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ANGIE KING ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR OHIO HOUSE



Mercer County Recorder Angie King has formally announced her intention to run in the Republican primary to represent the 82nd House District in the General Assembly. The new district consists of Mercer, Van Wert, and Paulding counties as well as a portion of Defiance County.

"This district is quite special to me, as it encompasses the area where I grew up and the community in which I live and have served the last 30 years."

Angie (Noneman) King grew up in Paulding, Ohio in a farming family. She is the eldest of five children and graduated from Paulding High

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The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu, search bar, and a list of back issues from 2012 to 2022. A 'Click Here' button is visible for the latest health and community updates.

WEST BEND NEWS REVAMPS WEBSITE

To make the website more accessible and user-friendly, West Bend News has decided to not only post new content, but to update the site as well. The upgrades include branding our YouTube channel, making more content available on the sides of the webpage, updating the subscrip-

tion pages, adding all Ohio Public notices as a link, and much more.

Recent changes at westbendnews.net has made the back issues easier to access. Be sure to visit the website as you can easily go to the West Bend News archives to check out news of the past.

There is many new features that you will find at the updated site.

RAIDERS PREVAIL AS RANKED TEAMS BATTLE TO THE END



Raider Sophomore Brooks Laukhuf, guarded by Luke Krouse, gets the layup to score for the home team in Friday night's game! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - In a game featuring two state ranked teams, a conference lead at stake and county bragging rights to boot, the Wayne Trace verses Antwerp boys' basketball game was a pretty big deal last Friday night. The Archers traveled to Raider Country sporting an undefeated record while the Raiders had stumbled just once during the season. In the D-IV latest state poll the Archers were ranked No. 2 while their opponent was moving close to a top ten ranking in D-III, hanging in at No. 11 in the latest rankings. The winner would also move to the top of the Green Meadows Conference at 3-0 and a loss would be difficult to overcome in search for a GMC ti-

tle. When the final buzzer sounded it would be the Raiders for the second consecutive year knocking off the undefeated Archers 54-50. With the win the red, white, and blue share the top spot of the GMC with Ayersville, both at 3-0. Overall, the Raiders stand at 11-1 while the Archers find themselves at 10-1 and 2-1 in league action. In the contest the home team Raiders managed the largest lead of the contest at nine points late in the second quarter 34-25. However, they

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WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

The winter weather season is upon us. Tragic fires and traffic jams have been in the news. The frigid temperatures, winds, snow, and freezing rain, are upon us, Edward Bohn, Paulding County EMA Director stated, "Regardless of the winter season outlook, there is always some chance for extreme winter weather, so prepare now for what might come later this winter."

Prepare your home for winter. As a result of the tragedy in New York City, with the 19 deaths and 30 some hospitalized after a faulty space heater caused a fire in a bedroom that consumed the apartment and filled the building with the deadly smoke. Have your auxiliary heat source, furnaces and fireplaces checked or serviced before using. If using a portable generator, when the power goes out, guard against carbon monoxide poisoning and keep it outside your home while running. Review your

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

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
• Show Me The Father @ Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn, 4pm
• Prayer Meeting @ Cecil Comm. Church, 9:30am; The Chosen, 6pm

January 24

• Cookbook Club @ Antwerp Library, 5:45pm

January 25

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

January 26

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

January 30

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

January 31

• OSU Agricultural Outlook Meeting @ Jewell Comm. Ctr., Defiance, 6-9pm

February 1

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

To add your event to the calendar, email info@westbendnews.net. Continual Events must be resubmitted once per month.



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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION NW OH OFFERS PROGRAMS ON ALZ. & DEMENTIA

MAUMEE, OH — Jan. 16, 2022 — The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is offering three upcoming virtual programs on understanding Alzheimer's disease and dementia, new advances in Alzheimer's treatment and approaching conversations about dementia.

The three programs, provided to the community free of charge are:

- "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia; New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment," Tuesday, January 25 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- "Dementia Conversations," Wednesday, January 26 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia," Thursday, January 27 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

All three programs are virtual and presented on Zoom. Pre-registration is required. To register, call the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 and provide an email address. Instructions about how to join the webinars will be emailed to registrants.

"Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia; New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment" on January 25 will offer information about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, disease stages and risk factors, and resources available through the Alzheimer's Association. The program will also outline recent advances in Alzheimer's treatment.

"This program provides a basic overview and understanding of Alzheimer's and other dementias, and also covers recent exciting advancements in Alzheimer's research and treatment," said Pam Myers, Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter program director. "This is a great program for people looking to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and what it means for them."

"Dementia Conversations" on January 26 provides guidance for the difficult discussions that take place when someone is initially showing signs of dementia. Often, conversations with family about changing behaviors can be challenging and uncomfortable. This program provides tips for breaking the ice with your family so you can address some of the most common issues that are difficult to discuss: going to the doctor for a diagnosis or medical treatment, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans for future care.

"It's frightening to notice early signs of Alzheimer's dis-

ease or dementia in yourself or someone you love," Myers said. "The Dementia Conversations program helps you approach conversations about those signs and shows you what steps to take next, including getting a diagnosis and finding local resources to help."

"Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" on January 27 reminds participants that Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. The event will touch on the impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia; stages and risk factors; current research and treatments available for some symptoms; and Alzheimer's Association resources.

"This program is a great place to start for people who want to know more about Alzheimer's disease and dementia, what it means for their family and what resources can help," Myers said. "If you are concerned about yourself or a loved one, you can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter office at 419.537.1999 to schedule a care consultation," Myers said.

In 2020, there were 220,000 Ohioans age 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease. That number is expected to increase to 250,000 by 2025, a 13.6 percent increase, according to Facts and Figures. In 2020, there were 442,000 caregivers in Ohio providing 590 million hours of unpaid care to people living with Alzheimer's disease.

OHIO EXPANDS COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS WITH SUPPORT FROM OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio National Guard, and the Ohio Hospital Association will expand COVID-19 testing locations in nine Ohio cities, including several new locations, starting this week. The additional testing locations will be mobilized with support from Ohio National Guard personnel. The locations, which are intended to divert testing traffic from hospital emergency rooms, come as the state is experiencing the highest number of COVID-19 hospitalizations during the pandemic. Today, the Ohio Hospital Association reported a record-setting 6,177 inpatient hospitalizations.

About 300 members of the Ohio National Guard will provide support at the additional testing sites, which will be operated in partnership with Ohio hospitals and health networks.

While the testing centers are critical to the state's effort to decompress high volumes at hospitals around the state, the majority of Ohio National Guard members will remain in hospitals providing direct clinical care and non-clinical support.

Last week, Governor DeWine ordered the mobilization of an additional 1,250 members of the Ohio National Guard to support Ohio's hospitals experiencing the most critical needs across the state, bringing the total deployment of National Guard members working with Ohio's healthcare systems to 2,300 members.

The Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Hospital Association are evaluating the

situation in Ohio's hospitals daily to assess and maximize staffing to ensure Guard members are assisting in locations with the most critical needs. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients and testing needs change every day, and staffing adjustments are being made accordingly.

At this time, the Ohio National Guard has either been deployed or will soon be deployed to support the following testing locations:

- NOW OPEN:
- Cleveland: Walker Center (Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals), 10524 Euclid Ave., Cleveland.
 - Akron: Atrium Testing Site (Summa Health), 1077 Gorge Blvd., Akron.
 - Columbus: (Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center), first floor of the CAS parking garage at 2540 Olenfong River Road, Columbus.

COMING SOON:

Canton; Zanesville; Mansfield; Chillicothe; Toledo; Springfield; Cincinnati; Dayton expanding capacity at existing testing locations.

More details about these testing locations are forthcoming.

Maintaining up-to-date vaccination remains the best tool against COVID-19 hospitalization and death. As Ohio is experiencing record-setting hospitalizations amid the spread of the Delta and Omicron variants, it's critical that Ohioans follow prevention strategies including getting vaccinated, getting a booster shot if eligible, wearing face masks, washing hands frequently, getting tested, and staying home if sick, even if symptoms are mild.

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available throughout the state at doctor's offices, community vaccine clinics, hospitals, community health centers, pharmacies, and more. And many local health departments are expanding hours and availability to assist Ohioans in getting the shot. For example, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus health departments host clinics in various community facilities and have flexible hours, including evenings and weekends. The Toledo Lucas County Health Department provides COVID-19 shots weekdays at their downtown office and at The Rec Center on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, and Dayton-Montgomery County health departments all offer COVID-19 shots at community sites with flexible hours.

More than 7 million Ohioans have received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. That is 63% of all eligible Ohioans, and 70% of Ohio adults. In addition, more than 2.7 million have received a booster dose. It is important to complete the series of recommended doses, including booster doses when eligible, to receive maximum protection from serious illness, including hospitalization or death.

Statewide, many providers offer walk-in appointments, or Ohioans can schedule a vaccination appointment at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov. Ohioans who want to learn more about COVID-19 testing, and the safety, efficacy, and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines should talk to their doctor, nurse, or pharmacist, or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine.

Scripture of the Week

"Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain."

—Philippians 2:14-16

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION NW OHIO OFFERS WEBINAR ON COMMUNICATING WITH ALZHEIMER'S

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will offer two live webinars this month on effective strategies for communicating with someone living with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

The free, virtual live webinar, "Effective Communication Strategies," will be offered on Monday, Jan. 24. To register, call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 and provide an email address. Instructions for joining the webinar will be emailed after registration.

Communication is more than just talking and listening — it's also about sending and receiving messages

through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias progress in their journey and lose the ability to use words, families need new ways to connect.

During this webinar, participants will explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help them connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. This program was designed by the Alzheimer's Association to provide practical information and resources to help dementia caregivers learn how to decode verbal and behavioral messages from people living with dementia.

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School. She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Masters in Business Administration both from Wright State University.

"The last couple of years, like many Americans, I have had concerns with the way some in government have pushed actions that minimize our freedoms and liberties. As a Conservative Republican, I am pro-life, pro-2nd Amendment and pro-freedom. I will defend and support sound public policy that protects our freedoms and help to ensure our children and grandchildren have a bright future," said King.

