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NEW PCED OFFICE LOGO UNVEILED

The Paulding County Economic Development Board has introduced a new logo for the Paulding County Economic Development office. The new logo design will quickly identify Paulding County by its bold lettering, the unique shape of the county, and by the profound outline of the his-



toric courthouse.

The PCED board approved the design recommended by the marketing committee. The committee members include: Chairman and PCED Board member Ryan Whitaker (Lapham Hickey); PCED Board member Sarah Noggle (OSU Extension Educator); Fred Manz (InSource); Tim Brown (Brown Made Media); Kristen Schilt (PCED Office Manager), and Kelly Goyings, owner of Natural Design and Graphics, whose team also designed the logo. "The previous logo is an outstanding seal. It identifies

many aspects of Paulding County and highlights our rivers, our agriculture and manufacturing. It does, however, take a minute to study and realize what the seal is indicating and portraying. The new logo will be a quick and easy identification that the information being presented is from, and about, Paulding County," stated Tim Copsey, Director of the PCED office.

The PCED Board consists of eleven board members from around Paulding County. The board is guided by President Larry Manz (InSource), Jim States (State Bank Manager - Paulding), George Carter (Paulding-Putnam Electric Co-Op), Mike Kauser (Kauser Trucking), Greg White (Paulding Village Mayor), Bud Koenig (Cooper Farms), Don Oberlin (Antwerp CIC), Jeff Mumma (Antwerp Exchange Bank), Brett Wagner (Wagner Roofing & Construction), Whitaker and Noggle. Larry Manz added "We made a logo that is simple yet comprehensive. It will be easier to use in printed and digital materials."

To learn more about the new logo, the PCED office, or any discussion in regard to the future of Paulding County Ohio, please check

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KLOPFENSTEIN ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR OHIO SEAT



Paulding County Commissioner Roy W Klopfenstein has declared his candidacy for the 82nd District of the Ohio House of Representatives which consists of Mercer, Van Wert, Paulding, and part of Defiance Counties. Klopfenstein is currently serving his third term as Paulding County Commissioner.

Commissioner Klopfenstein is a lifelong resident of Paulding County living west of Haviland at the same location he arrived home from the hospital in 1960. Roy and his wife Deborah, will be married 40 years and have four sons, Andrew, Evan, Gary and Matthew two daughters in laws, Brianna and Mary and two wonderful grandsons, Ryan and Ethan.

Upon graduation from Wayne Trace High School in 1979 he attended Purdue University Agriculture Short Course and began farming with his father and brother. Working with his father until his retirement in the late eighties the farm is now operating with the third gen-

FUNDING SECURED FOR DEFIANCE U.S. 24 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



A project to improve safety at three U.S. 24 intersections, just east of the city of Defiance, was awarded funds from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

The project will:

- Construct an overpass on Independence Road over U.S. 24.
- At Jewell Road, remove the median preventing access to the opposite side of the highway. Traffic will be limited to right in - right out movements on the east side

of U.S. 24, and will have access eliminated to westbound U.S. 24

- At Flory Road, remove the median preventing access to the opposite side of the highway. Traffic will be limited to right in - right out movements on the on the west side of U.S. 24, and will have access eliminated to eastbound U.S. 24
- Construct a connector road between Flory Road and Egler Road to ensure Egler Road is not cut off by a

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eration and is a cash grain operation with a custom harvesting business.

Commissioner Klopfenstein serves on numerous boards and committees with his current role as commissioner. Prior to his public service as County Commissioner Klopfenstein served on The Ohio State University State Extension Advisory Committee as secretary, treasurer, vice-chairman and chairman positions, the Paulding Area Foundation as vice-president and president, Director for Heartland Agdeavor Association, Blue Creek Township Zoning Appeals Board & Commission Member, and the Paulding County Extension Advisory Committee. Klopfenstein is a member of Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association, and the Ohio Soybean Association.

Klopfenstein also was appointed by President Bush to serve as a State Committee

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K OF C FREE THROW CONTEST

The Paulding St. Joseph's Council of the Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting Free Throw Championship at the Paulding High School Gym on Sunday, January 23, 2022. Doors will open for registration at 1:00 and competition begins at 1:30. Registration forms are available in the offices of each school. Pre-registration is recommended. For further details or questions call or text Chuck Schroeder at 419-819-7107.

Community Calendar MON & WED

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

January 11

• Walk thru Winter! @ PC OSU Ext. Office bldg., 12-1pm

January 12

• WBESC Meeting @ Van Wert office, 5:30pm
• Anger: Master or Servant @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

January 13

• Photography Club @ GH Library, 5pm
• Antwerp Conservation Club Meeting @ 7pm

January 15

• NRL22 Match @ ACC, 8am registration; 9am begins
• Blue Ribbon Workers meeting @ PC Youth Leadership Bldg.
• Food Distribution @ Cecil Comm. Church, 12-3pm

January 16

• Prayer Meeting @ Cecil Comm. Church, 9:30am
• The Chosen @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

January 18

• Time Fertilizer Re-cert, 8:30a; Time Pesticide Re-cert, 9:45a @ PC Ext. Office, registration required

January 19

• Anger: Master or Servant @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

January 23

• KofC Free Throw Contest @ PHS, 1pm
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OBITUARIES



ANTWERP, OH:
David Carr, 80, of Antwerp, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at his home.

Dave was born in Hicksville, Ohio on March 17, 1941, a son of the late Eileen (Kemerer) & John Carr.

Dave was a proud Navy veteran for which he served from 1959-1965. After his service he drove truck for many years and also worked as a foreman at BF Goodrich. Dave was an avid NASCAR fan, especially of Sam Hornish, Jr. Dave will be remembered most as a loyal and devoted husband and father. He was a trustworthy, wise, and caring man who always held his family as his number one priority.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Joyce, to whom he was married December 25, 1963; children, Beverly, Lynne, & Jennifer Carr; siblings, Charlotte (Richard) Leu & Mary Reis; sister-in-law, Becky Carr; grandchildren, Lydia, Brandon, David Emerson, Tiffany, David Richard, Evelyn, & Melissa; 12 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; & his beloved dog, Posey.

Dave was also preceded in death by his brothers John & Richard Carr & a great grandchild.

Services will be held privately.

He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, with military honors.

Memorials are to Natures Nursery, 7790 Co Rd 152, Whitehouse, OH 43571.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

2 TYPES OF COVID TESTS OFFERED BY PC CARNEGIE LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Paulding County Carnegie Library system now offers two types of COVID

tests. The tests are free to the public and will be delivered to your vehicle during open library hours. The library will continue to provide the proctored COVID test and now offer a non-proctored rapid antigen self-test COVID kit with two tests included. The test for is for self-use when people test themselves twice within three days, with 36 hours between the two tests.

The BinaxNOW proctored kit is used to go online and receive verified tests results on your phone via their NAVICA mobile app. The NAVICA app pairs with BinaxNOW, allowing people to store, access and display their BinaxNOW test results.

To receive a COVID test at the library, please call the location you want to visit and let them know the type of test you want, how many tests you would like, and what time you would like to pick up the test. Call the library when you arrive, and a staff member will deliver the test to your vehicle. Please do not enter a Paulding County Carnegie Library building to pick up COVID tests or if you are exhibiting COVID symptoms.

If you have any questions, please contact your library or Ellen Williams, Library Director, at the Paulding Location.

PURDUE FORT WAYNE'S HREHOV HONORED BY THE NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS



John Hrehov, a professor of drawing and painting in the Department of Art and Design at Purdue University Fort Wayne, is the 2021 recipient of the Recharge New Surrealist Prize presented by the New York Foundation for the Arts. The award, which is supported by the Gu Family of the Recharge Foundation, is bestowed on painters living in the U.S. and U.S. Territories who are working in the New Surrealist style.

"We are grateful to the Gu Family for their support of individual artists like John Hrehov, who bring a unique perspective to the field of painting," said NYFA Execu-

tive Director Michael L. Royce. "Hrehov's focus on the everyday, while honed over decades, feels incredibly timely in the midst of the pandemic when many of our personal geographies have narrowed to our homes and neighborhoods."

Hrehov joined the Purdue Fort Wayne university community in 1989.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**

*Dear Parson,
 People sometimes make fun of me and call me old fashioned and behind the times because of my lifestyle and my Bible views of morality and the church. Sometimes it gets me down and I just can't get through to them. Any suggestions?*

Their efforts to make you look and feel "out of it" is likely an attempt to cover for their own sinful ways. If you knew their deepest thoughts, there is probably a high respect and perhaps even an envy hidden in there.

If by "old fashioned" they mean decency, respect, hard work and honesty, take their ridicule as a compliment. Right is good whether it is old fashioned or not. In Jeremiah 6:16 the Lord said to the children of Israel who had gone the way of the world, "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein."

Remember, the unsaved do not understand the things of the Spirit of God, "For they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." - I Corinthians 2:14. Your way is right and you don't have to defend it or be ashamed of it. Neither do you have to get others to agree. Continue to live a God-pleasing life, forgiving others for their ridicule, loving them anyway, being kind to them and praying for their salvation. Romans 12:21 says, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

ODH ALIGNS WITH UPDATED CDC QUARANTINE & ISOLATION GUIDANCE

Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA, director of the Ohio Department of Health, today announced that the Ohio Department of Health has aligned with CDC's recently updated quarantine and isolation guidance released earlier this week.

"Evidence shows that the majority of COVID-19 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to symptom onset, and in the 2-3 days after symptoms begin," explained Dr. Vanderhoff. "The CDC's updated quarantine and isolation guidance takes the latest science and evidence into consideration, with a focus on testing, masking, and symptom monitoring - similar to Ohio's reduced quarantine guidelines in the state's 'mask to stay' and 'test to play' guidance."

The Ohio Department of Health has released a flow chart based on the CDC's updated guidance following an exposure to someone with COVID-19. Regardless of vaccination status or symptoms, anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate for at

Scripture of the Week

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"

— 1 Peter 1:15-16

TWO NEW HAVEN LIONS RECEIVE MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS



On Saturday, January 8th, 30 Lions from District 25B attended the cabinet meeting for District Governor Jerry Ziegler, sponsored by the New Haven Lions Club at the New Haven Community Center.

Past District Don Cooper presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to New Haven Lions Bob and Susie Hudson.

There were 30 Lions in attendance.

least 5 days. However, if symptoms are improving, isolation may end on the sixth day following either symptom onset or a positive COVID-19 test if the person consistently wears a mask for the next five days. Detailed quarantine and isolation guidance are available in the flow chart. The Ohio Department of Health has also updated K-12 school quarantine guidance including "mask to stay" and "test to play" timelines accordingly.

There are many opportunities in Ohio to be vaccinated, including walk-in and scheduled appointments statewide at pharmacies, federally qualified health centers,

doctor's offices, community vaccination sites, and local health departments. There is ample supply of vaccine boosters, as well as first and second doses, for Ohioans. Ohioans can check their eligibility and book an appointment online at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov or by calling 1-833-427-5634.

Ohioans who want to learn more about the safety, efficacy, and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines should talk to their doctor, nurse, or pharmacist, or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine to learn more.

