lepper added three runs scored. Barry Lomow, Wasson, Mirelez and Abbott

touched home plate twice apiece with Miller, Payton Fields, Kobe Meyer and Hoffman scoring once each.

Noah Redmon topped Heritage with four runs batted in with Wasson, Bearman, Mirelez and Abbott posting two RBI's apiece. Others with runs batted in were Buuck, Hoffman, White, Lepper and Miller.

Getting the win on the mound was Noah Redmon, who tossed four innings giving up one hit, an unearned and two walks while fanning four.

AFTER SHAKY START RAIDERS SETTLE IN FOR GMC WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

After a slow start the Wayne Trace Raiders settled down with solid pitching and timely hitting to defeat Hicksville 5-1. The win gives the red, white and blue a 7-1 overall mark and 1-0 in GMC play.

In the opening frame the visiting Aces managed to load the bases with no outs. With the opportunity to score multiple runs, Wayne Trace Head Coach Ryne Jerome stuck with his starter, Breven Anderson. After giving up a walk to the first hitter he faced, Anderson eventually took control of the contest and went the distance.

"We came out a little flat. Our energy level wasn't great at the beginning but we got some key plays in the first inning that got us out of an early jam," said Jerome.

Trailing 1-0, the Raiders bats came alive in the third and fourth innings. Lane Morehead occupied first base after being hit by a pitch to start things off. Morehead scooted to second on a wild pitch followed by a Cale Winans walk. With runners

DISTRICT ART SHOW AT WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL



The Wayne Trace Art Departments would like to invite you to attend this year's District Art Show on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from noon to 3pm. This year's juried show, which will feature over 500 works of art made by students in grades K-12, will be held in the junior high gymnasium.

Artwork will include a wide variety of drawings, paintings, sculpture, print-making and more, with awards being given for high merit and best in show. Please come and support our local talent and enjoy some refreshments at this free family event!

on first and second Kyle Slade singled, driving in Morehead to knot the score at one run each. With Winans on second, Cooper Wenzlick smacked a hard hitter towards the Hicksville second baseman who erred allowing Wenzlick to reach base while scoring Winans.

Holding a slim 2-1 margin the Raiders would light up the scoreboard three times in the fourth inning to increase their lead. Back-to-back walks by Allen Minck and Kyle Forrer ignited the Raiders offensively. With Minck on second, the senior successfully stole third when a Hicksville throw by its catcher went wild; sending Minck home.

Morehead came to the plate and responded with a triple, sending Forrer from second to home and giving the Raiders a little breathing room with a 4-1 lead. With

Morehead standing on third base, Anderson helped his cause with a squeeze bunt that brought Morehead home and ending the scoring with the Raiders in control 5-1.

Going the distance Anderson got the win allowing one run, striking out five and walking just one.

"I was proud of our effort. Anderson continued to battle, making pitches, and not allowing their batters many opportunities. I think tonight we showed that our experience and our veteran leadership rose to the occasion when needed. When Hicksville made a mistake we took advantage," commented Jerome.

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ARCHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER PANTHERS



Chase Clark cracks the ball over the outfield fence, hitting a white vehicle, earning himself a 3-run home run for the Archer senior! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Paulding Senior Sam Woods hits the ground ball, picked up by shortstop in the first inning. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp scored 16 runs over the first four innings and the Archers went on to record a 16-6 five-inning victory over Paulding Thursday night in Green Meadows Conference baseball action.

Chase Clark drove in seven runs to lead the blue and white attack, finishing with a pair of home runs while scoring three times as well.

Luke Krouse added two home runs as well, including a grand slam, and drove in six runs for the Archers while scoring twice.

Ethan Lichty topped the Archers with three hits in the contest while Parker Moore and Eli Reinhart both had two. Carson Altimus, Austin Lichty and Hunter Sproles picked up one hit apiece for Antwerp.

Moore and Reid Lichty scored three times each for the blue and white with Reinhart and Altimus touching home plate twice each. Ethan Lichty had two runs batted in for Antwerp.

Jacob Martinez posted two hits for Paulding with Sam

Woods, Ethan Foltz and Kane Jones getting one each. Sam Woods scored twice and drove in three runs for the Panthers as well.

Sproles picked up the win on the mound for Antwerp, throwing three innings with seven strikeouts while giving up four hits, three walks and five runs (two earned).

BIG OUTBURST PROPELS ARCHERS TO ROUT

Leading 6-2 in the third inning, the Antwerp baseball team plated 11 runs in the bottom of the third and went on to rout visiting Ayersville 17-2 in five-innings Tuesday evening.

The visiting Pilots scored a single run in each of the first and second innings but that is all the offense Ayersville would generate.

Antwerp answered with a three-run first followed by a three-run second before blowing the game wide open with the 11-run third inning.

Parker Moore struck out seven Ayersville hitters while giving up six hits, two runs (one earned) and one walk to pick up the victory.

Abe DeLano suffered the loss, posting two strikeouts and two walks while allowing ten hits in two innings of work.

Blake Hauenstein and Weston McGuire each recorded two singles for the Pilots with Tyler Winzeler and Abe DeLano adding a single each. DeLano and Winzeler scored the Ayersville runs.

Chase Clark had a single and a home run along with three runs batted in and one run scored for the Archers with Ethan Lichty getting two singles and driving in five runs while scoring once. Eli Reinhart chipped in a single and a home run to go along with three runs and three runs batted in.

Aiden Lichty posted a double for Antwerp with Hunter Sproles and Luke Krouse recording a single apiece. Parker Moore also totaled a single and two doubles while scoring twice and adding three runs batted in.

Reid Lichty, Carson Altimus and Sproles all scored twice for Antwerp while Aiden Lichty scored once. Krouse also touched home plate three times.

Sproles, Aiden Lichty and Reid Lichty all finished with one run batted in for the Archers.

LADY ARCHERS BLANK PILOTS FOR GMC WIN

Emerson Litzenberg tossed a three-hit shutout and the Antwerp Lady Archers improved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Green Meadows Conference with a 10-0 victory over visiting Ayersville Tuesday afternoon in high school softball play.

Litzenberg struck out six and walked three in picking up the five-inning, complete-game win for the blue and white.

Lauren Schuller ripped two singles and two doubles for Antwerp while Astianna Coppes added a single and a triple. Jillian Treece also posted two singles with Emma Townley hitting a home run for the Lady Archers.