King has a strong record of public and community service. She previously served as a Celina City Council member for 11 years and as County Recorder for 9 years. After discovering her daughter was deaf, she became a strong advocate for the deaf and hard of hearing, at both the state and national level.

"More than twenty years ago, when I discovered my infant daughter was deaf, I be-

came her advocate. I also became a national advocate for the deaf and hard of hearing. That experience opened doors I could have never imagined. As a 'mom-on-a-mission' I learned how to impact policy and make a difference for others. I will take that same energy and enthusiasm to Columbus to work for Northwest Ohio."

King is a licensed Realtor and small business owner that has been involved in buying, selling, and managing real estate for more than 25 years. She is a current board member for West Ohio Community Action Partnership, and previously served on the Ohio Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board and Ohio Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee.

Angie and her husband, Mark, have been married for 30 years and have two adult children, Erica and Jaime. They have two grandchildren and have been active members of New Life Christian Center for more than thirty years.

Good News doesn't just happen. It's made!

Send us your good news and let everyone know of the great things happening in your community.

Happy Birthday
Michelle Ann McCoy
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THE GHOST ON FLOOR 13

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

When we were young kids, one thing we used to do was sit around at night and tell scary stories. The stories were usually about creepy monsters grabbing children. Of course we all made up stories trying



to scare maybe a friend as well as each other to death.

I am not a firm believer in ghosts, but there are a lot of haunted places that ghost hunters love to go.

So... "Boo" here is a story about a ghostly, ghastly hotel.

If you are scared, don't read any further, because this is a story that may creep you out.

The story is that of a husband and wife who decided to stay at a haunted hotel. The haunted hotel had 13 floors, 13 suites and 13 rooms on each floor.

Of course, the couple decided to stay in Room #13 on the 13th floor, as they were tired from traveling and this was the only vacant room.

Besides, they were not scared of ghosts and they seemed fairly pleased with the room and the entities. However, the night was just beginning.

As the couple prepared for bed, they could not wait to try out the bathtub together. A good warm bath would be so relaxing. The Mister ran the bath water and did not add any bubble bath because the Madam was allergic to it. Two minutes later when he went back to check the bath, his wife heard a loud, high-pitched scream.

She ran to see what was the problem was and saw her husband standing next to the tub, staring into a bathtub full of blood. They didn't dare pull the plug as they didn't know what else could be inside of it. It had to be a ghost or a goblin.

Instead, they went to the hotel manager. When they returned with the manager, all of the blood was gone and the bathtub was spotless, as if not even a fly had landed on it and left a stain. The manager said

that if there were any more pranks like this, he would have to phone the police.

After they got back from a romantic dinner that night, they fell asleep instead of engaging in the frisky fun they usually do when they are all alone in a hotel room. However, their peaceful sleep was interrupted when they were suddenly startled in the early hours of the morning by a screeching scream.

They went into the living room to find the lampshade zooming across the room, the large plasma TV turning off and on, each time on a different channel. Whispers were heard, then laughter.

Before they could react, a giant wardrobe flew into the air and knocked both of them unconscious.

They woke up in a hospital room and told the police everything. Their story really did sound unbelievable.

How could they prove anything when the door was locked and there were no broken windows?

Given the hotel's reputation, they decided to have some ghost hunters look into it.

The next day, they all went back to the suite on the thirteenth floor. It was discovered that the room was haunted by thirteen ghosts, all pure, evil poltergeists. Sounds fishy doesn't it?

They researched the hotel's history and learned that it was built on a prison for criminally insane and uncontrollable psychopaths. No wonder all this frightening things were taking place.

The hotel moved to a different place and now has sixty floors with only six rooms on each floor. This way, nothing is impossible. The hotel building they left behind is now ruled by ghosts and everyone fears to enter it. Others who tried have died of fright as soon as they got back out.

This is not my ghost story but I did read it and I do not know if it is true or someone has a big imagination.

So as I end this ghost story I say "Booo to you and may your New Year be happy and full of joy, not ghostly creatures which roam around. Really now tell me:

Do you believe in ghosts? Have you ever seen or heard one? Would you stay in that haunted hotel? Are there any haunts in Paulding? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

GIVING SHOPPERS A NUDGE TO FORGO PLASTIC BAGS

The opportunity to make a small charitable donation on a store owner's nickel may be just the encouragement shoppers need to forgo toting their goods home in a

single-use plastic bag, new research suggests.

In the study, conducted at two convenience stores on a college campus, giving customers a 5-cent token toward a charitable donation in exchange for their rejection of a disposable bag reduced plastic bag use by about 30%.

The researchers experimented with the 5-cent donation concept as an application of the behavioral economics theory known as nudging. According to the theory, nudging can gently guide people in a certain direction but not restrict their options. And to count as a nudge, an initiative has to be low-cost.

"We had seen that a few stores had used donation incentives, which still let customers use a plastic bag. It was a perfect scenario for a nudge," said Wuyang Hu, co-author of the study and a professor of agricultural, environmental and development economics at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"We went into the project just wanting to understand whether this kind of incentive could be effective. Before we knew it, we realized we had collected quite a bit of data, and found we could quantify the effect.