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PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

By: Nancy Whitaker

MY THOUGHTS FOR A PENNY

I have never shopped for groceries for three hours but I do have a couple of observations. I grew up in a small town in Nebraska. The grocery store was only two aisles wide. I can remember my mother commenting on how expensive a week's worth of groceries for our family of four was when it totaled \$20. The cereal and breakfast aisle where I shop today is as big as half of the grocery store when I was a kid. Now there are I think about a dozen kinds of Cheerios back then there was one. Now there are at least three sizes, then there was only one.

I taught school for years and one year we did an activity with mini-m&ms. I gave each student a tube to sort by colors and then count. We then figured the probability of each color appearing. When I did the same activity a year later the total counts were about 10 m&ms less.

Then we looked at the tubes and discovered that they were the same height and the cap was the same diameter but the new tube was small enough in diameter that it fit inside a tube that I had saved from the previous year. We got a lesson in consumer economics.

Later I made another observation of my own when I bought a new pair of jeans. The new pair was the same size as the old pair with one exception. The new pair had one less belt loop in it. The manufacturer over many pairs could save quite a bit of cloth, labor, and money by eliminating that belt loop.

I'll take my penny now! Thanks!

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Hi Scott Staub,  
You are so right on how products, sizes, and prices have changed. I am more of an observer and that's why it usually takes me a longer time to get groceries. However, there are so many kinds of

items out there that I can't make a quick decision.

I get a kick out of ladies (myself included) that love to look at ice cream. We used to have 3 kinds being chocolate, strawberry and vanilla and still today my favorite is vanilla. The other day I saw a dill pickle ice cream.

I am happy to see how we have progressed in the food market, but with so many choices I still go for the ones I grew up with.

You are quite on observer too and now we are seeing less product for more money.



What a great idea with the M and Ms. I remember when I was little of getting a penny and going to a little store and getting a piece of candy. Oh the different kind I could get for a penny. It was hard to decide if I should spend this whole penny on a lollipop, bubble gum, those little candies called Kits, or a big jaw breaker. Do they even make any items that cost a penny anymore?

Thank you so much for your informative response and Sir, I do owe you a Penny for your thoughts.

However, if you find something for a Penny to buy, let me know and I will owe you another penny.

### IGNITING A SPARK FOR HOSPICE MUSIC THERAPY



Since the beginning of their music therapy program in 2006, EverHeart Hospice has offered music therapy services to hundreds of patients

and families. Their board-certified music therapists passionately work to demonstrate and educate others on the benefits of music intervention during end-of-life.

In October, EverHeart music therapist Carrie Whatley had the opportunity to expand her advocacy efforts beyond Darke County. Music therapy professors with Marietta College and Ohio University reached out to request that she speak to their undergraduate students. Carrie reflected on her experience in preparing for both lectures:

"It was not long ago that I sat where these students are. I was an eager undergraduate student at OU, still trying to discover what my passions were in the field. It was in a lecture similar to the one I prepared, however, where a flame inside me was ignited. To be asked to sit on the other side was such an honor, especially when asked by professors I admire so much! I put a lot of thought and intention into everything I presented on because I wanted to help ignite that same spark I felt in someone else. Hospice care can be misconceived if we are naive to those special moments experienced at end-of-life, so I aimed to present on the joy and peace music therapy can bring to those we serve. I absolutely love my job and cannot wait to see what these future professionals bring to our growing field."

To learn more about the music therapy program at EverHeart Hospice, please visit their website at [www.everhearthospice.org](http://www.everhearthospice.org) or contact a team member at 800-417-7535. You can also connect with their board-certified music therapists, Amy Pearson and Carrie Whatley, on a weekly basis! Head over to EverHeart's Facebook page to check out their "Music Monday" posts.

### MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

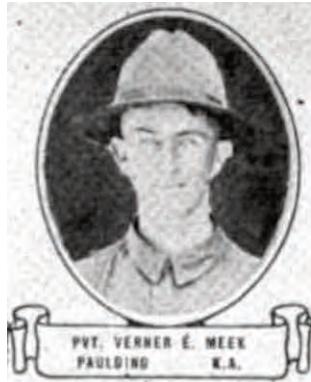
By: Mark Holtsberry

Verner Enoch Meek was born near Haviland, Ohio, November 5, 1892. The son of Enoch S. born in Ohio, July of 1860 and Edith E. born in Ohio, July of 1867. Verner was the only son and had four sisters: Carrie E., Elva S., Dora E., and Eunice N.



By the year 1900, the Meek family was living in Latty, Ohio. Enoch was a farm laborer, Edith a homemaker, the children in school. By 1910, Enoch had purchased a small farm near Emerald. Verner quit school and was working for Enoch on the family farm.

As time went on, Verner began working for a Mr. Hessler delivering milk to residents of Paulding and surrounding areas. Verner was well thought of by his customers. He continued to do his route for several months. Through his customers, Verner became a member of the Paulding



Lodge 1.O.O.F. no. 577.

On June 5, 1917, Verner registered for the draft at the Emerald precinct. He was listed as tall and slender build, blue eyes, black hair, single and working on family farm. Verner entered the military, May 30th, 1918. He was sent to a receiving station at Columbus Barracks. Shortly after he was sent to Camp Gordon, Georgia, where he was assigned to 23rd Company, Training Battalion, 157th Depot Brigade with the rank of Private, serving until June 27, 1918.

From there, he was sent to Boston, Massachusetts, where on July 24, 1918, Verner boarded the ship, "Beltana", and sailed to France. Verner was assigned to Company F. 116th Ammunition Train. He was also part of the Artillery as a reserve.

On September 8, 1918, Verner was accidentally killed by a train. Lack of details were given, as three separate reports came out. However this may be, he gave his life in his country's service. Word was received by telegram to Verner's parents that their only son was gone. In November of 1918, a memorial service was held at the Presbyterian Church in Paulding. Pastor Rev. I.L. Wilkins delivered a most appropriate and touching memorial sermon.

Verner was temporarily buried in France in a Protestant Cemetery, number 106 B., at Avord, Chebourg, France. Verner was finally brought home to be buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Lot 452, Grave 4. His father, Enoch, passed away in 1942, Edith followed him in 1960. Both are buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

Verner had plans on being married to a Miss Elizabeth Lawrence of Paulding. After Verner's death, she married a guy named Ottis Arland McClish, May 23, 1922. She passed away, October 3, 1996, her and Ottis are buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

Sad ending, and the community shared in the family's sympathy and grief. Until Next Time!

### PRISON, PRAISE, SALVATION

By: Doris Applegate

In the book of Acts, Chapter 16, we read a very interesting account of a woman who followed Paul and kept saying "These men show us the way of salvation!" She was a soothsayer, with an evil spirit and was disrupting Paul's work. After a time, Paul cast the evil spirit out of her and this made her masters angry because she brought them much gain and money with her powers.

They caught Paul and Silas, beat them really 'good' and put them in prison. Now here is a lesson for us...as they were in chains, back

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bleeding and sore, they started to sing and praise God. Imagine that, sing and praise while suffering. As they sang and prayed, suddenly an earthquake rocked the foundation of the prison, the doors were opened and the bands loosened off all of the prisoners. (Just think what a song and prayer can do).

The keeper of the prison, being awakened out of a sleep, seeing the doors open and thinking that all had escaped, drew out his sword and was about to kill himself when Paul yelled loudly at him and said, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." The keeper of the prison called for a light and trembling, fell down before Paul and Silas asking, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said to him, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved and your household."

Paul and Silas spoke the word of the Lord to him and all in his house and all were baptized. They washed Paul and Silas and fed them a meal but here comes the servants of the magistrate who said "Let these men go" When Paul was told to go he said, "No way, they beat us un-condemned and put us in prison, being Romans, so let them come in and fetch us out themselves, where upon they came in and urged them to "go in peace"

God got great glory from Paul and Silas' trial by saving many people that night.

Question: Can God get Glory in our midnight trial? Will we sing and pray when things get rough and we "bleed" and hurt? Will we know how to lead someone to the Lord Jesus for salvation? If not, then it is time to be revived by the Holy Spirit and be bold for the Lord Jesus.

We can do it without an earthquake but God could send one to wake us up. Let's be the "on fire" people of God we are called to be.

Amen, Amen!

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member of the USDA Farm Service Agency from 2004 thru 2008.

The Klopfenstein family has been active supporters of 4-H and FFA both at the local and state levels. He is a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church and believes God and family is what makes America great.

Commissioner Klopfenstein has considered it a privilege to serve Paulding County and looks forward to taking Northwest Ohio's conservative values to the Statehouse.



Happy birthday to our mother Maxine Keegan. She will be 80 January 23rd. Please help us celebrate her birthday by sending her a card. She will enjoy hearing from her friends and family. Please send cards and birthday wishes to:

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I am going to take this means to try to thank all of them, from all of us...Thank You!  
See ya!

**THE 589<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER WING: THE LOW-BOW (LOBO) OUTFIT**



First published 11/12/14

By: Stan Jordan

This is May of 1944 and I am Willie Wilson, first lieutenant of the Army Air force. I hail from Pale Moon, Montana, back in the good ol' U.S.A. We are here in Lopshire Airbase in southern England. We fly the P51D Mustang for the 589th Fighter wing, but basically we are a tank busting outfit. At the present time, our ship is armed with 6 - .50 caliber machine guns, 2-20 millimeter cannons, and 4- 4 inch jumbo rockets. We are the best tank busters in the ETO, bar none.

We are off by ourselves here in Lopshire Air Base at the end of the runway. We eat at the main mess hall and obey all of the rules and regulations of the base, but we answer to Col. Baxter Bainbridge from Rocky Ridge, Tennessee. We are a hush-hush group, we usually get all of the new equipment to try out. We get all of the new ordinance and ideas from General George Patton. He is the best armored man in the continent. We have our crew and boys that keep our planes flying. We have Lt. Alva Ames from Bad Axe, Michigan. Next guy we have is Basil Barnes from Komo, Mississippi. Then, we have Neil Nelson from Grafton, Minnesota. We are loaded up for to make the dawn patrol, as soon as we get enough light to take off.

I am Willie Wilson, and my wing man is Basil Barnes. The other two planes fly off to our right

and a little to our rear all the time. We head east across the channel to the Calais area to see what is up this early. We see a huge flight of B17 bombers coming back from a night-raid over Germany. There is a large number

of English bombers headed towards Germany. We are over France now and we must remain alert at all times. We are plenty safe from ground- fire, but there are still a lot of German fighter planes around.

We are looking for trains, trucks or any other type of vehicle that belongs to the Krauts. We went down to 1,000ft. and slowed down to about 250mph. There is plenty of daylight now and we can see pretty good. Here we go, there is a column of supply trucks heading for the coast. I blow up a truck and Basil gets a truck and the other boys are also having a little luck. We have the whole column burning on the roadside.

We fly south towards Caen, but we don't find any more action. We turn and head back towards Lopshire. We hold it at about 350mph and fly right down on the waves of the channel.

See ya!



**BILLY METZGER JOURNAL - 1846**

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By: Stan Jordan

It is 1846 and our family is just leaving Germantown, Ohio, heading west. Here in the Midwest, Ohio hasn't been a state very long - 1803 and Indiana in 1816. We are Buckeyes but the Indiana State Line is just a few miles to our west.