Samantha Rigsby, Emerson Litzenberg, Ali Reinhart and Kennedy Trabel also chipped in singles for the blue and white.

Taylor Waldron, Rylee Barnett and Mikala Schindler each posted a single for Ayersville.

Hailey Johnson suffered the loss for the Lady Pilots, allowing six hits and two walks with four strikeouts in three innings of work.

CADETS HAND ARCHERS FIRST LOSS

A three-run fifth inning propelled the Hilltop Cadets to a 4-2 win over visiting Antwerp Friday night in high school baseball play in Williams County.

The Archer loss is the first of the season for the blue and white, who fall to 7-1 overall on the year.

Wade Wagner picked up the win for the Cadets, limiting Antwerp to seven hits while giving up only two unearned runs with a pair of strikeouts in six innings on the mound. Raace Haynes got the save for Hilltop, walking one in the final frame of work.

Antwerp took the early lead with a single run in the first before Hilltop answered with a run in the bottom of the second to know the game at 1-1.

After the Archers scored again in the top of the third for a 2-1 lead, neither team scored again until the bottom of the fifth when a three-run outburst by Hilltop set the stage for the 4-2 final.

Carson Altimus suffered the loss for the Archers, giving up two hits, three runs (one earned) and one walk while fanning two in three innings of relief. Reid Lichty started for Antwerp, surrendering one hit, one earned run and five walks with four strikeouts over three innings.

Chase Clark had a double and scored both Archer runs with Hunter Sproles adding two singles and a run batted in. Eli Reinhart, Reid Lichty and Aiden Lichty all aided the Antwerp cause with a single each and Altimus recorded a double.

Raace Haynes doubled for the Cadets with Zander Runkel and Devin Dempsey picking up a single each. Dempsey also drove in a pair of runs and scored once for Hilltop.

LADY PATRIOTS CRUISE TO VICTORY OVER BRAVES

Heritage opened a five-run lead and cruised the rest of the way to a 5-1 victory over Bellmont in non-league high school softball play Wednesday evening.

The Lady Patriots scored twice in the second before getting single runs in the third, fourth and sixth to take a 5-0 advantage. Bellmont's lone run came in the home half of the sixth inning.

Danica Fuller had two singles and a triple for Heritage while Shelby Schane chipped in a single and a double while each drove in a pair of runs.

Abriyah James, Ella Bickel, Lydia Schultz, Schane and Raelyn Mullins all scored for Heritage. Caylen Schane recorded the remaining run batted in for the Lady Patriots.

Ella Bickel, Grace Guenther, Claire Bickel, Schultz and Caylen Schane each picked up a single for Heritage.

Emily Bleke picked up two hits to lead Bellmont while Emma Mills, Rachel Bleke, Taylor Bauer and Sami Christen recorded a single apiece.

MINCK TOSSES ONE HITTER FOR GMC WIN



Wayne Trace's Tucker Antoine gambles and loses as Fairview's Brady Karzynow gets the out at home from a throw from centerfield. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Fairview got on the board first but it was all Wayne Trace after the first inning. Played at home last Tuesday the Raiders dominated the Apaches with a 9-1 win. Wayne Trace pitcher, Allen Minck, gave up only one hit allowing the visitors one run to take the early one-run lead but Minck managed to gather himself the rest of the way to complete the contest and the Raiders coming away with a convincing win.

"He (Minck) did a great job for us tonight. He settled in after the opening inning and was very sharp. Fairview likes to bunt and steal but Allen kept their hitters off balance. He was very efficient," said Raider Head Coach Ryne Jerome.

Still trailing 1-0 after three innings the Raiders came alive offensively with two runs in the fourth, four runs in the fifth followed by three additional runs in the sixth to put the game out of reach.

In the fourth frame, Kyle Forrer took matters into his own hands with a solo homer to knot the score at one run each. Tyler Davis followed with a single and a stolen base. With Davis on second, Breven Anderson walked to put two runners on. A wild pitch advanced Davis to third. Tucker Antoine responded - drilling a pop fly to deep center scoring Davis and putting the red, white and blue in front to stay at 2-1.

With two outs in the fifth inning the Raiders responded with all their runs. Cooper Wenzlick started things off with a single followed by a Forrer single and aa Davis walk to load the bases. Lane Morehead was hit by a pitch to advance Wenzlick home and the Raiders up 3-1. With bases still loaded, Anderson doubled, scoring all three base runners and the Raiders enjoying a 6-1 advantage.

"That was a huge inning for us. Having two outs and hitting our stride with four runs is pretty good. Anderson's double, scoring those three runs was a big hit for him. He's only a sophomore and he came through for the team. It was certainly a confidence builder for him," said Jerome.

In the sixth inning Cale Winans walked with Kyle Slade smacking a single to advance Winans. Wenzlick connected on a single, forcing Slade out at second but advancing Winans to third. With Wenzlick stealing second, Minck reached base on a shortstop error allowing Winans to score from third. Holding a 7-1 advantage, Davis connected for a single to drive in Wenzlick and Minch for the final runs of the contest.

Winning pitcher in the contest was Minck who went the distance. The senior allowed just one hit and one run (all in the first inning) while walking two and striking out 11.

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WARRIORS ROLL TO WIN OVER SNIDER PANTHERS



Freshman Alyssa Harvey hits the ball to centerfield. The ball is caught by the Snyder outfielder, and the runner on third scores for Alyssa to get the RBI. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Host Woodlan scored five times in the first and rolled the rest of the way to a 13-0 victory over Snider in girls non-league softball play Friday evening outside of Woodburn.

The Lady Warriors added three more in the third before wrapping up the victory with a five-run fourth.

Woodlan pitcher Abby Horn limited the Panthers to one hit in the contest and walked only two Snider hitters while striking out a dozen.

Alyssa Harvey had a single,

double and triple in the contest while driving in three runs. Adrienne Spieth add three singles and three runs batted in while also scoring once for the Warriors.

Avah Smith and Alivia Ulmer both had a pair of singles, scored twice and drove in a run each with Jade Lichty adding a single, three runs batted in and scored a run. Mya Jones and Libby Fisher both touched home plate twice for Woodlan with Austin Gaff and Briana Roney scoring once apiece.

PATRIOTS CRUISE PAST SAINTS

Heritage scored five times over the first two innings and the Patriots cruised from there to a 6-2 win over Bishop Dwenger in high school baseball action Tuesday night.