"The nudge theory has been tested a lot, but this is one of the first attempts to implement the concept in a day-to-day activity and a popular topic - plastic bag use."

Hu conducted the study with his former graduate student, Jerrod Penn, now an assistant professor, and Penn's current graduate student Sapana Bastola, both at Louisiana State University. The research is published in the journal Land Economics.

The billions of non-biodegradable plastic bags consumers use annually wreak havoc on waste-management systems, cause pol-

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HAPPENINGS AT THE ANTWERP MANOR



The residents of Antwerp Manor Assisted Living started 2022 in style. We began the first full week with Spirit Week! Each day the residents were asked to either wear a hat, Archer blue clothing, or even pajamas! We had fun celebrating the beginning of a new year.

Pictured are the five residents who recently won a \$10 Dollar General gift card. Back row left to right, George

Underwood, Betsy Silcott, and Betty Shellenbarger. Front row left to right, Walt Womack and Gary Whitney. Everyone loves to win, but playing each day is fun too!

Antwerp Manor is welcoming new residents. Please contact Brian McLaughlin, Lori Walton, or Jennifer Ramsier @ 419-258-1500 if you would like to tour our residence.

by between 11.4 and 12.9 percentage points, representing a drop in plastic bag use of about 30-34%, Hu said. The analysis filtered out other factors, such as repeat customers, behavior influenced by other shoppers and circumstances that would affect shoppers' ability to forgo a bag.

"The question is the long-term effect. Will it last? I think for all nudges, there is a decay effect because people get used to it in daily life. But would it go completely to zero? I don't think so," said Hu, who is conducting a year-long study to measure longer-term effects of a token donation program in a retail grocery store. "My prediction is it will reach a steady rate that lasts."

Anecdotal evidence suggested the program was popular among shoppers, most of whom were students.

"We actually heard a significant number of compli-

ments, and we heard people who were buying lots of items say they wished they didn't have to use a bag," Hu said. "It might not be fully applicable to the entire general public, but I think it's close enough."

There are some costs associated with such a program for store owners - paying the donations to selected charities and additional time spent on transactions as the program is briefly explained.

Hu said the team would argue that 5 cents is a small cost, is not a tax, and for customers, it's still a voluntary donation. And in the long run, people would know donation programs exist and the clerk wouldn't need to explain as much.

"Plus, the 'cost' is not lost, but is used for good causes," he said.

The University of Kentucky Student Sustainability Council and Dining Services supported this work.

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MATT'S MISHAPS



Students and teachers in our region overseas commonly wear their winter clothes in the building where temperatures without heating are in the 60s F.

By: Matthew Sell

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



Under and Over Dressed

I remember growing up with full length parka style winter coats with fake fuzzy fur around the edge of the hood to keep my face warm. Sears & Roebucks must have had a sale as my dad and older brother had one too. Those coats defined my memory of outdoor wear for my childhood as those coats kept me warm while building snow forts or waiting on the school bus in the morning - those coats just wouldn't die.

Decades later my family was back in small-town Indiana for a furlough from being overseas. It was one of those blustering Hoosier winters that would appear to be over, but then come back again with polar cold. However, things had changed. My sons would want to wait in freezing temperatures at their bus stop in just a hoodie and without the hood even up over their heads. They claimed all the kids did this (which was true), but many kids actually even wore shorts in the middle of

the winter.

How perplexing for me as my body had grown accustomed to our overseas living temperatures that rarely dip under 60F in the winter. From my travels, I had acquired an inexpensive sheepskin coat and hat and 12" high snow boots for our winters when back in Indiana. My sons thought I was dressed for a cold high-altitude WWII bombing mission, when I would suit up to go outside to shovel a couple inches of snow from the driveway.

However, if I am now overdressed for middle America winters, I am underdressed for my overseas winters. There is no central heating in the cement block buildings that take on a cave-like climate - colder inside than out. It seems comical to me to watch people wearing coats and scarves while inside for meetings or appointments. Moreover, seeing me wear short sleeve shirts or even shorts in their "cold" winter months, they assume I will quickly meet a certain death.

I remember visiting a skinny friend who was in his ninth decade of life. On a hot muggy Hoosier summer day, he was wearing a flannel shirt and looked quite comfortable as I was sweating away in a t-shirt. I know I have age-related body temperature changes coming my way. I guess seeming to be overdressed or under dressed is normal in any location or season of life.

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

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VALENTINE'S SQUARE DANCE AT ST. LOUIS BESANCON

Grab your partner and promenade to the St. Louis Besancon Hall of the Valentine's Square Dance on Saturday, February 5, 2022.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. And dancing will be from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Music will be provided by Bill Wherling & Breakaway.

The St. Louis HASA is sponsoring this event. For more information about this event, please call or text Ashley Wilhelm at 260-385-1244.