My parents, William & Mollie Metzger and I and my 2 younger sisters, Margo is 12 and Mazie is 10 years old and I am going on 15 years old.

Grandpa Metzger fought in the Revolutionary War and for a bonus he was given 160 acres called the Firelands. He had to improve it and we did. After grandpa died, my father inherited the farm. My folks talked a lot at night about going west on the Oregon Trail, to the Land of Milk and Honey.

Dad sold the farm and bought 2 wagons with canvas covers to get us to Independence, Missouri. Dad burned the house and buildings down about 2 days before we left. Then we searched the ashes for all of the wrought iron nails. We have been told to do this as iron nails are hard to get after you leave the Mississippi River.

Dad bought a team of mules to pull the second wagon. This is filled with supplies more than household goods. It carries all the food for the animals and a crate of chickens. We have a small barrel of water on each side. We have 3 bushels of potatoes, cabbages, car-

rots, etc. from last year's garden.

I drove the horses today and dad drove the mules. The girls rode on the seat with

me. We crossed through Ohio and Indiana, it's pretty much straight west to Indianapolis. I think that is the capital of the state. This land is also pretty flat, a little rolling maybe.

We went through a town today called Richmond, Indiana. It's a little place but the townspeople said it would soon be incorporated. Another nice day, pretty dry for April.

I haven't written for a few days, they are all the same. We are about half way to Indianapolis, pretty good roads, quite a few people going west and a few going east. When you are in the sun you can take your coat off for a while.

Met a local man today and he said pretty good trail into Indianapolis, four maybe three days travel yet. Well, we finally left Indianapolis. We got groceries there, salt, bacon, flour, baking soda, beans, coffee, sugar, soap, dried fruit, potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, hard tack, tobacco for dad, cornmeal and a sack of horehound candy.

All of the supplies we put into the first wagon. Filled the water barrels also. I guess we go about 10 miles each day. Not too much mud. We keep the mules on the first wagon now, they are slower than the horses.

Had a goose drown last night and we didn't only go a couple of miles. Lots of sandy ground here and our wheels sink down in the sand, slow going.

Met a horseback rider today, he was going east. He said about 3 days at a mules pace to the Illinois line, a little place called Danville. This country is flat, but the farm ground looks good. That rider said they call this the prairie.

Got into Danville today. Been on the trail about 6 weeks. An old timer told us today to stay pretty much straight west to get to Quincy, the last town in Illinois.

The days are getting a little longer and mom has school every night before dark. Boy, she sees to it that we can read, write and cipher. If we have a rainy day and don't travel she holds school in the big wagon.

See Ya!

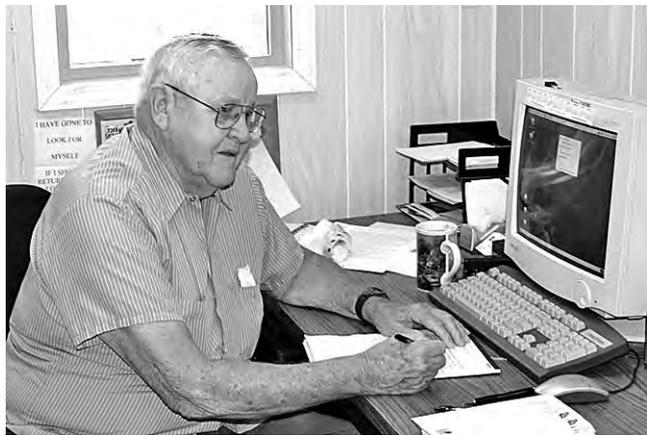
This is just the first installment of the Metzger's journey across the Oregon Trail. The next installment will be in the W.B.N. next week.

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**One liners**

\*\*The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.  
\*\*Maybe I'm not always right, but I'm never wrong.  
\*\*There is the correct way and then the Army way.  
\*\*What do you call a smart blonde? A golden retriever.  
\*\*Why are husbands like lawn mowers? They're hard to get started, emits foul odors and don't work half of the



time.

\*\*I never understood why women liked cats. Cats are independent, they don't listen, don't come when they're called, they like to stay out all night and when they are at home, they like to sleep. In other words, everything women hate in men, and they love in cats!

\*\*What is the difference between a new husband and a new dog? A dog is always glad to see you, and a dog only takes a couple of months to train.

\*\*Farmer John took his cow away and had her de-cal-finated.

\*\*Today is the tomorrow, you worried about yesterday.

\*\*She took her half of the road right out of the center.

\*\*When a woman drives with her arm out of the window she might be signaling left turn, right turn, drying her nails, flipping the ashes off her cigarette... all you can be sure of is, her window is down.

\*\*The waiter at the restaurant asked me, "How did you find your steak?"

"I moved three peas and there it was."

\*\*A bad day at fishing, is still better than a good day at work.

\*\*I graduated with an illness diploma, they were sick of having me around.

\*\*Charlie got his new wife at the Bargain Barn.

See ya!

**ANTWERP HISTORY**

First published 10/24/07

By: Stan Jordan

In the History of Antwerp, the Schilb family name stands out quite brightly. Andrew Schilb started the first mortuary in Antwerp in 1857. It sat on the west side of South Main Street about where the McQuire Building now sits.

But this column is about a lovely lady of 92 years named Ruth Schilb, who with her husband, Tom, I consider modern day pioneers for Antwerp. So why don't I start in the beginning.

Ruth was born on August, 29, 1915. At that time, her parents, George and Rose Clemmer lived right in the area of the Bethel Church and school. She did not attend that school. They moved to Antwerp in 1920. She had three brothers and two half sisters.

One of the sisters married Russell Jenkins and the other married Paul Jump.

After they lived in Antwerp a while they moved to Montpelier, Ohio. Ruth's father, George, was a construction man and there was plenty of work up there. While at Montpelier, George helped build the Roundhouse for the Wabash Railroad. I think the Clemmer boys graduated there.

They moved back to Antwerp and Ruth started in the 7th grade. She liked school very well and she met a neighbor boy named Tom Schilb.

Tom graduated in 1933 and they were married that same year. While Tom was away to college in Cleveland she stayed with his parents and helped out at the funeral home. Tom's mother was very helpful in getting her used to her new job.

I forgot that Tom had a twin brother, Andrew, and they both went to college at the same time.

Tom and Ruth had a baby girl named Mary. After a few years they had Jane and then Walter. While this was going on Tom worked at the Schilb Furniture Store, the Appliance Store and the Funeral Parlor. Meantime, two of Ruth's brothers, Wilber and George, became teachers at Antwerp High School.

In the early years, they stored the funeral caskets on the upper floor of the furniture store. Later on, the house was remodeled and made bigger and they had a casket showroom upstairs.

Tom built the appliance store across the street with an apartment upstairs, they lived there a few years. That building is now a laundromat.

Before this and during this time, Tom got interested in

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the new game of softball. He organized a good team and got permission to play and remodel the high school ball diamond.

Everyone helped at the ball diamond. The Schilbs made coffee in a ten gallon milk can. They then took the funeral tent to the ball park and used it as a concession tent. It was a good time then and a busy time. But everyone came to Antwerp on Sunday night. Schilb's Reds were as good as any area ball club and the town backed them also.

Well, after a few years, Tom retired from all the Schilb businesses and he and Ruth moved to Sebring, Florida in early 1970's. They fit in down there very well. Tom was a good golfer and they had a beautiful home just a stones throw from #1 tee. They had their own golf cart and there was an easement to the club house.

After a couple of seasons, Ruth became a good golfer and she was President of the Ladies' Golf Association. Tommy served a couple terms as President of the Country Club. Like I said, they really enjoyed living in Florida and they had a million friends.

After a good retirement life, Tom died in 1990. Ruth lived in Sebring for another 10-11 years. She came back to Antwerp to her children and grandchildren in the year 2000.

She lived in an assisted living apartment a couple of years and then her granddaughter, Karen (Walter's daughter) wanted her to come live with them. Now let me tell you about that situation. Her granddaughter, Karen Fenker and her husband and children live at the corner of Lockner Road and The County Line

Road in Allen County. They have llamas, dogs, cats, birds, and various and asunder creatures for pets. Besides the llamas, they have a dog that is a German Shephard that is called Wahoo, a house dog (Bishon) named Coconut that loves Ruth, a cat named Patsie, Zebra Finches and a tropical bird that rides on Karen's shoulder.

The Fenker's have five children: two boys and three girls and all the above mentioned pets. Ruth is very happy in this fine home, you can tell by the big grin and her smiling eyes. She gets along fine with all the pets except for the bird—he will bite once in a while.

She watched the Chicago Cubs along with her grandson, Mark, and they did plenty of coaching and umping from the living room. Mark now goes to college. There are two children left at home, with the rest being in college.

I have known this lovely lady all my life. When she and Tom had that lovely home in Sebring they had the Powells and the Jordans over for a fine dinner. You might say Tom was a role model for me and they had a zillion friends.

Yes, you bet, I really enjoyed seeing Ruth again and I think she enjoyed seeing Sue, Pauline and I. Ruth, a tip of my ball cap to you and may you enjoy many more years at that very homey place.

See, Ya!

**EL PASO SAM, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 1: SAM & CALLIE GET MARRIED**

*First published 2/8/12*

**By: Stan Jordan**

El Paso Sam and Slim Jim Martin arrived in North

Platte, Nebraska Territory right at Christmas time in 1851.

The fellows had to go to the livery stable and take care of the animals and equipment. When Billy Metzger was with them he always did that chore and they sure miss him now.

After they took care of the animals, they walked down the street to the North Platte Hotel. When they walked through the front door Callie looked up from her job and ran to Sam and gave him a hug and a kiss that was a little more than friendship. Everyone stood around and shook their head for a bit then things settled down.

If you will remember, Callie is the hotel owner's niece but she is also Sam's girlfriend and more than that even. Things was sort of slow in the hotel lobby so Callie could spend a lot of time with Sam.

All went into the restaurant and got a table in the corner and the happiness flowed like spring rain.

They all had the evening meal and talked quite a bit. Slim went on upstairs to bed, but they all agreed to meet for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. right here at the same corner table.

Callie Thornton was born in Cape May, NJ in 1825. She graduated from high school there and had a year at the Community College.

Cape May is on the sea shore and damp most of the time. She didn't like anything about this area, so she went west to North Platte to work for her uncle in his hotel. That is where she met El Paso Sam Rivers.

If you will remember, Sam was born in Como, Mississippi in 1824. He went on west in his late teens and worked for the El Paso Devil's Gate Stage Coach Line. He got quite serious with a girl there, but she wasn't so serious and Sam left El Paso and worked his way on west to the desert southwest and was a civilian scout for Colonial Stockton in California Territory. He left that outfit and worked his way back to Santa Fe, New Mexico Territory. He caught a ride with a wagon outfit going back to Independence, MO. He met Slim Martin there and signed on with a wagon train going west to Fort Bridger, Wyoming Territory. That was in 1848, and he and Slim are still together having just disbanded the 3M Wagon Train.