Heritage scored twice in the first and three more times in the second before picking up its final run in the seventh. Bishop Dwenger plated single runs in the first and sixth innings.

Morgan Andrews totaled three singles for the Patriots with Payton Fields and Jackson Bearman getting two hits each. Dalton Wasson, Tyler Redmon, Dalton White and Leroy Lepper had the remaining Patriot hits.

Bearman also scored twice for Heritage with Redmon driving in three runs.

Beau Jacquay ripped three singles for Bishop Dwenger and Jack Tippmann had two

hits.

Christian Hoffman got the win on the mound for Heritage, scattering ten hits while striking out two in six innings on the mound.

UNDERCLASSMEN LEAD PATRIOTS OVER COUGARS

Freshman Abriyah James and sophomore Grace Guenther each had two hits as the Heritage Lady Patriots recorded a 7-2 win over visiting Central Noble in Saturday softball play.

The host Patriots plated one run in the first and added three more in the third to take a quick 4-0 advantage. Central Noble answered with two runs in the sixth to cut the deficit in half but Heritage responded with three in the home half of the frame to seal the 7-2 win.

Freshman Danica Fuller also scored two runs for the Lady Patriots while Guenther

drove in three runs. Seniors Caylen Schane, Ella Bickel and Shelby Schane added one hit each as did Fuller.

Fuller picked up the victory for Heritage, pitching the complete game giving up four hits, two earned runs and a walk while fanning seven Cougar hitters.

WASSON'S HR LIFTS PATRIOTS OVER JIMTOWN

Heritage over came an early deficit with two late runs and then held off a Jimtown rally for an 8-7 win over the Jimmies in high school baseball action Saturday.

The Patriots jumped in front with two runs in the first but Jimtown answered with a three-spot in the second for a brief 3-2 lead.

After Heritage responded with two runs in the home half of the second, the Jimmies came right back to score twice in the top of the third for a 5-4 advantage.

For the third straight inning, the Patriots scored two runs in their at-bat for the third inning in seizing a 6-5 lead before Jimtown picked up a single run in the fourth to tie the game at 6-6.

Heritage broke that tie in the bottom of the sixth.

Barry Lomow singled to start the inning before Dalton Wasson followed with a two-run home run that put the Patriots on top 8-6.

Jimtown scored an unearned run in the top of the seventh and had a runner at third with two outs before Tyler Redmon got a Sam Garner fly out to end the game.

Wasson finished the contest with a double and a home run to go along with three runs scored and a trio of runs batted in. Payton Fields singled, scored and drove in a run while Leroy Lepper, Hunter Miller, Lomow and Caleb Abbott also singled.

Redmon got the win for Heritage, pitching three innings in relief giving up five hits and an unearned run while posting four strikeouts.

PATRIOTS ROLL TO WIN OVER VIKINGS

The Heritage baseball team scored ten runs in both the second and third innings as the Patriots rolled to a 24-1 win over Tippecanoe Valley Saturday in non-league baseball.

The Patriots opened the game with four runs in the opening inning before putting the game away with the back-to-back big innings.

Barry Lomow, Dalton White and Leroy Lepper all had two hits for Heritage while Dalton Wasson, Morgan Andrews, Jackson Bearman, Tyler Redmon, Austin Buuck, Noah Redmon, Christian Hoffman, Kobe Meyer, Caleb Abbott and Hunter Miller posted one each.

Lomow, Wasson and Hoffman scored three times apiece with Andrews, Tyler Redmon, Lepper and Meyer touching home plate twice each.

Bearman drove in three runs for the East Allen County School District squad. Lomow, Andrews, Tyler Redmon, White, Lepper, Hoffman and Abbott picked up two runs batted in as well.

Lepper recorded the win on the mound, tossing four frames with four strikeouts while allowing two walks, four hits and an earned run.

#WHYYOUMATTER AT VAN WERT MIDDLE SCHOOL



Van Wert Middle School is excited to be participating in the #WhyYouMatter project. Led by District Media Specialist, Mrs. Nellie Schmidt, and Library Assistant, Mrs. LeAnn German, the goal is to lift up and celebrate each student and staff member for his or her unique qualities.

"It's been a hard year and it's important to remember we all have meaning and purpose," Mrs. Schmidt stated. "I see the middle school as a family, and I want to build on that sense of community to help foster our students' self-esteem." Student and staff portraits are displayed

throughout the hallways at Van Wert Middle School.

This project was made possible by the generous donations made by Van Wert Middle School staff members, along with a grant provided by Paulding Putnam Electric's Operation Round Up.

HERITAGE ROLLS TO WIN OVER VAN WERT

Host Heritage broke open a close game with a five-run sixth as the Patriots pulled away from Van Wert for an 8-2 victory over the Cougars in an interstate non-league high school baseball contest.

The Patriots struck first in the contest with two runs in the home half of the first before the Cougars tied the game with a two-spot in the top of the second. After Heritage got a single run in the bottom of the second, the Indiana squad put the game away with five runs in the fifth to wrap up the 8-2 win.

Nobody had more than one hit in the contest with Ethan Rupert, Kaiden Bates and Briston Wise recording Van Wert's three hits. Picking up hits for the Patriots were Leroy Lepper, Morgan Andrews, Tyler Redmon, Jackson Bearman, Barry Lomow and Dalton Wasson.

Payton Fields scored twice for the Patriots while Lomow, Bearman, Andrews, White, Lepper and Andrew Mirelez all scored once. Andrews recorded two runs batted in for Heritage with Bearman and Redmon picking up one RBI apiece.

Damon McCracken and Brylen Parker both scored for Van Wert while Wise had the lone Cougar run batted in.

Wasson picked up the win for the Patriots, tossing five frames of three-hit ball while striking out eight and walking three. Boston Wise took the loss for the Cougars, surrendering six hits, eight runs (six earned), and five walks with one strikeout in 4-2/3 innings.

BULLDOGS RALLY TO NIP PANTHERS

Visiting Paulding got off to an early start but it was a late rally by host Edgerton that proved to be the difference in a 10-7 Bulldog victory in Green Meadows Conference softball action Tuesday night.

The Panthers opened the game with a five-run frame to seemingly take control but the Bulldogs didn't take long to respond.

After getting a single run in the bottom of the first, Edgerton answered with four more in the second inning to knot the game at 5-5.

In the third, each team

scored once to keep the contest tied before the Bulldogs took control with a two-run fifth to go on top 8-6. Edgerton then added two more runs in the sixth to extend the advantage to 10-6 before settling on the 10-7 win.