HIDE OR SEEK

By: Doris Applegate

This subject is not about "Hide and Seek", the game children play, but about hide or see! Are we "hiding" from a loving God or seeking Him? In the book of Jeremiah 29:13 we read: "You shall seek for me and find me, when you search for me with all your heart!" Our sin and fear causes us to want to hide from God just as Adam and Eve hid among the trees of the garden when they had sinned! Our "trees" that we "hide" among, like false religions, idolatry, the traditions of men, our own ways of selfishness and fear and many other "trees" of deceit and corruption. Hiding, hiding, ALWAYS hiding, NEVER SEEKING the TRUTH! We can stay hidden forever BUT if we want truth, then we come to Jesus Christ, who is "THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE!" "No man comes to the Father but by me!" (John 14:6).

When we want THE TRUTH, we will get it! It is Jesus Christ and ONLY Jesus Christ! AS Jesus told the ruler of the Jews (Nicodemus) "we MUST be born again" and poor old "Nicodemus was perplexed and couldn't get it" until Jesus explained that "What is born of the flesh is flesh and what is born of the Spirit is spirit." (Born once of our parents; and born again by God!) Our soul realm (mind, will and emotions) must be transformed by the word of God (Bible) to know what God expects of us in order to grow in our spiritual life! Many people today NEVER read or study the Bible and this is why Christians are babies and on the "milk of the Word!" We need the "meat of the Word" that the Apostle Paul writes of in order to be mature! In Hebrews 2:3 we read, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? We must quit playing around and hiding among the trees of destruction thinking that "our way" is the Way, when God's word is spelled out exactly the way to be saved, reborn and at peace with the Lord Jesus! Enter in through the door (Jesus) and find rest for your life! Only a foolish, stubborn and rebellious person would try any other way! A song to help:

"At the Cross, at the Cross,

"Where I first saw the light,

"And the burden of my heart rolled away,

"It was there by faith I received my sight,

And now I am happy all the day!"

Amen!

HERITAGE & MONROEVILLE LIONS CLUBS HOLD JOINT MEETING



The Heritage Lions and the Monroeville Lions held a joint meeting on January 11 at St John Lutheran Flatrock Church. Lions District Governor Jerry Zeigler spoke on the theme "Serve From The Heart" and explained the difference between begrudgingly helping out, and giving of oneself unconditionally to benefit others. Gov. Zeigler never forgot an act of generos-

ity his family received from the Lions chapter in his boyhood home town after a terrible fire destroyed their barn. That kindness has motivated him to serve in the Lions now for over 55 years.

Gov. Zeigler welcomed four new members to the Heritage Lions club. From left to right is Jack Clear (sponsor), Jodi Meyers, Pam Birch, District Governor Jerry Ziegler,

Ken Sorg, Gerry Franke, Jan Hockemeyer (sponsor), and Cindy Wolf (sponsor).

The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion. The Monroeville Lions were the host chapter for this meeting and provided the refreshments.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
Why do most denominations not require their pastors to be celibate like the Catholic priests?*

I can't speak for denominations. There are advantages both ways. In I Corinthians 7, Paul indicates though it is permissible to marry, one who does not has more opportunity for undivided attention to pleasing the Lord without also trying to please his wife.

The married pastor, on the other hand, usually has a better understanding of Christ's relationship to the church (Ephesians 5), and God the Father's relationship to His children. He also has a better understanding of his married parishioners, and can be a visible example to them as required in I Peter 5:3 - "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." I Timothy 3:2-5 - "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)" In some cases marriage lessens sexual temptations.

Neither status is required in the Bible for pastors, but is to be left up to the individual. Matthew 19:10-12 - "His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb; and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOLERS VOLUNTEER AT CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, January 8th members of the Paulding Middle School eighth grade girls' basketball team volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Addison Pease, Kaitlyn Breedlove, Lucy Breier, Madison Clark (Team Manager), and Coach Mallory Clark.

ACES HOLD OFF PANTHERS FOR WIN

HICKSVILLE - Host Hicksville opened a seven-point first half lead and then held on to record a 45-42 win over visiting Paulding in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball play Friday night.

The host Aces recorded a 6-5 lead at the end of one period before bucketing 18 points in the second stanza compared to a dozen for Paulding as Hicksville took a 24-17 halftime advantage.

Third quarter action saw the Panthers cut into the deficit, scoring 14 points and limiting the Aces to nine to pull within 33-31 at the end of three periods.

However, Hicksville then

outpointed the maroon and white 12-11 in the fourth quarter to wrap up the 45-42 victory.

Josh Myers scored 16 points to lead a trio of Aces players in double figures as Jackson Bergman bucketed 13 and Kyler Baird posted ten. Aaron Klima had the other six points for Hicksville, which improves to 8-4 overall and 1-2 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Paulding, which drops to 3-10 in all games and 1-2 in the league, was paced by ten from Christian Bauer and eight each from Zach Gorrell and Nick Manz.