So Sam proposed to Callie and she accepted readily. Those two just seemed to be made for each other. The wedding was set for the day after tomorrow in the hotel lobby at

11:00 a.m. on December 31, 1851. Slim Martin was the best man and Callie's Aunt Nellie stood up with Callie. Aunt Nellie also gave her mother's wedding ring to Callie because there was no jewelry store in North Platte.

After the wedding there was a fine dinner for all the folks and friends, and it lasted well into the evening.

Jim, Callie and Sam all discussed when they would head east to Fort Kearney. Callie could be ready in three days, and then the boys could load all her belongings in Sam's wagon. Jim was ready to go any time.

Sam wanted to be in Fort Kearney before the first of February so he could start his new job by February 1st. Sam is to be the Indian Agent

for the Lakota Nation. It was located in Broken Bow, Nebraska Territory. The building was already built and ready for occupancy.

Callie had all her clothes packed and in a few trunks and bags, and she had some furniture and a dandy bed complete with mattress and bed clothes. That is just fine because Sam doesn't have hardly any possessions because he has been on the road in a wagon train for about three years.

Well, they left North Platte and headed east to Fort Kearney. Jim's wagon went first and broke a trail for Sam's wagon. Callie sat with Sam's buffalo robe and was plenty warm, but she wasn't used to all the bouncing the wagon got from the holes in the snow on the trail, but it really wasn't all that bad.

She was a good rider, she knew she would have to get used to the trail riding as it is around two hundred miles to Fort Kearney.

Next Week: On the Trail to Fort Kearney  
See ya!

**OLD BLUE**

*First published 2/26/19*

**By: Stan Jordan**

This is sort of a testimonial of a blue and red farm truck that works for Kenny Hahn and Nick Bragg.

I am a 1982 Chevrolet farm truck and I would like to publish my history before I end up in the crusher.

For years, I hauled grain for a nice fellow over in Payne.



I liked those folks, we got along fine, but he needed a bigger truck to haul his grain so he put me up for sale.

Kenny Hahn bought my services and I have been here on Hahn Farms ever since. Now, I'm not the only truck on the farm that hauls grain. Kenny has 2 semi outfits also, but I have a little seniority over them.

I don't work much till it's soybean harvest time at the end of September. Then Nick will come out to the new barn and take me over to the gas tanks and check my oil and get me ready for the big push. They will fill the semi trailers first and then I and my trailer, "Jenny" come into use. You can cut beans from about noon till supper time or a little later according to the dew.

What we don't get to the elevator that evening we take over in the morning while someone gets the combine ready for a day's work. And someone is working up the bean ground so it will be ready for corn next spring. Everybody works on the farm, even some extra long days at harvest time. They keep me and Jenny and the 2 big trucks ready at all times. That's the way it goes, about two weeks and we have soybeans combined and a lot of the corn ground worked up.

Those big semis will haul about a thousand bushels of grain and I and Jenny about 700 bushel all together.

I don't know why, but Mike and Nick would rather drive one of the big semi trucks. Well, yes they do have more power, but I have a 427 engine. One time Nick was driving me and we had a big load and right in down town Antwerp my tranny stuck in fourth gear right under the light. I couldn't move and the traffic was held up and the police came and said, "What's

the trouble?" Nick said, "I can't move, it's in fourth gear, stuck there and I can't get it out of fourth."

Someone called the elevator and they came over with a tractor and chain and pulled us down to the elevator and got us out of the city traffic.

As luck would have it, one of the boys there waiting in line knew what to do and he got my tranny out of fourth gear and we went on from there.

It's according to the weather, but we might get a few days being a little slower till the corn is dry enough to combine. Then it's "Nellie hold hold the nanny goat" at corn time on Hahn Farms. Everybody works early morning till late at night, Sunday and all, and probably an extra driver or so. Just like in the beans, they fill the big trucks and then me and Jenny; this goes on till we are done with the corn.

It makes no difference if it's eastern standard time or Russian standard time, we work around the clock.

It is usually Kenny and Nick doing the farming, but at corn combining time we need about 3 more drivers and me and Jenny do a lot of road work.

Then all at once, the busy work is done. Kenny and Nick make the necessary repairs on the equipment. Then Nick cleans everything and washes and waxes everything before they put it away.

They take Jenny and me out to the new barn and we get pushed back in the far, northwest corner. Jenny gets nothing, but I get about two quarts of Zerex for the winter.

I guess Kenny is going to put me up for sale. I'm sure sorry about that, I like all these boys.

See ya!

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

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

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

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

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



Paulding senior Zach Gorrell scores for Paulding while guarded by Edgerton freshman Cory Herman. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Paulding Panthers recorded their first Green Meadows Conference victory of the season as the maroon and white defeated Edgerton 72-52 Friday night in boys basketball action.

The host Panthers led at every stop, taking a 17-10 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action before expanding the lead to 34-21 at the midway point of the contest. Paulding widened the margin to 54-31 at the end of three periods.

Nick Manz led all scorers by bucketing 25 points to pace the Panthers, who im-

prove to 3-8 in all games and 1-1 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Peyton Adams and Ethan Foltz each added nine markers for Paulding with Casey Agler, Christian Bauer and Zach Gorrell posting seven points apiece. Luke Zartman chipped in six for the maroon and white while Vincente Cantu had the remaining Panther basket.

Edgerton was led by Cole Meyer with 15 points and Corey Everetts chipped in ten markers. Quentin Blue (eight), Nathan Swank (six), Nate Timbrook (four), Cory

Herman (four), Kaydn Picillo (three) and Elijah Weaver (two) completed the scoring for the Bulldogs, who fall to 2-8 overall and 0-2 in the league.

## FORFEITS COST WT IN LOSS TO ARCHBOLD

A trio of forfeits proved to be the difference Thursday night in high school wrestling at Archbold as the host Blue Streaks took advantage to post a 43-34 win over Wayne Trace.

The Blue Streaks netted a dozen points out of forfeits, coming out of forfeits for the Raiders at 106, 175 and 190 while Archbold forfeited at 144, and used those additional points to pick up the victory.

Seven matches actually wrestled ended in pins with the red, white and blue winning four of those.

Nathan Osborn pinned the Blue Streaks' Anthony Beltran in 1:42 at 215 and Corbin Kimmel posted a pin of Archbold's Mason Miller in 1:45. Wayne Trace's Jared Pierce picked up a pin of the Fulton County squad's Tristan Wyse at 132 in 39 seconds while Samuel Moore pinned Archbold's Edward Yoder in 59 seconds at 157.

The Blue Streaks got pins from Spencer Simon at 285 over Kaden Woolbright in 1:17 and Jordan Rodriguez recorded a pin of Connor Blankenship in 2:40 in the 120 pound class. Archbold's remaining pin was at 126 as Jack Buchhop defeated Kendal Franklin in 24 seconds.

Graiden Troth posted a 9-1 win over Archbold's Brennan Garrow in the 138

pound weight class for the Raiders other victory on the night.

In two other weight classes, the Blue Streaks' Brodie Dominique won 4-3 over Jarrett Hornish at 150 and Rusty Short defeated Elliot Boroff 11-1 at 165.

## JH RAIDERS MOVE TO 7-1

The Wayne Trace eighth grade boys basketball team improved its record to 7-1 on the season with wins over Delphos Jefferson and Woodlan last week.

The Raiders defeated the Wildcats 43-26 on Monday as Lance Maenle bucketed a dozen points while Tanner Laukhuf and Carter Clemens had eight markers each.

Riley Manz and Jack Schoenauer both posted four points followed by Ryan Parker (three), Griffin Williamson (two) and Eric Reinhart (two) rounded out the Raider scorers.

On Tuesday, Wayne Trace traveled across the Indiana state line to take on Woodlan where Wayne Trace posted a 47-23 victory.

Clemens and Caden Sinn both had 11 points for the red, white and blue followed by Laukhuf (ten), Maenle (nine), Schoenauer (three) and Manz (two).

## LADY APACHES HOLD OFF ARCHERS

Carrie Zeedyk and Kelly Crites each had big games and the Fairview Lady Apaches held off a late Antwerp rally for a 50-43 win in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball play Thursday night.

Zeedyk topped the black and gold with 14 points and eight rebounds while Crites added ten markers, five assists, six rebounds and three steals.

Allison Rhodes chipped in nine points for Fairview, which improves to 8-6 overall and 1-1 in the league. Kaitlyn Zeedyk added seven points for the black and gold followed by Haley Hammer (six) and Bethany Singer (four).

The two teams were tied at 11-11 at the end of one period before Fairview added six markers in the second compared to the Archers' four, giving the Apaches a 17-15 halftime advantage.

Quarter number three saw the black and gold open up the game, picking up a dozen markers while Antwerp scored five to put Fairview on top 29-20 at the end of three periods.

The Lady Archers piled on 23 points in the final stanza but Fairview scored 21 to set the final 50-43 Apache victory.

Hayleigh Jewell paced Antwerp with 15 points and Aewyn McMichael added 11 markers. Kiana Recker recorded seven points with Astianna Coppes and Grace Schuette finished with five points each.

Antwerp returns to action on Thursday as the Lady Archers host Wayne Trace in the annual battle of Paulding County and Green Meadows Conference rivals. The blue and white then visit Pettisville on Saturday for a 1:00 p.m. non-conference battle.

Fairview hosts Edgerton in conference play on Thursday before visiting Edon for a non-league contest on Monday.

# ARCHERS DOMINATE EARLY IN ROUT OF APACHES



Antwerp Senior Gaige McMichael is fouled on the shot by Fairview's Eli Shininger. McMichael scores at the line. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Antwerp defense limited visiting Fairview to five or less points in three of four quarters as the Archers routed the Apaches 62-23 Friday night in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball action.

Antwerp scored 14 first quarter points and limited the black and gold to five as the Archers seized control early on with a 14-5 lead at the end of one period.

Quarter number two was much of the same, seeing Antwerp score 16 compared to five again for Fairview giving the blue and white a commanding 30-10 halftime advantage.

The Apaches did score 13

points in the third quarter but allowed 24 as Antwerp expanded the margin to 54-23 at the end of three periods.

Jagger Landers paced Antwerp with 22 points and Landon Brewer also reached double figures with 15 markers.

Other scorers for the Archers were Carson Altimus (seven), Kaden Phares (five), Gaige McMichael (five), Luke Krouse (four), Kaden Recker (four).

Jeffrey Smith led the way for the Apaches with 14 points while Brody Retcher (four), D'Andre Hastings (three) and Brady Karzings (two) completed the Fairview scoring.

## RAIDERS FALL SHORT TO TINORA



The Raiders struggled against the Rams in Thursday night's game. Shown here is Rachel Stoller getting under the basket and scoring for Wayne Trace! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders returned to the hardwood to tip off the 2022 portion of their season last Thursday, January 6. The red, white and blue hosted Tinora in Green Meadows Conference play. The Lady Rams, winners of their last seven of

nine contests, turned back the Raiders 44-34 to improve their season record at 9-3 and more importantly, remain perfect in the GMC at 2-0.

Cold shooting and turnovers kept the Raiders from overtaking the Rams after falling behind early and trailing at the break 24-11. Wayne Trace shot 33 percent in the contest; hitting 16-48

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The Raiders attempted seven shots behind the arc and came up empty on all seven tries. In the turnover department the Raiders committed 18 miscues while Tinora coughed it up 13 times.