Casey Everetts paced the way for the Williams County squad, ripping a single and a home run to go along with three runs batted in and two runs scored. Corinne Cape added two singles and drove in a pair of runs with Noelle Ritter recording a double and a triple while scoring once and driving in one.

Lola Giesige, Ashlyn Slesman, Ella Miller and Grace Schroeder also had a single apiece for the Lady Bulldogs. Holly Stark finished with a single and a double while also scoring once and driving in one run.

Cape added two runs batted in while Slesman picked up a run batted in as well. Cape, Slesman and Schroeder all scored for Edgerton and Ella Miller touched home plate twice.

Maci Kauser picked up two singles and scored twice for Paulding with Katie Beckman hitting a single and a home run while driving in two and scoring once.

Also posting hits for Paulding were Alivya Bakle, Riley Stork, Eternity Bassler and Brooklynn Bakle.

Cape got the win on the mound for Edgerton, pitching 6-2/3 innings in relief giving up six hits and two runs (one

earned) while striking out seven.

Riley Stork suffered the loss for Paulding, allowing six hits and five runs (four earned) with three strikeouts in 2-1/3 frames.

SAUDER THROWS PERFECT GAME AT PATRIOTS

Ellie Sauder struck out 11 and tossed a perfect game to lead the Leo Lions to a 4-0 win over Heritage Thursday evening in high school softball action.

Sauder threw only 74 pitches overall on the night, with 55 of them being strikes. The Lions hurler threw first pitch strikes to 17 of 21 hitters she faced on the day.

Leo scored one run in the top of the first for all the runs the Lions would need on the night. However, the Lady Lions added two more runs in the visitors portion of the second and finished the scoring with a single run in the fifth.

Sydney Tackett, Leah May, Joslynn Peters, Lena Viggiano, Haylee Schott and Anna Woods all picked up one hit for the Lions.

Tackett, Peters, Sauder and Schott scored the Leo runs while Schott drove in two runs and May picked up one run batted in.

Danica Fuller took the loss for Heritage, throwing a complete game surrendering six hits, four runs (two earned) and a walk while striking out six.



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of Bill Price & Chad Cluts, following their recent passing. Jim Hooker then went on to present the current Basketball Marathon chairman Chad Benschneider with the "2022 Founders Award" for his leadership and dedication over the past 2-decades of being co-chairman and then chairman of the Marathon Committee.

The Basketball Marathon committee then proceeded to give out the traveling plaque to Nick & Kaleigh McClain who both serve an instrumental role on the Marathon committee. The team awards are listed below. If you were not present at the awards ceremony please call or text Chad at 419-769-4708 to receive your awards.

The Basketball Marathon needs some high school age committee members to be involved with coordinating with the schools and recruiting new teams, this looks very good on college applications. For those interested contact Chad at the number above.

MINI-TOTS:

1st place Divine Mercy School 46 points; 2nd Place Raintech Seamless Gutters 40 points; Sportsmanship: Dairy Queen

TOTS:

1st place Ben Kauser Excavating 53 points; 2nd place Ben Kauser Excavating 43 points; Sportsmanship The Dream Team

Mini-youth: 1st place Dealey Chemical 50 points; 2nd place Young Brothers Farms 49 points

YOUTH:

1st Place Hooker Enterprises 52 points; 2nd place K&K Mechanical Insulators 27 points

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1st The Eclectic Company 111 points; 2nd place Midwest Federal Credit Union 106 points; Sportsmanship Mercer Landmark; Sportsmanship Lippert Glass

MEN:

1st place - Briceton Sharpshooters (new all time record 200 points); 2nd place - Your Mom's Favorite Team 155 points; Sportsmanship - The Mangette Clan

PAULDING BAND BOOSTERS TO TAKE NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The Paulding Band Boosters Inc. will be holding nominations and election of officers for the upcoming school year at the next monthly meeting. The meeting will be held on May 3rd at 7:30 pm. in the high school band room. Please contact paulding-bands@gmail.com for more information.

BULLDOGS, WARRIORS TAKE TOP SPOTS

The New Haven Bulldogs captured the team championship at the Heritage Relays Friday night outside of Monroeville with local rival Woodlan coming in second place.

The Bulldogs totaled 92 points to win the meet over the Warriors, who finished as runner-ups with 79 points. DeKalb took third at 72 points followed by host Heritage with 71 and Belmont posted 55. Adams Central (34) and Blackhawk Christian (30) completed the field of schools.

Woodlan's Sam Henderson took first place in the 100 dash with a time of 11.23 seconds and New Haven's Aaron Hoffer captured the 110 hurdles in 16.63 seconds.

Other placers for the Bulldogs were Andrew Arnos (fifth, 1600 run), Latrevion Bates (second, 100 dash), Nick Myles (fourth, 100 dash),

Point scorers for Woodlan included Tyler Loucks (sixth, 1600 run), Bryson Art (fourth, 110 hurdles),

Mar Met Ra Fee (third, 100 dash), Derrick Bates (sixth, 110 hurdles),

In the 3200 relay, Heritage posted a second-place finish with Woodlan taking third and New Haven placed fifth. The Bulldogs won the 400 relay with a time of 44.66 seconds while the Warriors finished second and the Patriots placed third.

Heritage captured the 1600 relay, posting a time of 3:43.44 while Woodlan was third and New Haven took fourth. New Haven placed first in the 800 relay after running a time of 1:32.79 with Woodlan second and Heritage third.

The distance medley relay saw Heritage, New Haven and Woodlan take third, fourth and fifth, respectively, and the Bulldog 800 sprint medley relay was first in 1:38.93 while Heritage was second and Woodlan finished fourth.

Woodlan tied for third in the high jump with New Haven fourth and Heritage fifth. In the pole vault, the Patriots were second followed by Woodlan (third) and New Haven (fourth) with the Bulldogs winning the long jump in front of the Warriors (second) and Patriots (fifth).

Heritage was the top local finisher in the shot put, finishing third, while New Haven was fourth and Woodlan placed sixth. Woodlan (second), New Haven (third) and Heritage (fifth) also all placed in the discus.

PANTHERS RUN RULE WILDCATS

Paulding scored four times in the first and pulled away from there for an 11-1 win over host Delphos Jefferson in non-league baseball action Saturday.