Luke Zartman (five), Ethan Foltz (five), Peyton Adams (three) and Casey Agler (three) had the other points for the Panthers.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry
Albert B. Votrie
 Paulding County's only Spanish American War Veteran to be killed in combat, was born December 28, 1865 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The son of Peter and Marie Françoise Josephine (Parisot), (Huss). She was born in France, February 13,

tell me, that on December 13, 1883, Albert married Ida May Brown, born August 7, 1863 in Defiance, Ohio. The couple was married by Benjamin L. Wentworth in Paulding, Ohio. Ida was raised by the Musselman family, and by 1880 she was using Musselman as her last name. March 6, 1885, Albert and Ida, became the proud parents of a daughter, Cleo G. Votrie. I do not know what happened to their marriage, but by 1886, Albert wondered westward. Where he found himself stranded in the wilds of buffalo country in Nebraska. Lack of funds compelled him to go back into teaching. With no school houses, he found himself teaching on ranches. He became a rover, having visited 33 states of the Union, working at anything or everything that would make him a dollar. Learning glassmaking in Indiana and Pennsylvania, to herding cattle in Kentucky. Albert never remained in one place to set anchor. By 1890, Albert was back in Ft. Wayne, Indiana working as a laborer for A. McKernan. and living on his old street, William A. Smith. When war broke out with Spain in Cuba, Albert was making his home with a brother who lived on a stock farm in Emerald Township. At the age of 32, Albert went to Defiance to enlist in Company M. 6th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, answering the call to serve. The Company was mustered in July 2, 1898 at Columbus, Ohio by Captain Rockefeller. Since Albert had formal education, on November 2, 1898, he was given the rank of Corporal and quickly promoted to Sergeant, April 1, 1899. While in service, Albert became a writer for the Paulding Democrat newspaper. This was a way for the readers to understand what was going on with this war. Later part of 1899 or early part of 1900, Albert was appointed Quarter Master Sergeant of Company K. 39th United States Volunteer Infantry. February 3, 1900, Q.M.



1834. Married Peter Votrie, August 9, 1859 in Allen County, Indiana, after her first husband, William A. Huss passed away. Albert's childhood was spent in parochial school at Rensselaer, Indiana. At the age of 15, he began to study Latin, preparing himself for the priesthood. His education outside of parochial school was received at Valparaiso, Indiana. He taught one year of school, but gave up that profession because he needed more excitement and adventure. He needed to be out in nature. In 1883, Albert was a brick maker for Joseph Fremion. He lived on William A. Smith Street in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Records

Sergeant Albert Votrie and four other soldiers were caught in an ambush fight in Bantang, Luzon, Philippines. Story accounts said that Albert laid down fire while he ordered the other four to get out. Albert's body was found on a hillside hidden by bush and grass where it had been thrown by the natives after he was killed. His body had been robbed and bore marks of cruelty. The troops buried him on the spot as his body was too mangled to be moved. Albert's mother, Josephine, requested that Albert be brought home. Albert's body was shipped home on the ship, "Roscrans" which landed in San Francisco, April 17, 1901. Albert's remains were buried in Hedges Cemetery, outside of Broughton, Ohio. In Lot 32, Block A., Grave 1. Albert received a brand new military tombstone, as his original was getting very badly worn. Installed by, guess who? Josephine is my great-great grandmother. Until then!

MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS "WAMPANOAG NATIVE AMERICANS" - PT. 2

By: Caroline Longardner
 When the Pilgrims arrived at Patuxet, there was evidence of a dreadful plague or something that had killed off the Indians. Even before the Mayflower sailed, King James of England gave thanks to "Almighty God in his great goodness and bounty towards us for sending this wonderful plague among the savages." This is a historical fact. From Barber's US Hist. Of the US in 1829: "A few years before the arrival of the Plymouth settlers, a very mortal sickness raged within the eastern pails of New England. Whole towns were depopulated. The living were not able to bury the dead; and their bodies were found lying above the ground. "Many years after, the Massachusetts Indians are said to have been reduced from 30,000 to 300 fighting men. In 1633 the small pox swept off great numbers." On a positive side, some historians say that the Pilgrims hardly started from a stretch in a wilderness. (where they chose to land at Patuxet). It was already established. The land and the coast had been cleared for decades. It was established for planting and was not a wilderness in that area. It had been the home of several thousands of Indians and even had a park-like look. When the Pilgrims came there, they found Indian graves and they robbed the graves. The Pilgrims "thanked God" and "promised to pay back the Indians" ...someday. When Squanto made his appearance to the Pilgrims, he taught them how to plant corn and some other survival skills. He told them his sad story of when he was kidnapped as a small boy and by the time he got back home from Europe and to his village of Patuxet he made the horrifying discovery that he was the sole member of his village who was still alive. All others had died of some terrible epidemic. As a translator, advisor, and ambassador, Squanto was essential to the survival of the Plymouth colony in its early years. To be continued...

OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR SPRING COMEDY

Off Stage Productions will be holding auditions for "Mama Won't Fly" by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope & Jamie Wooten on Monday Jan 24th and Tuesday Jan 25th. Auditions will be held at Vantage Career Center, 818 N Franklin Street in Van Wert from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM both evenings. Enter at door number 13 at the back of the building. Performance dates will be March 25, 26, 27 and April 1, 2&3 (also at Vantage Career Center). Directing this show will be Ed Eichler, who will be looking to cast 6 women and 2 men for this two act comedy. No prior acting experience is required to try out.