Tinora connected on 18-41 for 44 percent including 11-18 from the two-point area. The Raiders managed a large rebounding edge with 40 boards to just 22 for the Rams.

Tinora placed two in double-digits led by Anna Gray with 14 and Nova Okuley chipping in 11. Rounding out

the Ram's scoring with six was Addison Love; Kari Okuley five; Liv Mueller four; Amanda Meyer and Anna Frazer each with two.

For the Raiders, senior Rachel Stoller finished with 14 markers along with nine rebounds to lead the red, white and blue. Other scorers included: Abby Moore eight; Rylee Troth four; Elise Miller, Harper Myers, and Christina Graham with two points each. Graham also collected a team high six steals.

## LADY WARRIORS HOLD ON FOR WIN OVER ARCHERS



Woodlan's Taylor Kneubuhler, heavily guarded by Antwerp, shoots and scores for the Warriors! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Warriors of Woodlan used a third-quarter advantage to get the lead and then held on down the stretch for a 40-38 win over visiting Antwerp in the cross-state rivalry girls basketball game Tuesday night in the Hoosier state.

Quarter number one saw both schools score 14 points before the Lady Archers outscored the Warriors 8-7 in the second stanza to take a 22-21 halftime advantage. Woodlan then won the pivotal third quarter, bucketing nine markers compared to Antwerp's three, as the Lady Warriors seized a 30-25 lead entering the final period.

The Lady Archers made things interesting, outscoring

Woodlan 13-10 in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough as the Lady Warriors held on for the 40-38 victory.

Avah Smith and Dakotah Krohn led the Warrior effort with 12 and 11 points, respectively, while Taylor Kneubuhler added eight points. Briana Roney and Kaitlyn Crona each hit a three-point shot for Woodlan and Gabi Klopfenstein picked up a basket. Addie Goheen also made a free throw to aid the Warrior cause.

Smith finished off the double-double with 13 rebounds on the night and Kneubuhler added eight boards and four steals. Krohn chipped in four assists and three steals.

Antwerp was paced by As-



Hayleigh Jewell, Antwerp Junior, draws inside, shoots and scores! More pictures at westbendnews.net

tianna Coppes with 15 markers while Hayleigh Jewell chipped in seven markers. Grace Schuette chipped in six points with Aewyn McMichael and Lydia Brewer bucketing five points apiece.

Schuette also chipped in six boards for the blue and

white with Brewer, McMichael and Coppes all grabbing five boards. Ali Reinhart, Schuette and McMichael dished out two assists each while Brewer picked up three steals. Schuette and McMichael also recorded two steals apiece for Antwerp.

## CAM SINN HITS FOR 24 TO LEAD RAIDERS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The hot hand of Cam Sinn and solid team defense helped push Wayne Trace past Delphos Jefferson last Saturday 73-40 at home. Coming off a Friday night conference road win over Tinora the Raiders enjoyed a double-header week-end win. The Raiders now look ahead to the much anticipated showdown with undefeated Antwerp on Friday.

The Raiders jumped out early on the 'Cats and established themselves as the better team. After eight minutes of play the red, white and blue managed to blow the game wide open with a 23-5 advantage. Wayne Trace continued to build their margin while taking a 39-20 lead to the locker room at the break.

Heading into the final eight minutes of play the Raiders were on top 54-32 and continued to have their way in the closing minutes - outscoring Delphos Jefferson 19-8 to finish with a 33-point win - their fourth in a row and improving their mark at 10-1. It was the sixth game this season the Raiders have held their opponent at 40 points or less.

Cam Sinn had the shooters touch finishing with 24. The 5-10 senior sizzled the nets, hitting 5-6 of his two-point attempts and 4-5 behind the arc along with adding six rebounds. Also in double digits for the winners was Brooks Laukhuf with 19 (5-7 on three-pointers) and Tyler Davis chipping in 10. Rounding out the Raider's scoring: Kyle Stoller with nine points and seven rebounds; Trevor Sinn with a solid performance on both ends of the court with five points, seven assists and six steals. Rounding out the scoring was Hudson Myers with four and Cameron Graham adding two.

As a team the Raiders shot a blistering 55 percent; hitting 17-31 from the two-point area

and 11-20 behind the three-point arc. WT finished with 24 rebounds with DJ collecting 23. The Raiders produced excellent play both offensively and defensively as witnessed by their 19 assists and 15 steals.

Trent Teman led the Wildcats with 16 points followed by Andrew Miller with eight and seven markers from Colin Bailey. The "Cats, who fall to 2-9 on the season, shot 15-34 from the field for 44 percent

## WAYNE TRACE WRESTLERS SUCCESSFUL AT TROY INVITATIONAL

The Wayne Trace wrestling team enjoyed success at the Troy Invitational on Saturday as the Raiders finished third as a team and came home with three individual champions.

Corbin Kimmel claimed the title at 106 with a 16-4 major decision victory over Covington's Carson Taylor in the championship match and the Raiders' Hunter Long pinned Miami East's Layton Hughes in 2:20 at 138 to claim an individual title.

Kimmel recorded a pin in each of his first four matches in getting victories over Wayne's Qassan Fields, Fairmont's Justin Winter, Greenville's Ashton Noggle and Piqua's Averi Wiley. Long won by technical fall over Troy's Brayden Lester before following that up with pins of both Covington's Jackson Shiverdecker and Piqua's Max Kaye.

Jarrett Hornish was the third individual winner for the Raiders, recording in 1:26 of Miami East's Daniel Martin in the 150-pound weight class. Hornish won by pin over Sidney's Dylan North, Arcanum's Micah Jarret and Wayne's Joseph Conti before defeating Covington's Caleb Miller 12-0.

Runner up-finishers for Wayne Trace included Jared Pierce in the 132-pound weight class and Samuel Moore at 157.

Pierce defeated Miami

## LADY PANTHERS LAY CLAIM OVER BLUE JAYS



Paulding Senior Audrey Giesige sinks another 3 point basket for the Panthers! Also scoring in this Panther victory (41-29) was Senior Claire Schweller with 12 points for the game. Schweller was named Signature Embroidery's Player of the Game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

East's Aaron Mills, Greenville's Caiden Chrysler and Fairmont's Toby Deglow before falling to Miami East's Max Shore in the championship match. Moore also recorded three wins by pin, coming over Xenia's Jayden Bennett, Wayne's Lamar Hawkins and Fairmont's Joseph Brooks before winning 13-2 over Covington's Connor Sindelir in the semifinals. Moore then dropped a 14-4

decision to Miami East's David Davis in the finals.

Nathan Osborn took third at 215 as did Graiden Troth in the 144-pound weight class while Connor Blankenship placed fourth at 113. Kaden Woolbright brought home a sixth-place finish at 285.

Covington claimed the team title with 241 points while Miami East was second at 237 and Wayne Trace placed third with 231-1/2.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**My Survival Kit**

Dear Editor:

Recent events of folks being stranded on an interstate highway for hours, many without any provisions, prompted me to think about what I want in my car survival kit. I packed my kit in anticipation of a short car trip in the near future. Included I packed: a sleeping bag, six bottles of water, assorted granola bars (some to

eat, some to barter with other stranded motorists), two cans of tuna fish, one single serve applesauce, chocolate kisses, beef jerky, pecans, toilet paper, plastic utensils, paper towels, peanut can with cat litter, two candles, two boxes of matches, and a flashlight with extra batteries. My two new kittens climbed into my kit, and although they would be great snugglers, I decided that was probably a bad idea. I packed my kit into one of those large, cloth, zippered "freezer bags" purchased at a warehouse store. I will put the kit in my backseat in case I cannot get to the "way back" hatchback. If I had a family, I'd probably stock a cooler.

I am also including a car survival kit that includes a portable shovel and flares.

**WT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



Grover Hill Elementary November Students of the Month are: Front: L-R Paisley Greae, Kendyl Hurd, Mason Evans, Tyler Akom, Aizlee Ricker, Bentley Wright and Raelynn Stevens. Standing: Tyler Baksa, Gracelyn Miller, Jensen Beining, Brooke Tigner, Avah Farris, Kinlee Miller, Abbie Williams, Brayden Sinn and Corbin Stoller.

As I reviewed what I packed, I realized I probably did not include enough chocolate. I am curious as to what others would include in their kit.

—Susan Pieper  
Paulding, Ohio

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win with a 17-point fourth quarter while the Braves picked up 15, setting the final margin at 47-39.

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Taylor Kneubuhler recorded 11 points, six rebounds and four assists with Dakotah Krohn posting seven points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals. Gabi Klopfenstein chipped in four points and two boards with Addie Goheen aiding the

Fort Wayne and Les Garrison du Pays den Haut.

Admission is by Freewill donation. Visit the website oldfortwayne.org, Facebook/HistoricFortWayne, or call (260)437-2836 for schedule updates and information.

The Old Fort is located at 1201 Spy Run Ave. Parking is available at Headwaters Park, Lawton Park, and in the lot across from the Fort. Visitors should use the Rivergreenway Trail under the Spy Run bridge to access the Fort.

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Lady Warrior cause with two points and two assists. Olivia Baumert also had three boards for Woodlan, which improves to 13-3 on the season.

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**VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES**

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21** on December 1, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2010-16, AN ORDINANCE TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF A ZONING INSPECTOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF SUCH ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT RATE FOR THE ZONING INSPECTOR, AND TO ALSO PROVIDE A ONE-TIME PAYMENT ON COMPLETION OF ZONING MAP UPDATE." This Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2010-16 to increase the annual payment rate for the position of Zoning Inspector to \$2,500 (paid \$625 per quarter) and allow a one-time payment of \$1,500 upon completion of the zoning map update.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11** on December 1, 2021, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A DONATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ANTWERP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 20 PARKING SPACES ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF ISLAND STREET IN THE RIVERSIDE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Donation Agreement with the Antwerp Community Development Committee for the donation of \$6,000 to be used to pay for the construction of 20 parking spaces in the Riverside Veterans Memorial Park.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12** on December 1, 2021, entitled, "AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT WITH THE JANSSEN DISTRIBUTORS PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT." This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to accept the proposed settlement on behalf of the Village in regard to the Janssen Distributors and the National Opioid Settlement, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-22** on December 20, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022." This Ordinance establishes regular meetings of the Council for calendar year 2022, which shall be held at Council Chambers, 118 North Main Street, in the Village, on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m., except for those third Mondays that are deemed a holiday under the personnel manual of the Village of Antwerp, then the regular council meetings shall be the third Wednesday of that month at 5:30 p.m.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-24** on December 20, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$38,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$38,000.00 from the General Fund to the Police Fund to provide necessary funding for the operations of the police department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-25** on December 20, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WRITTEN MODIFICATION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PIONEER LINES FOR THE LEASE OF THE LAND FOR OPERATION OF A PARKING LOT, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to enter into the modification of the lease agreement with Pioneer Lines for the downtown parking lot, including to increase the annual rent for this lot.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-26** on December 20, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, TO REZONE CERTAIN PARCELS IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance amends the zoning map of the Village by rezoning or reclassifying the zoning districts of twenty-two (22) parcels in the Village.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-27** on December 20, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO AMEND ARTICLE 300 - ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF DISTRICTS, SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND B-2 GATEWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL, ACCESSORY USES (AND THE TABLE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SECTION), YARD REQUIREMENTS, EXTERIOR BUILDING MATERIALS, SIGNAGE, AND SCREENING, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance amends the zoning ordinance of the Village by amending certain provisions in Article 300 on B-2 Gateway Commercial Districts, including permitted, conditional, accessory uses, yard requirements, exterior building materials, signage and screening.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13** on December 20, 2021, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT AN AWARD OF GRANT FUNDS, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution authorizes the acceptance of grant funds for the engineering costs associated with the water plant improvements and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Development Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Program for that purpose.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14** on December 20, 2021, entitled, "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTH ERIE STREET SIDEWALKS PROJECT, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution sets forth that the Village will support this project by providing the design services and construction costs for sidewalks along South Erie Street, including levying assessments, not otherwise covered from the funding sought from the Ohio Department of Transportation, in order to proceed to the next step in seeking funding for this project.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-23** on December 30, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, SPECIFICALLY, AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION XXI ENTITLED "HOLIDAYS" TO ADD THE NINETEENTH OF JUNE AS A HOLIDAY." This Ordinance amends the Personnel Manual to include Juneteenth as a paid holiday for full-time employees of the Village.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-28** on December 30, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, and this Ordinance identifies each amended appropriation by fund.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-29** on December 30, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance provides the current expenses and other expenditures for the Village during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, identifies the appropriations for each fund, and authorizes the Fiscal Officer to draw warrants for payments from the appropriated funds identified therein.