The maroon and white added two runs in the sec-

ond before plating two more in the fourth to take an 8-0 advantage.

After the Wildcats got one run in the bottom of the fifth, the Panthers put the game away with a three-run sixth to set the 11-1 final.

Sam Woods led the way for Paulding, hitting a double and a home run while scoring twice and driving in two runs. He also got the win on the mound, throwing four innings allowing three hits and two walks with six strikeouts.

Ethan Foltz singled, scored twice and drove in three runs while Isaac Reeb posted a single and a double along with scoring a run. Larkin Yates doubled and scored twice for Paulding and Logan Tope also scored once and doubled. Wyatt Beckman added a single and drove in a run with Peyton Adams singling and scoring once.

Casey Agler and Jacob Martinez scored a run as well for the local squad.

Braylon Scalf singled and scored the lone Delphos Jefferson run with Karder Agner singling twice and driving in the lone run. Jacob Simmons added a double for the Wildcats while Cody Bailey, Eli Kill and Logan Gossett each singled once.

PANTHERS PULL AWAY FOR WIN OVER BULLDOGS

The Panthers of Paulding made the trip to Williams County Tuesday night for a high school baseball game at Edgerton where the maroon and white recorded a 10-1 victory over the Bulldogs in Green Meadows Conference action.

Jacob Martinez was dominant on the mound for Paulding, fanning nine Bulldog hitters while scattering one hit and three walks to record the victory. He also added two singles and scored a run at the plate for the Panthers.

Peyton Adams picked up two singles and drove in three runs for the maroon and white with Isaac Reeb singling and scoring twice.

Casey Agler, Logan Tope, Ethan Foltz, Kane Jones and Larkin Yates all added singles for Paulding. Johanns, Agler, Foltz and Jones each scored once for the Panthers with Yates touching home plate twice. Johanns, Tope, Foltz, Jones and Yates posted runs batted in as well.

Dylan Bass had the lone hit for Edgerton, a single, while Corey Everetts scored the only Bulldog run.

EAGLES BLANK PANTHERS

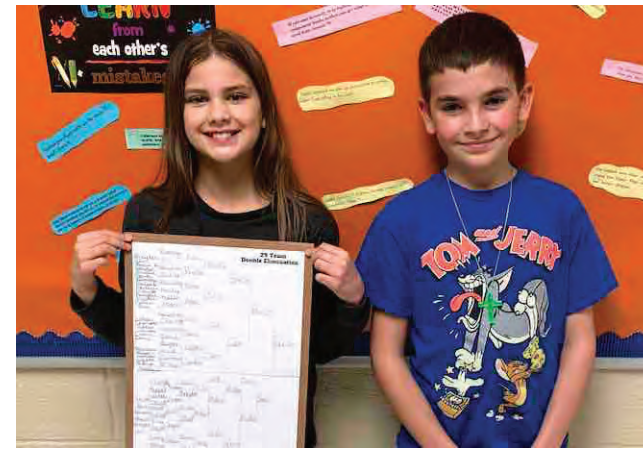
Paulding hit the road on Friday for a non-league baseball game outside of Findlay where host Liberty Benton cruised to a 10-0, five-inning win over the Panthers.

The Eagles scored twice in the first frame, providing all the runs the hosts would need, before adding three in the third and four in the fourth for a 9-0 advantage. Liberty Benton then picked up one more in the bottom of the fifth to close out the ten-run victory.

Jacob Martinez was the lone Panther batter to reach base, that coming via a walk.

Ashton Crawford got the

WOODLAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS NAMED FRACTION TOURNEY CHAMPS



The students in Mrs. Price's 5th grade classroom at Woodlan Elementary School competed in a fraction tournament during the fourth quarter. The tournament was a double elimination, head-to-head, bracket tournament. Students competed against each other in adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. The tourna-

ment was a wonderful review of curriculum standards for math before the second round of spring ISTEP tests.

Congratulations to all the students for the fine sportsmanship and academic achievement. The champion was Brielle Hall and the runner-up was Camden Koch.

Great job, students!

win for the Eagles, striking out four in the five-inning effort.

Connor Boyd, Trey Moser and Crawford all had a pair of hits for Liberty Benton with Kam Garlock, Lin-

coln Garlock and Connor Hiss getting one each.

Lincoln Garlock scored three times while Kam Garlock and Boyd both scored twice and Moser picked up three runs batted in.

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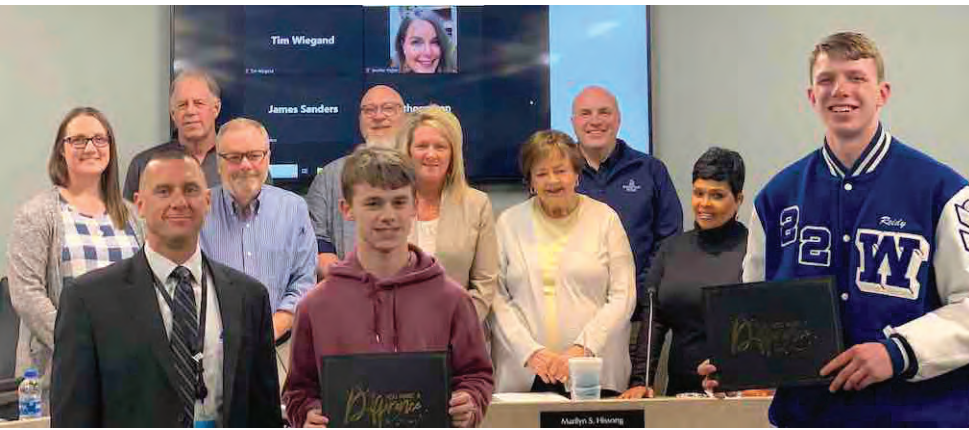
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- Must be a junior or senior
- Must be listed on the team's sectional roster

- Must have at least a 3.5 gpa or higher on a 4.0 scale

Those recognized the following student athletes:

Woodlan High School Boys Basketball: Joe Reidy, senior ~ 3.864

Wrestling: Keegan Reinhard, junior ~ 3.751

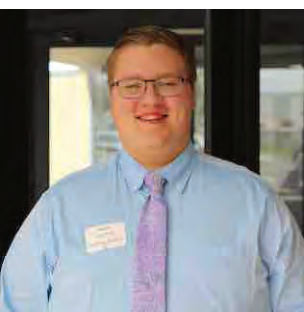
Mr. Denny Kern, principal

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Leo High School Girls Basketball: (not in photo) Gabrielle Adams, senior ~ 4.19 Renee Beaubien, senior ~ 4.4 Katelyn Fry, senior ~ 4.1

Mr. Chad Houser, principal and Mr. Dave Boyce, athletic director.