THE STORY: Savannah agrees to get her feisty mother all the way from Alabama to California in time for her brother's wedding. Savannah's problem: Mama won't fly! With only 4 days to make it to the ceremony, this determined daughter has no choice but to drive cross-country with her equally willful mother, Norleen in Mama's vintage sedan. Another outrageous complication arises as the bubbly, over-eager bride-to-be arrives unannounced. Hayley Quinn, delighted to meet her future in-laws, is convinced that traveling together to her wedding is the perfect way to bond. The journey begins and comedic chaos ensues. Every conceivable and inconceivable-mishap that can occur does, including the theft of their car and all their clothes, a near-fatal encounter at an underwear museum, the accidental homicide of an ancient Texas relative, a mad dash across the desert in a hijacked eighteen-wheeler and a riotous detour to Vegas that ends in a brawl with an ordained showgirl/minister. The beleaguered trio rapidly develops the urge to ditch each other as the race to get to the church on time takes its toll and the overwhelmed bride calls off the wedding. Rising above their age-old mother-daughter issues, Norleen and Savannah work together to get the nuptials back on track. In a surprising and heartwarming resolution, they forge an exciting new path for their own relationship and welcome Haley into their delightfully wacky family. Scripts are available to check out prior to auditions, call or text 419-605-2634 if interested or for additional information, or message us on our Facebook page.

NORTHWEST STATE TO HOST "THE SHAPE OF MATH" FAMILY EVENT

Northwest State Community College will host "The Shape of Math" on Friday, February 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Voinovich Auditorium (E Building). At this FREE event, guests will flex their brains on the shapes of math and create hexaflexagons, fractal Valentine's sculptures, mandalas, tangrams, and even participate in a shape scavenger hunt. "Math is all around us, whether we realize it or not," said Marianna Doolittle, NSCC math faculty member. She continued, "Math is essential to shapes, and this is what our 'Shape of Math' event will be about."

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MINDSET MARVELS FOR DECEMBER



Paulding Elementary School December 2021-22 Mindset Marvels left to right: Front row: Maddison Salisbury, Merrick Woffle, Hudson Stork, Elizabeth Cortes-Becerra, Rylee Sexton-Scott, Brooklynn Boecker, Ashlynn Vance. Middle Row: Cierra Smith, Ximena Martinez, Perla Reyes, Milo Workman, Briggs Stoller, Karmyn Fenter, Zoey Watson. Back Row: Landyn Watson, Audrey Trejo-Marin, Shohawna Shepherd, Evelyn Reyes, Ella Zimmerman, Elijah Jackson, Braydon Rice, Katherine Arend.

RSVP is requested for this event, to help the planning committee with preparations. To reserve a spot, email your family name, number of people attending, and phone number to summercamps@northweststate.edu. You can also view the flier on NorthwestState.edu/events.

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ODOT's Safe Routes to School program is funded at \$4 million annually for infrastructure improvements such as pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, new or improved sidewalks, and bike racks and non-infrastructure activities such as walk to school days, bike rodeos, public awareness campaigns, or educational programs.

"Keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school is important," said Governor Mike DeWine. "This program provides adequate resources for necessary bike and pedestrian improvements, so routes between home and school are safe, convenient, and accessible."

Eligible applicants include local governments, school districts, health districts, park districts, or key non-profit partners involved in advancing safe routes to school in your community. ODOT will

make awards on a competitive basis to projects that have been identified in a plan or to applicants requesting School Travel Plan development assistance. For full guidance on eligibility, be sure to check out the 2022 SRTS Application Guidance.

Many Safe Routes to School projects have been completed throughout Ohio. One example is a project in Eaton that included multiple pedestrian related improvements associated with the Eaton Community Schools School Travel Plan including the installation of signage, high visibility crosswalk markings, and other measures to improve cross walk safe

Several have been completed in the Milan school district, including promoting Walk to School Day where students received prizes for participating and a bike rodeo where school officials, health department officials, or even police officers come to teach kids about bicycle safety.

A project to construct new sidewalks in Richwood was complete just in time to welcome students back for the 2021-22 school year. Improvements included bridging the

gap between the existing residential sidewalks and North Union Elementary School. To learn more about this project, check out it's segment in ODOT's video series, The Loop.

Projects will be selected based on their ability to demonstrate improved connectivity, improved safety, impact on school trips, and need. Additionally, projects will be reviewed for accurate cost estimates, program sustainability, and overall community commitment to implementing the project or program.