*The publication of the Ordinances and Resolutions is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances and Resolutions may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.*

**WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY 2<sup>nd</sup> 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021/22**

**No honor roll for 1st and 2nd grades**

**3RD GRADE**

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**ALL A's/B's:** Kennedy Childs, Adley Morehead, Carter O'Dell, Londyn Dargenson, Nuria Valdez, Emma Wilcox, Cerenity Seibert

**ALL B's:** Zander Lelonek, Gary Mendenhall, Kaylee Miller, Donovan Strawser, Quincy Sutton

**4TH GRADE**

**ALL A's:** Hudsyn Burkley, Krandon Crites, Aubree Lamb, Megan Parker, Ryleigh McGarvey, Avery Welch, Audrey Reuille, Mailey Stoller

**ALL A's/B's:** Brass Mansfield, Lienna Stoller, Elizabeth Holbrook, Laina Matthews, Kiptyn Mills, Jordan Howell

**5TH GRADE**

**ALL A's:** Kendall Folsom, Addilynn Gerardot, McKenna Richhart, Grace Ringler, Emma Whitman

**ALL A's/B's:** Aaron Bohland, MaKenna Schilt, Witt Stoller

**6TH GRADE**

**ALL A's:** Logan Gambler, Jenna Kipfer, Madison Pease, Lilly Shepherd, Javiero Vielma, Owen Welch

**ALL A's/B's:** Caylie Baker, Brock Knowles, Connor Burris, Kahne Mansfield, Brinna Collins, Reece Morehead, Jaxon Cook, Cayla Noggle, Lilly Holbrook, Savannah Sinn

**ALL B's:**

Knox Mills, Conner Reuille

**LADY WARRIORS GET SIXTH STRAIGHT WIN**

The Woodlan Lady Warriors picked up their sixth straight win on Thursday night with a 47-39 victory over Blackhawk Christian in Fort Wayne.

The host Braves battled Woodlan in the opening two quarters, outscoring the Warriors 8-6 in the opening stanza before expanding the margin to 17-14 at the end of two periods.

However, Woodlan controlled the third quarter and picked up 16 points compared to seven for Blackhawk Christian as the Lady Warriors jumped in front 30-24 at the end of three quarters. Woodlan then sealed the

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### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

#### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:  
**LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JAMES W. BOND, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. CI 21 126

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

**766 Walnut Street, Paulding  
Parcel Number: 30-19S-013-00**

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

The opening bid is Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-five and 19/100 (\$5,455.19) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, interest, penalties and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment, interest and cost at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, the 17th day of February, 2022 by on-line bidding at:

(RealAuction) <https://pauldng.sheriffsauction.ohio.gov>. **Registration and a Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) Dollar deposit must be completed at least one week before the date of the sale.**

If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day on the 3rd day of March, 2022 for the same minimum bid.

The purchaser will be required to pay recording costs and transfer fee with the balance of the purchase price after the sale has been confirmed.

Purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
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Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

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**STEPHEN ANKNEY, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. CI 21 108

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

**14254 Road 43, Antwerp  
Parcel Number: 11-26S-014-00**

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

The opening bid is Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-six and 30/100 (\$7,826.30) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, interest, penalties and costs of this suit.

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## KEEPING WARM AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Shown here from the left are: Wyatt Colley, Hadley Mohr, Savannah Coil and Mylann Good with their beloved teacher, Mrs. Donita Brandenburg.

Ann's Bright Beginners are talking about staying warm and the things we wear in the cold. We all made our own

winter hats at our art center. For more information about our program, please call 419-399-KIDS.

### WALK THROUGH WINTER!

**By: Casey Bishop, PC Ext Educator, Family & Consumer Sciences**

January 4th, 2022: Walking is one of the easiest ways to get some mild cardio fitness in your life. A minimum of 30 minutes is recommended most days of the week to help fight against Diabetes, Heart Disease, Osteoporosis, and to promote general health.

#### WALK WITH US!

Join the OSU extension office during your lunch hour and get your 30 minutes in. A walking track will be set up inside the big hall, top 40 music will be playing, and a food sampling of a healthy snack will be provided. No pre-registration required. Come in anytime between 12:00pm and 1:00pm. Call Casey Bishop at 419-399-8225 for any questions.

Dates: January: 11th, and 25<sup>th</sup>; February: 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22<sup>nd</sup>; March: 1st, 8th, and 15th

### MONICA LEWINSKY OMNIBUS SPEAKER SERIES LECTURE TO BE RESCHEDULED

Purdue University Fort Wayne's next Omnibus Speaker Series lecture featuring Monica Lewinsky, set for Jan. 25, will be rescheduled.

Due to the current spike in COVID-19 cases in Indiana and nationwide, and to ensure as safe of an experience as possible for patrons in attendance at the university's 1,500-seat Auer Performance Hall at Rhinehart Music Center, representatives of Lewinsky and university officials began working Thursday to establish a new date for her visit later this year.

Next up on the Omnibus schedule Feb. 17 is former Republican National Committee Chairman and well-known political commentator Michael Steele. Visit the Omnibus website for more information about this season's featured presenters and the history of Purdue Fort Wayne's popular speaker series.

### PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

#### Criminal/Traffic Disposition

**Louis Patton**, Fort Wayne, IN; Violation of protection order; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

**Michael Hollis**, Warren, MI; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Javaughn M. Cotton**, Hamtramck, MI; No operator's license; Defendant pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/31/22

**Douglas R. Spencer**, Canton, MI; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Todj E. Fletcher**, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Bailey T. Ripke**, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Gannon T. Prowant**, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Hunter R. Long**, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Zanethia Lawrence**, Chattanooga, TN; Possession of marijuana, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Vigorito, Pled no contest, found guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, Show proof of insurance by 1/4/22; No operator's license, Count B dismissed

**Antwone L. Washington**, Fort Wayne, IN; Handle Firearm; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Firearm, magazines and ammo shall be forfeited to the arresting agency

**Jeffrey F. Koenig**, Monclova, OH; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; Left of center, Defendant pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs

**Jaze Priest**, Weston, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Defendant appeared via video without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs; Warrant and warrant block recalled; Wrong plates, Defendant appeared via video without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine

**Jaze D. Priest**, Bowling Green, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Defendant appeared via video without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Proof of insurance not provided, Pay all fines and costs, Warrant and warrant block released; Ficti-

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# Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

tious plates, Defendant appeared without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine; Park/public highway, Defendant appeared without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine

**Allen Foute**, Sherwood, OH; OVI/under influence; Count A dismissed without prejudice

**Jeremy R. Turner**, Southgate, MI; No operator's license; Count A dismissed

**Grigor Guyumdzhyan**, Northridge, CA; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jeremi K. Floyd**, Louisville, KY; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Dexter McCray**, New Haven, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Brian E. Price**, Van Wert, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jazzmine J. Wolfe**, Cleveland, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs by 3/31/22

**Paul A. Hanson**, Haviland, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

## NOTICE

Paulding County Auditor, Claudia Fickel, would like to inform all property owners in Paulding County of the upcoming 2022 Revaluation/Reappraisal for the county. The reappraisal company will be visiting properties over the next few months as part of the project.

All vehicles will be clearly marked and personnel will have proper identification. Any resident with questions regarding the reappraisal project for the county may contact the Paulding County Auditor's Office/Real Estate Department at 419-399-8241.

### NOTICE OF ONLINE SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

#### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:  
**LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**KENNETH J. COLLINS, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. CI 21 146

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

**15184 Bowmar Street, Paulding  
Parcel Number: 21-33A-020-00**

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

The opening bid is Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-eight and 81/100 (\$4,748.81) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, interest, penalties and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel beginning at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, the 17th day of February, 2022 by on-line bidding at:

(RealAuction) <https://pauldng.sheriffsauction.ohio.gov>. **Registration and a Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) Dollar deposit must be completed at least one week before the date of the sale.**

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day on the 3rd day of March, 2022 for the same minimum bid.

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# FLAT ROCK JUNIOR FARMERS 4-H CLUB MAKES DONATION TO CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY



Flat Rock Jr. Farmers 4-H club recently held a New Year's Eve dance and collected non-perishable food items and donated them to the Caring and Sharing Food Panty of Paulding.

# FLAT ROCK JUNIOR FARMERS 4-H CLUB DONATES TO WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Flat Rock Junior Farmers 4-H Club recently made a donation to Wreaths Across America. Linda McCain is Paulding's local representative. Linda accepted a \$100

donation from Delaney Johanns, Lucy Martinez and Kenna Adams. The \$100 donation was matched by National Wreaths Across American.

# ROMERO NAMES STUDENT OF THE QUARTER



Shown in the picture is Quinlyn with the Subway gift card he received to reward him for being named Student of the Quarter.

Every nine weeks Paulding Middle School teacher Phil Romero selects a Student of the Quarter to recognize a student who is making a positive contribution in the classroom. For the second nine week Quinlyn Gonzales was named Mr. Romero's Student of the Quarter and received the "Heart of Gold" award.