VAN HORN WINS PPEC SCHOLARSHIP



Owen Van Horn was awarded a 2nd place, \$ 2,900 scholarship in the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Children of Members Scholarship competition on April 12, 2022.

Van Horn, the son of Kurt and Kelly Van Horn, was sponsored by Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. He is a senior at Heritage Junior/Senior High School in Monroeville, IN.

Twenty-four students representing each of Ohio's electric distribution cooperatives competed for \$44,200 in scholarship awards. Finalists competed in local scholarship competitions before advancing to the statewide competition.

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SCHROEDER WINS NVEC SCHOLARSHIP



Grace Schroeder was awarded an Honorable Mention, \$ 1,500 scholarship in the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Children of Members Scholarship competition on April 12, 2022.

Schroeder, the daughter of Adam and Collette Schroeder, was sponsored by

North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. She is a senior at Edgerton High School in Edgerton, OH.

Twenty-four students representing each of Ohio's electric distribution cooperatives competed for \$44,200 in scholarship awards. Finalists competed in local scholarship competitions before advancing to the statewide competition.

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EACS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TO HOST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER WITH GERRY BROOKS AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The EACS Educational Foundation will conduct its annual fundraiser and are pleased to have Gerry Brooks as the keynote speaker. Gerry Brooks is a veteran educator in Lexington, Kentucky who uses humor and real-world experiences to connect with audiences. Gerry has amassed a social media following of over 500,000 parents, teachers, and people inspired by his message of encouragement. Teachers of the Year and Retirees will be honored that evening as well.

The East Allen County Schools Educational Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 2001. The Foundation's mission is "To engage the community in support of public education, provide ancillary funding for programs and activities that elevate the quality of education and extend learning opportunities for students of East Allen County Schools."

The 2022 EACS Educational Foundation Dinner/Auction will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022
 Time: 5:30 pm
 Location: Ceruti's Diamond Room, 6601 Innovation Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46818
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eacs-educational-foundation->
 For more details contact Angie Thompson at 260-446-0100 ext. 3161.

HERITAGE HS YEARBOOK RECEIVES RECOGNITION IN WALSWORTH'S NEWEST POSSIBILITIES BOOK

The staff of the Heritage High School yearbook in Monroeville, Indiana gained national attention when their 2021 yearbook was featured in volume 9 of the Possibilities book from Walsworth Yearbooks.

The 352-page bi-annual publication showcases the company's top yearbooks, highlighting exceptional examples of theme, coverage, photography, design and more. Each book that makes it inside the book is hand-selected by a panel of yearbook experts who review thousands of yearbooks. It's an honor that only a small percentage of Walsworth schools achieve. Valerie T. Tanke is the local Walsworth sales representative.

"Our Possibilities schools represent some of the best journalistic books from across the country," Walsworth President Don Walsworth said. "This book serves as both an inspiration and teaching tool for thousands of yearbook staffs, so we looked for the most innovative and inspiring examples from the yearbooks we print. I am continually amazed by the talent I see demonstrated by these students. We are honored to work with such brilliant storytellers."

The yearbook is a year-long journey that extends far beyond the normal classroom hours.

"It's a really big deal to make it into the Possibilities book," Walsworth Journalism Specialist and former award-winning yearbook adviser Mike Taylor, CJE, said. "These kids have worked so hard. I don't think anyone realizes the amount of work and just how long it takes to produce a yearbook, especially in a year like this, unless they've been on a yearbook staff. These staff members might enter the classroom as students, but they leave as journalists who demonstrate professional-level skills that will serve them in future careers."

Possibilities will make its way to classrooms all over the country as well as state and national conventions, where it will be used as an educational resource to show the latest trends in the world of yearbook and journalism.

About Walsworth Walsworth is among the top-three yearbook printers and is the only family-owned printer of yearbooks. Started in 1937 by Don Walsworth, current leadership is under the second and third generations: Don O. Walsworth, CEO, and his son, Don Walsworth, president. The company operates from administrative offices and book printing and binding facilities in Marceline, Missouri; a prepress facility in Brookfield, Missouri; a sales and marketing office in Overland Park, Kansas; and magazine and catalog printing facilities in Saint Joseph, Michigan; Ripon, Wisconsin; and Fulton, Missouri. Additionally, Walsworth owns the Donning Company Publishers, a specialty book publisher.

RAIDER JUNIOR VARSITY KNOCKS OFF KNIGHTS

Wayne Trace's junior varsity softball got a 5-4 win over rival Crestview Wednesday afternoon as the Lady Raiders from an early two-run deficit.

The Raiders opened a 2-0 lead in the top of the first before the Knights cut the deficit in half and pulled within 2-1 in the bottom of the inning.

After Wayne Trace added a single run in the third, Crestview responded with a three-run inning in the bottom of the third to take a 4-3 advantage.

However, the Lady Raiders responded with one run in the fourth and another in the fifth before holding on for the 5-4 victory.

Anna Miller had a pair of singles to lead the Wayne Trace offense with Natalie Stoller and Cassidy Lewis both recording a single.

The Lady Raiders also made the trip to Fairview last week where Wayne Trace came up short to the host Apaches.

Allison Noggle had a single and two runs batted in for the red, white and blue while Mary Lands, Makenna Elliott and Cassidy Lewis all chipped in singles as well.

MILLER, RAIDER JV'S SWEEP PAST ACES

Despite getting only six hits, the Wayne Trace junior varsity team recorded a 15-10 win over visiting Hicksville Saturday.

In game two, Anna Miller singled to score Cassidy Lewis in the bottom of the seventh to give the Lady Raiders a 14-13 victory.

The opener saw a scoreless first before the Lady Aces scored twice in the top of the second to take a 2-0 lead. Wayne Trace, though, answered with five in the home half for a 5-2 advantage.

Hicksville tied the game with three runs in the third and then added two more in the fourth to seize a 7-5 lead but Wayne Trace responded.

The red, white and blue scored six times in the fourth and then plated four more in the fifth to turn the tide in grabbing a 15-7 lead.

In the sixth, the visitors picked up one more run and added two more in the seventh but it wasn't enough as Wayne Trace held on for the 15-10 victory.

Natalie Stoller had a pair of doubles, scored twice and drove in five runs for Wayne Trace with Cassidy Lewis singling and scoring twice. Maya Reynolds and Morgan Elliott also picked up singles and scored for the Lady Raiders.

Tianna Sinn got the win on the mound for Wayne Trace, striking out 11 Hicksville batters in a complete-game effort.

Game two was back and

forth before Miller's walk-off single gave the red, white and blue the victory.

Miller finished with a pair of singles for Wayne Trace as did Morgan Elliott, who also scored once and posted four runs batted in. Sinn doubled, scored three times and drove in one with Brenna Parker also singling and scoring three runs.

Storm Tracy singled and scored twice with Stoller doubling and scoring.

Sinn got the win in game two as well, throwing the final inning with a pair of strikeouts. Miller tossed the opening six frames, striking out a trio of Hicksville hitters.

WARRIORS ROLL TO WIN OVER BULLDOGS

The Woodlan Lady Warriors plated five runs in the second and added seven more in the third to break away and cruise to a 17-7 victory over visiting New Haven in girls softball play Tuesday evening.

The Bulldogs struck first, getting a single run in the opening half of the first, but Woodlan quickly answered with a run of its own in the bottom of the frame. The Lady Warriors then widened the gap to 6-1 with a five-run second before New Haven put up two in the top of the third to pull within 6-3.

Woodlan, though, put the game away in the third with seven runs to expand the margin to 13-3. From there, New Haven scored four times in the top of the seventh but the Warriors answered with two in the fourth and two more in the fifth to wrap up the 17-7 victory.

Ana Trimm, Kori Roller, Ava Low, Kailey McFadden and Emily Wiggins all had singles for New Haven with Trimm scoring three times while Roller, Abby Welker, Lillie Reader and Low also scored once each.

McFadden also had two runs batted in with Reader, Low and Wiggins getting one each.

Alyssa Harvey posted two doubles and two singles while scoring three times and driving in two runs for Woodlan. Mya Jones singled four times and scored a quartet of runs with Austin Gaff adding a single, two home runs and five runs batted in while scoring three times.

Libby Fisher added three singles, two runs scored and two runs batted in with Briana Roney chipping in a trio of singles, two runs scored and a run batted in.

Jade Lichty (single, run, two runs batted in), Adrienne Spieth (single, RBI) and Avah Smith (triple, run, two runs batted in) all aided the Lady Warrior cause.

Gaff picked up the win on the mound for Woodlan, pitching the five-inning complete game giving up five hits, seven runs (five earned) and three walks while striking out eight.

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BREAKING DOWN CROP RESIDUE

For many farmers, crop residue can either be a plus or a minus. Crop residue has many beneficial plant nutrients when it decomposes, but when the residue is slow to break down, it keeps soils cold and wet, and can be difficult to plant. Good crop residue breakdown is dependent upon moisture, temperature, soil microbes (fungi and bacteria) and particle size. Late harvesting and some insecticides and herbicides may delay or inhibit crop residue break down. When crop residue is slow to decompose; planting equipment can plug easier, crop populations may decline, and tires on equipment tend to wear out faster.

When crops are harvested late, soil temperatures often decline. Most soil microbes (bacteria and fungi) grow the fastest when soil temperatures are above 50OF. Excessively wet soil conditions favor bacteria that thrive in low oxygen, and slows down crop residue digestion. Well aerated soils have aerobic bacteria that consume the sugars and easy to digest crop residues rapidly. Early bacteria digestion opens crop

residue up to other soil organisms involved in decomposition. The pith in the corn stalks and leaves are easy to digest. Soybean leaves have a high nitrogen content and are generally easy to digest. However, soybean pods and soybean stalks may take longer to decompose, as well as corn stalks and corn cobs. For the tougher residues, fungi are needed to decompose the cellulose and lignin.

Particle size plays a critical role in getting residue to decompose rapidly. In healthy soils; mites, spring-tails, and earthworms are beneficial in reducing particle size quickly so that the microbes can start decomposition. Neonicotinoids used on seed treatments are generally broad-spectrum insecticides that kill off many beneficial invertebrates that break down crop residue into smaller pieces. Farmers have several options for decreasing crop residue particle size.

First, farms with good soil health seldom have a problem breaking down residue. In many cases, the residue disappears almost too fast. High populations of earthworms and a diversity of crops and cover crops with diverse soil organisms generally speeds up decomposition. The micro-environment is generally slightly wetter and warmer. To get cover crops planted in time, often these crops are harvested a littler earlier, so there is more time for decomposition before winter sets in.

In soils with less diversity; corn stalks, corn cobs, and even bean stalks can stay intact for several years. Nutrients in crop residue many not

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be plant available and stay tied up. For example, only about 5% of soil copper is plant available. Copper and other soil nutrients may remain tied up in crop residue for 2-5 years. One way to artificially speed up residue breakdown is to use stalk choppers and stalk rollers. These tools increase the surface area so that the soil microbes work more efficiently. However, the later crops are harvested, low temperatures and moisture stress may limit these tools effectiveness. Some no-till farmers use crimper crop rollers to knock down corn stalks to increase soil contact to improve microbial residue digestion.

Once crop residue is broken down into a smaller size, it's much easier for soil organisms to move it into the soil profile. Earthworms, especially night crawlers, will pull crop residue down down into the soil vertically several feet. Red wigglers (red-worms) tend to congregate within the top 2-4 inches of soil and distribute crop residue horizontally. All worms are great microbial inoculators of crop residue. These soil microbes release many soluble plant nutrients.

Earthworm casts have many more plant available nutrients than regular soil without worms. Total nitrogen is 2.6X higher, potassium 3X, phosphorus 2.5X, calcium 4.5X, structural stability 13X, and cation exchange capacity (CEC) almost 4X higher. This translates into about an extra 30-40# N, 5-10# P, and 35-40# K per acre of additional nutrients, worth at least \$50 per acre.

Many companies are now offering microbiological products that contain enhanced soil microbes for crop residue digestion. Most of these products work best if broadcast in the fall. Most products are in a liquid formulation. Look at how many colony forming units (CFU's) there are per unit of volume. Sunlight especially UV light is deadly to most microbes and watch the storage tem-

perature. Freezing and thawing temperatures reduce biological performance.