Lawson, Annabelle Mowery, Aleta Sorrell

### ALL A'S AND B'S

**3RD GRADE:** Carter Bereszazi, Keigan Custer, Jameson Ma!Fait, Quinne Bradbury, Riel Gonzalez, Juliet Jones, Rilee Martin, Lane Sensabaugh, Adelynne Slattman, Braxton Fidler, Adrian Hogans, Colt Lockhart, Bradyn Miller, Avery Parrish, Kennedy Zuber

**4TH GRADE:** Hannah Bradbury, Jameson Graham, Marshall Rice, Emily Smith, Sophia Antoine, Brooklin Baum, Alexandria Cross, Carson Hughes, Chaz Moore, Heidi Rice, Emma White, Christopher Yanez, Stephanie Chafin, Ava Dunham, Krayston Eicher, Clayton Flannery, Chance Lehman, Kahne Moore, Braelyn Putnam, Jordan Steel

**5TH GRADE:** Tyler Bradbury, Pearce Cottrell, Charlotte Hook, Evan Overman, Garrett Robbins, Brennan Barker, Mallory Barker, Devin Hicks, Allison Miller, Alaina Reinhart, Cate Rohrs

### WT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY 2nd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021/22

**3A MISS MYERS' CLASS:**

**ALL A'S:** Beckett Jay, Grayson LaBounty, Brynlee Maenle, Sawyer Schlatter, Shawna Stoller

**A/B:** Ryan Clark, Ryder Collins, Wyatt Farris, Paisley Greear, Jennifer Lopez-Castillo, Gabriella Lowe, Lyla

Orona, Jaxson Shelton, and Emberlee Sinn

**3B MRS. ALVAREZ'S CLASS:**

**ALL A'S:** Aylan Stoller  
**A/B:** Rozlynn Eversole, Ryan Hicks, Abrie Hurd, Kendyl Hurd, Ivey Ray, and Dreya Stephey-Baldazo

**4A MRS. BAKER'S CLASS:**

**ALL A'S:** Brenna Beining, Katelynn Hurd, Griffin Miller, and Carter Noffsinger  
**A/B:** Remmington Lockie and Jocelyn Mabis

**4B MISS CAVINDER'S CLASS:**

**ALL A'S:** Avah Farris, Kenzie Manz, Drew McClure, Tylan Sinn, and Kolson Stoller  
**A/B:** Jocelyn Adkins and Connie Sturgill

**5A MRS. SCHLATTER'S CLASS:**

**ALL A'S:** Easton Jay and Kinlee Miller  
**A/B:** Braylin Sinn  
**ALL B'S:** Faith Schaffer and Jacob Wobler

**5B MISS SINN'S CLASS:**

**ALL A'S:** Brayden Sinn, Corbin Stoller, and Olivia Stoller  
**A/B:** Phoebe Landwehr, Jonah Sinn, Brooke Stoller, and Abigail Tarlton

**ALL B'S:** EhvaJean Esposito and Madison Silance  
**6A MRS. BEINING'S CLASS:**

**ALL A'S:** Jensen Beining, Marcus Killion, Addyson LaBounty, Brenan Miller, and Braxton Schnipke  
**A/B:** Ashlyn Manz, Aries Ricker, Aubrie Stoller, and Jeremy Vejar

**ALL B'S:** Emma Hurd, Faith Jacobs, and Bella Lowe  
**6B MRS. DAVIS' CLASS:**

**ALL A'S:** Xylem Kashner and Kenzie Ogle  
**A/B:** Luke Miller, Miracle Omonayin, Tatum Sheets, and Brooke Tigner

**ALL B'S:** Avery Noffsinger, Alivia Thrasher, and Karsyn Troth

parked train.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 will complete the design work, oversee construction of the Independence Road overpass, remove pavement in the median, and establish right in - right out access and at Jewell Road and Flory Road.

The Defiance County Engineer will construct cul-de-sacs on Jewell Road and Flory Road, and will be responsible for construction of the Egler-Flory connector road.

The estimated \$4.5 million project is anticipated to be constructed in 2027.

Funding for the project began with the Defiance County Engineer, Warren Schlatter, P.E., P.S., who secured \$2 million in safety funds through the County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO). The county has also committed to a 20% match towards the project.

ODOT secured an additional \$2 million in safety funds through HSIP.

Governor DeWine has directed ODOT to be even more focused on safety. That's why an additional \$50 million from the motor fuel user fee is designated for safety projects annually, making Ohio's safety program one of the largest in the nation.

"In the nearly 10 years since the U.S. 24 expansion between Fort Wayne and

# PAULDING FFA CELEBRATES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!



By: Paulding FFA Asst. Reporter, Jaylyn McCloud

The Paulding FFA chapter had their monthly chapter meeting in December with Christmas Cheer!

The students wore their ugly Christmas sweaters to the meeting. All the Ag classes decorated gingerbread houses and sugar cookies and were judged. The top three sugar cookies got a candy prize. During the meeting members participated in a Christmas Kahoot and other fun games.

On December 22nd, the Paulding FFA officer team held their annual Christmas party. At the party, the officers had a big meal with various carry-in items, played several Christmas games such as un-

wrapping a Saran wrap ball with oven gloves on, having a fake snowball fight, and seeing how many marshmallows we could suck up with a straw.

The team also had some time to bond even more and celebrate the end of 2021. The party was completed with a secret Santa gift exchange, and the officer team had a great time at the party and are excited for next year.

The month of December was completed with a book work session where members worked on their State and American degrees and worked on their officer books. Overall it was a highly successful month and we are excited for the new year.

Toledo has been completed, traffic between Defiance and Napoleon has increased dramatically," said District 1 Deputy Director Chris Hughes.

"We are excited to see this important project move forward which will improve safety while maintaining adequate accessibility for local residents. The project would not be possible without the partnership of Defiance County and County Engineer Warren Schlatter," said Hughes.

The project puts into action plans developed in 2021 as part of a feasibility study of the U.S. 24 corridor between the city of Defiance and the city of Napoleon. An independent project in Henry County will address

the intersections at County Road 17D and Banner School Road.

That project is being developed by the ODOT District 2 office in Bowling Green and is proposing to construct an interchange at County Road 17D, and a connector road between Banner School Road and County Line Road to maintain access to U.S. 24.

The U.S. 24 feasibility study is available on the project website here: [transportation.ohio.gov/Defiance24Independence](http://transportation.ohio.gov/Defiance24Independence)

The next step is for Defiance County to formally vacate portions of U.S. 24 Jewell Road and Flory Road as necessary to modify their access to U.S. 24.

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### ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 2nd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021/22

**ALL A'S**  
**3RD GRADE:** Audreylynn Corner, Makenzie Muir, Brady Stairhime, Sylvie Zartman, Carter Bagley, Conley Bissell, Charlotte Kauser, Jocelyn Laker, Josie Laker, Luke Saylor, Serenity Smith, Cy Zuber, Aubree Feehan, Carson Forbes, Dalton Hines, Julian Rivera, Lily Zijlstra

**4TH GRADE:** Parker Bermejo, Eliza Cline, Hayden Grant, Kyler Johnson, Benton Rogge, Laylah Bermejo, AJ Honigford, Luke Jones, Kolton Stuckey, Bentley Taylor, Rylan Winslow, Conner Fidler, Isaac Friend, Alivia Kiracofe, Isaac Meyer, Briggs Zartman

**5TH GRADE:** Brooklynn

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# SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE COMMUNITY



To be unique is to be remembered and that's especially true for small businesses.

Defiance County is home to several small businesses, which offer many special experiences and wares to customers. They also help create memories and support the community.



At Just Be Original-JBO Fine Arts Academy in the Northtowne Mall, visitors can take part in parties, classes or purchase a distinctive piece of artwork. Owner Jennifer Boyd was an art and music teacher before making the switch to business owner. "I decided that Defiance could use a place to create and paint and have fun," she said of JBO, which opened in 2013 in downtown and has since relocated to the mall.

Fun is also a big part of the Fun Company in downtown Defiance. "It is fun to be here," said owner Mandy Osterfeld. The Defiance store, which opened in 2021, is the third location of the business. The first was in Bellefontaine, where Osterfeld and her husband took over the teacher store about three years ago turning it into the Fun Company. "Toys are more fun to shop (for) in person," she said, stating it's fun to be in a toy store. "You can see, touch and play in person. The toy store of our childhood is coming back."

While JBO and the Fun Company are relatively new in Defiance, there also are landmark small businesses that are synonymous with the town. Bud's Restaurant is one example. Bud's began as Bud's Hamburger Shop in 1939 by Bud Deatrack. It has had many owners over the years with members of the

Mayer family owning it since 1952. Matt and Sue Mayer took ownership of the long-standing business from Matt's parents in April 2011.

"It's an honor and a privilege to own a business that has been here as long as we have and support Defiance and the community," Matt Mayer said.

Each business owner said there are many great things about being a small business in Defiance.

Boyd said she loves to see people creating all the time "even those that are really nervous about it." "Eventually they realize they can do this and make really amazing pieces," she said, adding that it really helps to build people's self confidence. Boyd said she also loves "seeing kids happy and proud of what they have made" and "seeing people



smiling over something we have done - knowing we are making a difference." Boyd added that towns like Defiance need unique businesses where everyone is welcome. "We need places where all ages can gather," she said. "Create something unique. Put the phone and electronic down for a while and enjoy each others company (and do something education as well). Art is definitely therapy and is great for mental health. We need more of that in today's crazy world." JBO also does FUNdraisers for various community organizations and programs such as Relay for Life, the humane society, Imagination Library and more.

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While new, Osterfeld said the customers in Defiance have been "awesome" and really have enjoyed playing and getting with the various games, toys, puzzles and crafts the Fun Company offers. She said being in Defiance has been a "blessing." Osterfeld said she hopes the business' toys really help kids learn and as well as support their development. They also can create fun for all ages.

"Because we have a background as a teachers' store, we understand kids learn better when having fun," Osterfeld said, adding the store carries toys not found at big box stores. "A lot of adults come in here and say 'it's fun.' You can touch and play with everything. Who doesn't like that?"

Hometown favorites are also something everyone loves.

Mayer said it's very important to have a place like Bud's in the community. Bud's has helped with various community projects and events throughout the years including Christmas for Kids. "Every town should have a little place that has been there that supports the community and the community supports them," he said. "It's just a staple that everybody knows is going to be there. When there kids leave and come back to town, they know it will still be there. (For Defiance) it's basically Bud's and Kissner's. When people come back to town, they come to Kissner's for a favorite sandwich and when they come to Bud's they want their big pies (Bud's

had orders for 285 pies for Thanksgiving alone). It keeps people coming back and keeps people together."

Being a small business does have some challenges. Staffing is something all three businesses said they find as a challenge now. Mayer added that keeping up with new trends and technology also is something that can be difficult.

Relocating a few times has been a challenge as is staying "fresh," Boyd said of her business as well. "We want to make sure we are offering everything we can to the community they want to see," she said. "It's all about being of service to the community and are we doing them justice?"

Each business though is poised and have plans for the long-term in the community. "We hope to serve the community for years and years to come," Boyd said. "We hope these past eight years have secured us a spot in the heart of our community enough to keep us here. We have lots of plans with this new space (in the mall) - lot of new ideas and new things to offer and do."

Osterfeld said the Fun Company is planning to shut down in February and move to another location downtown two blocks from the current site. "We will have a grand opening in February," she said. "We will have expanded offerings like birthday parties and workshops."

Mayer said Bud's plans to continue to support the Defiance community for many years to come as well.

### WT HIGH SCHOOL 2<sup>ND</sup> 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021/22

ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL:

7TH: Grady Helms, Noah Schlatter, Blake Noggle, Cole Manz, KaMaury Sullivan, Amber Stoller

8TH: Riley Manz  
ACADEMIC LETTER HONOR ROLL:

9TH: Bethany Miller, Kathleen Stoller, Natalie Stoller, Isabella Knowles, Rylin Moore, Luke Stouffer, Nicholas Sinn, Ava Stoller, Lori Sinn, Makenna Johnson, Dylan Coffman, Harper Myers, Tyler Sanderson,

### Sudoku solution from page 9

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### PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE CHAMPION



On Wednesday, January 5th Paulding Middle School held its annual spelling bee. Over forty students participated in this year's spelling bee. Pictured is Vivienne Myers who was this year's spelling bee champion.

Thomas, Brenna Thomas, Cale Winans, Brenna Parker, Jasmine Mattson, Maddox Treece, Kyren Karhoff, Breven Anderson, Kamrun Smith, Meg Thompson, Trenton McClain, Lynsey Pease, Allison Schilt, Kaden Clark, Kaden Landwehr, Emma Lyons, Paige Alber, Brianna Draper, Tucker Antoine, Caitlin Sanchez, Dylan Hildebrand, Cassidy Lewis, Connor Blankenship, Kaden Tumblin

11TH: Anna Wells, Martin Alejo, Ava Dougal, Riley Daeger, Storm Tracy, Cole Fisher, Abby Moore

12TH: Christopher D'Ambrosia, Alexa Campbell, Rylee Troth, Madison Farquhar

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## LOCAL OHIO CO-OPS SENT LINEMEN TO ASSIST WITH POWER RESTORATION IN VIRGINIA AFTER ICE STORM



Bucket trucks were ready to leave at 5:30 am the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, from several NW Ohio co-ops including Paulding Putnam, Midwest, and North Western Electric Cooperatives. In total, 44 lineworkers from Ohio electric co-ops left for northern Virginia to assist with power restoration efforts through mutual aid.

North Western Electric Cooperative (Bryan), Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (Paulding), and Midwest Electric (St Marys) each



sent two local linemen Tuesday, Jan. 4 to assist with power restoration and storm cleanup in northern Virginia. Together, the three co-ops sent six lineworkers, who will likely spend between three to five days restoring power to Rappahannock Electric Cooperative members.

In total, 44 men from 18 rural electric cooperatives across Ohio left for Woodford, VA, to assist in restoring power to residents affected by the recent snowstorm that took out power to more than 200,000 residents across Northern Virginia and DC.

Ohio's electric cooperatives participate in the national power restoration program known as "Mutual Aid", where line workers, tree-clearing crews, damage assessors, and safety teams join forces to restore electricity during massive outages. "Cooperation Among Cooperatives" is one of the 7 Cooperative Principles co-ops abide by when a fellow co-op is overwhelmed by destruction and needs help.

In essence, co-ops believe in "paying it forward" because every utility can use

help from time to time for quicker power restoration; one day, lineworkers from your local co-op could be traveling south, but the next, your local co-op might need a hand after an ice storm and call upon another for help getting lights back on more quickly. As typically smaller, not-for-profit utilities, co-ops band together to be more effective in serving their members.

Those wanting more information can contact their respective co-op for details or watch their social media updates on Facebook:

- North Western Electric Cooperative: [www.nwec.com](http://www.nwec.com) or 800-647-6932
- Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative: [www.PPEC.coop](http://www.PPEC.coop) or 800-686-2357
- Midwest Electric: [www.midwestrec.com](http://www.midwestrec.com) or 800-962-3830

### PEVS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC HALL OF FAME

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools Academic Hall of Fame was created to recognize graduates of any high school currently within the boundaries of the Paulding Exempted Village School District who have achieved a significant degree of success in their professional careers. The first class was inducted in May 2010 and thirty-four individuals are currently in the Academic Hall of Fame. These individuals provide outstanding role models for the students in the PEVS District.

Current members of the Academic Hall of Fame have many traits in common. Each person has achieved success at high levels of education, in-

cluding advanced degrees such as MD, PhD, DO, DDS, JD, DVM, MA, or MS. In addition, these individuals have great career and/or societal accomplishments. Many have pursued a military career, while others have become outstanding teachers in their field. Others have served the public through careers such as medicine, law and dentistry. No matter the educational or career path, each inductee has one thing in common... they have provided outstanding role models for the students in the PEVS District.

Do you know someone who graduated prior to 2002 that graduated from one of the high schools within the current Paulding Exempted Village School District boundaries who would be an excellent candidate to join this elite group? Nomination forms are currently available on the PEVS website at [www.pauldingschools.org](http://www.pauldingschools.org) under the 'Academic' tab. Complete qualifications are listed on the website, along with the bios of previous inductees. The deadline to apply for the Class of 2022 is March 1, 2022.

### USDA LAUNCHES LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN AMERICA'S FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced USDA is deploying \$100 million under the new Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program to make available nearly \$1 billion in loan guarantees; these loan guarantees will back private investment in processing and food supply infrastructure that will strengthen the food supply chain for the American people.

USDA is making the funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act. The program is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to address food system challenges dating back decades and further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

USDA is accepting electronic applications from lenders through the Food Supply Chain Online Application System until funds are expended. Paper applications will not be accepted. To access the online application system, lenders must submit a request to [rdfoodsupplychainloans@usda.gov](mailto:rdfoodsupplychainloans@usda.gov). For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/foodsupplychainloans](http://www.rd.usda.gov/foodsupplychainloans) or see the notice published in the Dec. 9 Federal Register.

USDA Rural Development encourages applications for projects that advance the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, promote equitable access to USDA programs and services, and reduce the impacts of climate change on rural communities. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points](http://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points).

This funding announcement follows the Biden-Harris Administration's September announcement about the steps it is taking to address concentration in the meat-processing industry. It

## MAURICE STEINER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



By: Matt Love

Mom dropped me off at the post office on East Maumee street in Angola. I peered through the service counter window; all was a bustle in the back as it was Friday afternoon and nearly closing time. Grandpa, Maurice Steiner, was at his desk diligently finishing some Assistant Postmaster paperwork. The clerk had anticipated my arrival and motioned me to the side entrance to the offices. I headed straight for Grandpa's desk as he said, "There's my big helper!" a 10-year-old who didn't know much about farming was going to be. "You can sit at my desk here while I wrap up a few things and then we'll head out," explained Grandpa. As Grandpa closed things up I tinkered with a few trinkets on the old desk and curiously opened the top desk drawer to discover forgotten treasures. At a quick pace we left the office, Grandpa turning off the lights and locking the doors behind us.

We loaded up in the old powder blue 1976 Dodge 100 and headed East on 20 then a slight right onto Metz Road. It was late October and all the corn and beans still left in the fields were a magnificent golden. Grandpa didn't waste any time getting to the farm. In fact, as we bounced along those back roads and he shifted through the three-on-the-tree, I'm sure the speed limit was of little concern. We had a mission! It was harvest season and time to get the crops out. We changed quickly into our 'grubbies' as grandma called our work clothes, then she handed us a sandwich and a few molasses cookies from the cookie jar sitting in the dry sink and the three of us were out the door. Grandpa and I climbed into the combine with Grandma right behind us on her John Deere 3020 with two gravity wagons in tow. I loved riding in that old combine.

There was something satisfying about the whirl of the motor and the stalks of corn being transformed into piles of grain. I chuckled as I recalled Grandpa earlier in the year working on the combine head in the barnyard. Ol' Gobble-Dee-Gook, Grandma's ornery turkey, wouldn't quit pestering him and started pecking his bald

adds a new commitment of \$100 million for guaranteed loans on top of the previously announced \$500 million investment to expand meat and poultry processing capacity.

head. With wrench in hand Grandpa gave that fowl beast a few love taps, sending feathers flying while he mumbled something about a dumb bird! That old turkey didn't make it through the winter. Mom and I came to check on him while Grandpa and Grandma were on one of their adventures to Florida. There were feathers scattered clear across the barnyard and under the fence. No one was sad except maybe Grandma.

My memories are fond as I recall those late nights and early mornings during harvest. I can still see Grandpa's old bomber hat covering his bald head, ear flaps dancing in the wind as we drove down the dirt road back to the farm late at night singing the old hymn "Bringing In the Sheaves".

My grandparents not only worked hard; they played hard. They traveled to all 50 states, including driving to Alaska twice! Many of those adventures included several grandkids tagging along in their RV. My cousins and I could read a book about the experiences we had with my grandparents and the mischief that ensued. Seeing grandpa and grandma set up the RV at a camp site was always entertaining as they bantered back and forth! I recall one trip where grandpa and I got pulled over for speeding; at 100 he is still up for the adventure of a good road trip.

Grandpa is one of the most hardworking, principled, and loving people I have ever known. These days if you were to drive by his cottage early on a dark morning his light would be on and you would find him sitting at the table drinking his black coffee and reading his well-worn Bible. Later in the morning he reads the "Scandal Sheet" as he calls it, The Herald Republican. I remember him most there at the table, even at the farm house after dinner, paying bills, balancing the check book, and these days signing and addressing cards to his 4 children, 15 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. We can always count on Grandpa's card being one of the first to arrive. I see him with pen in his right hand; it's held a bit funny. His index and middle finger on that hand are missing from a battle with the com picker which happened on Monday, November 25th, 1963. It was the same day JFK was buried. Being a federal employee grandpa had the day off and right at the end of harvest season it was a blessing. My Aunt Cathy and mom were in the field that day as they picked

up fallen ears for 25 cents a 5-gallon bucket. Another farming mishap took place when he fell off the roof of the 30' corncrib. Perhaps his most near-death experience happened while my oldest son and I were coming home with him after an Angola football game. We were approaching the stop light at Cameron hospital when his heart stopped. He was driving! We rear-ended the car that was stopped at the light. A sheriff deputy who just pulled into the hospital heard the crash and was the first to respond. After a couple of jolts from the defibrillator grandpa came to and by the time he was in the ambulance I heard him telling the EMT his name. Maurice Steiner, and that he was born January 2nd, 1922.

By the time he recovered a couple weeks later he had bought another car and was back living on his own. I guess God had more he needed grandpa to do and be.

After that accident he stopped driving the pontoon for Lake James Christian



Camp; however, many campers and staffers still affectionally call him 'Commodore'. Over the years he took thousands of campers around Lake James on boat rides.

Grandpa's flat feet kept him from going overseas during World War II but that didn't keep him from serving his country as a Sergeant in the Army Air Force preparing airplanes to go overseas. There is something about Grandpa and his generation. Maybe that's why they called them the Builders and the Greatest Generation. He was out the other day on a ladder making repairs on his garage. I didn't stop him, just smiled in amazement and the thought came to mind that if I live to be 100 I hope to be able to still climb a ladder to make a repair.

There is much I have learned from my grandpa and much more we need to learn from this generation who valued a hard day's work, loved their families and stayed faithful even during the difficult times. A generation who feared God and loved their fellow man even when they disagreed, and heroically served their country.

The family cordially invites you to Maurice Steiner's 100th Birthday celebration Saturday, January 1 from 1-4 pm at Lake James Christian Camp in the Family Life Center Gym. Masks are highly recommended. Enjoy finger foods and table games, but if you happen to be playing at grandpa's table don't be surprised if he whoops you and everyone else!

Originally from rural Putnam County. Maurice Steiner is an avid reader of the newspaper from the Angola, IN area

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