University of Illinois research shows that well decomposed crop residue in corn yielded 6 bushels more in continuous corn, and in soybeans, yields were about 4 bushels more. The best time to get residue to decompose quickly is to start in early fall to get the best results. However, it is not too late this spring to speed up crop residue decomposition, but there is much less time.

James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/21/22

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

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr and Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty. Visitors: Mark Holtsberry, Bill Boylan, and Adam Papin with the Paulding Progress.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Smith, to excuse Reinhard from council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held February 16, 2022, were reviewed.

• Motion made by Franks, seconded by Rister, to accept the minutes from the February 16, 2022, regular council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The February disbursements were reviewed.

• Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Jordan, to accept the February reconciliation report. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors
Mark Holtsberry was in attendance to inform council he will be on the ballot for the may primary election for county commissioner. He explained the various boards that he serves on.

Police Report
Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 49 calls for service for the month of February with 5 offenses.

EMS Report
EMS CoOrdinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing 174 outstanding runs. EMS had 25 runs in February. Collections in February were \$9,136.47. A year-to-date total of collections is \$17,885.55 with a year-to-date run total of 65 runs.

Fiscal Officer's Report
Third reading of ordinance no. 2022-01: an ordinance authorizing the mayor of the Village of Antwerp to enter into a delinquent debt collection agreement between the Ohio Attorney General and the Village of Antwerp

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Jordan, to accept ordinance no. 2022-01. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Third reading of ordinance no. 2022-03: an ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$4,173.00 from the general fund to the severance pay reserve fund

• Motion made by Franks, seconded by Rister, to accept ordinance no. 2022-03. 5

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

modifying coverage, including an endorsement for cyber breach coverage.

Real Waste Agreement
Real Waste has agreed not to increase rates for residential waste collection at this time but with gas prices on the rise, A rate increase may be required at next renewal.

Dump Truck
The village will be purchasing A new dump truck with 73,000 miles for \$39,350.

Committee Reports
Gabe Oberlin transmitted plan commission recommendation to amend zoning map on 52 properties in village and explained the proposed re-zoning classifications showing the particular areas on the current zoning map to be re-zoned, mainly changing the zoning classification on several properties from B-1 to B-2. He also transmitted plan commission recommendation to amend the zoning ordinance including amendments to the conditional and/or permitted uses in agricultural district.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Jordan, to schedule a public hearing on April 27, 2022, at 5:30 pm at town hall, on the plan commission's recommendation to amend the zoning map and zoning ordinance as transmitted to council. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Steve Jordan informed council that public safety committee met on February 24th and entered into executive session per orc 121.22(G)(6) on security matters and have decided to move this matter over to the finance committee. Administrator Davis also asked to meet with finance committee to discuss ARPA funds. Finance committee will meet Tuesday, March 29th, 5:30 pm, at Town Hall.

New Business
Council member Steiner proposed that council review the issue of food trucks coming into the village and having to comply with the village's municipal income tax ordinance the same as other businesses located in the village. Council Member Rister explained review of foods trucks conducted last year and council decision on same. Fiscal Officer Lichty will contact Rita representative for information on food truck businesses and the applicability of the village's income tax on the same.

Steiner also proposed that council consider allowing village residents to have/raise small livestock in the village limits due to food shortages across the country. Council members discussed, council member Jordan setting forth reasons for his opposition to the same, and with a lack of interest by council majority to explore further, there was no further discussion and no action taken.

Old Business
None.

Mayor's report
Mayor's court brought in A total of \$1,121.00 in the month of February 2022 with \$975.00 going to the village, \$140.00 going to the state, and \$6.00 going to the indigent driver's fund.

• Motion made by Jordan, seconded by smith, to adjourn the meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

PART-TIME HELP
Part-time help needed for cemetery mowing and Township maintenance work in Payne, Ohio. Experience preferred. Flexible hours. Send resume to P.O. Box 103, Payne, OH 45880 or Contact one of the Harrison Twp Trustees:
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THIS WEEK ON PCBW: PAULDING COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE



This week on Paulding County Business Weekly listen in as we discuss a long standing upcoming Paulding County event. On May 13 the Paulding County Relay for Life will take place at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Listen in as Director Cheryl Eddy provides incite

on the history of the event, how it has touched the lives of so many, and how it will draw people into the county. You can hear the episodes on My102.7 FM radio at 8am and 5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays or check the my1027.com or pced.net websites and Spotify to hear it at any time.

PC MASTER GARDENERS DONATE TO BLACK SWAMP NATURE CENTER



Pictured is Sherri Rager representing the Paulding County Master Gardeners, and Anna Gurney, Education Specialist for the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District admiring the bench donated for the community at the Black Swamp Nature Center.

By Sherri Rager, Paulding Master Gardener

Volunteer, and Sarah Noggle, OSU Extension

Agriculture, and Natural Resources, Paulding County

Paulding, OH: Community connections are key to the OSU Extension Office. One of the volunteer programs operated via OSU Extension is the Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) program. Recently, the Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteers purchased benches for the Black Swamp Nature Center porch using funds earned at the annual plant sale. The Education Specialist, Anna Gurney, for the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District accepted the donation.

Anna said, "We are so grateful to the Master Gardeners for the donation of two resin benches for the Black Swamp Nature Center porch. These benches will make a wonderful addition, allowing visitors to relax and enjoy the serene setting of the Nature Center."

Community members interested in gardening are welcome to attend a gardening basics seminar on **Thursday, April 28th from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** at the Paulding County Extension Building. This seminar called "How does your Garden Grow," is an introductory class to the spring gardening season. There is no cost to attend the class but an **RSVP by Wednesday, April 27th** at noon is appreciated. The class will be held in the large hall at the Extension Office. The location is 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879.

Additionally, the MGVs will host their annual plant sale, Friday, May 13 7:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, 8:00 a.m. noon (or when sold out) at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The plant sale will offer perennials, succulents, annual flowers, vegetables, trees, shrubs, houseplants, herbs, and more. Come early for the best selection. The proceeds from the sale are invested in the community through projects and donations such as the benches for the Black Swamp Nature Center. Happy Gardening!

For more information, contact Sarah Noggle, Paulding County Extension Educator, Ag, and Natural Resources, at noggle.17@osu.edu. Individuals can also walk into the OSU Extension Office at 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, or call 419-399-8225.

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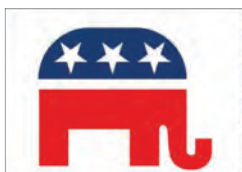
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