For more information on applying, please visit www.transportation.ohio.gov/saferoutes. Here you will find additional application guidelines as well as your region's Safe Routes to School contact. The application deadline is March 4, 2022.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021/22

*Denotes 4.0

Gold Card 4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-)

SENIORS: *Mia Altimus, *Lydia Brewer, *Nathan Dunstan, *Kate Farr, Summer Franklin, Breanna Fulk, *Jaidis Getrost, Nicholas Jones, *Luke Krouse, *Jagger Landers, *Emerson Litzenberg, *Gaige McMichael, Kaden Recker, *Kennadi Recker, *Allison Reinhart, *Kiera Reyes, *Grace Schuette, *Emma Shuherk, *Kennedy Trabel, Hayden Wagner,

JUNIORS: Gavin Clevinger, Katryna Fish, Shaylee Garrett, Hayleigh Jewell, Lydia Krouse, Makenna Lawson, Ross Lee, Anna Meglich, Parker Moore, *Rayni Rister

SOPHOMORES: Myranda Brooks, Addysyn Hormann, Aedyn McMichael, *Brooke Molitor, *Hannah Molitor, Emma Saul, *Leila Spyker

FRESHMEN: *Allison Carnes, Elle Clem, Derek Hines, Isabella Jackson, Jonah Keys, Aiden Lichy, *Braylen Moreno, Madisyn Peters, Caroline Rohrs, Eden Shuherk, *Gracelyn Stoller

Blue Card 3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+)

SENIORS: Layla Copsey, Hailey Grant, Alexandra Lehman, Cade Lothamer, Skyler McCabe, Kaden Phares, Hunter Sproles, Trinity Thomas-Wieland

JUNIORS: Zachery Devall, Isabelle Graham, Ethan Lichty, Kyliegh Logan, Ethan Sanders, Aerial Snyder

SOPHOMORES: Carson Altimus, Landon Brewer, Sara Lawhorn, Reid Lichty, Connor Shiple, Emma Townley

FRESHMEN: Drew Eaken, Lydia Johnson, Brynn Reinhart, Bryce Sholl, Austin Zuber

Honor Roll 3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

SENIORS: Astianna Coppes, Morgan Kniceley, Kelsie Puckett, Ilse Zijlstra

JUNIORS: Brooke Hounshell, Ratana Owen, Hope Roebel

SOPHOMORES: Aiden Cole, Camden Fuller, Cohen Hitzeman, Jill Magoulas, Fallynn McAlexander, Maegan Pendergrast, Celsie Ruhlen, Benjamin Savina, Kahlea Shook

FRESHMEN: Noah Bradbury, Maylynn Carnahan, Karsen Donat, Nayelley Esparza-Reyes, Owen Franks, Teeghun Marlin, Keira Sargent

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021/22

GRADE 6

ALL A'S: Addison Arend, Presley Barnes, Nicholas Baughman, Jack Daeger, Parker Egnor, Carly Font, Tyler Goyings, Delaney Johanns, Alivia Kingen, Kaydence Kuckuck, Adrianna Mead, Alayna White

ALL A' AND B's: Gracie Ametewee, Zachary Barton, Coehen Benard, Kalan Burns, Xandyr Carlisle, Chloe Coombs, Billie Dix, Mary Gibson, Ryder Gorrell, Jarret Griffith, Easton Griffith, Emily Hartzell, Ridge Hunt, Alannah Jeffery, Maleah Leslie, Graham Miller, Gabrilla Mullins, Alexander Santillan-Rodriguez, Nicholas Schlueter, Gabriella Stork, Miley Vanhorn Laney, Nicole Vielma, Owen Workman

GRADE 7

ALL A's: Remington Boff, Max Daeger, Landon Dasher, Kayleigh Dunham, Mariah Klopfenstein, Camdyn Manz, Kate Manz, Megan Manz, Myrriah Manz, Vivienne Myers, Estie Pease, Lucy Porter, Tori Schlatter, Audrey Stoller, Darcy Taylor

ALL A's AND B's: Destiny Aldred, London Ametewee, Braylon Barnes, Lillian Bauer, Isabella Burtch, Avery Cooper, Silas Foltz, Quynlyn Gonzales, Jayla Griffith, Kyra Jackman, Reina Kleman, Mackenzie Leatherman, Brody Lindsey, Monico Moreno, Eli Pessefall, Colton Roehrig, Lailah Smith, Lily Spielman, Brooklynn Verfaillie

GRADE 8

ALL A's: Jackson Griffith, Hunter Harwell, Addison Hunt, Jared Manz, Trenton Manz, Aleah Matty, Mara Philpot, Abigail Panches, Jack Schweller, Sheyenne Shepherd

ALL A's AND B's: Grady Barton, Lucy Breier, Mallory Fisher, Matthew Geiger, Colten Hunt, Molly Iler, Damien Iliff, Brooklyn King, Isabelle Lamb, Lillian Lamond, Clayton Manz, Alondra Meyer, Addison Pease, Adam Panches, Rileigh Sanders, Thad Schneider, Xander Schwab, Laila Stiltner, Logan Winke, Adan Zacarias

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021/22

*Denotes all "A's"

GRADE 3

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

Mrs. Buss: *Miguel Castillo, Allana Bassler, Carolyn Dulaney, Drew Fry, Margaux Luty, Raegen Niecelley

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

GRADE 4

Mrs. Keller: *Sawyer Hunt, *Tucker Stoller, *Ella Zimmerman

Mrs. Stoller: *Beth Antigo, *Katherine Arend, *Gavin Parrett, *Lylah Schlueter, Nahla Carlisle, Abisai Escobar, Bindy Font, Sophia Spielman

Mrs. Warner: *Brady Dunham, *Hudson Spangler, Anna Baughman, Elayna Kleman, Charlie Lero, Piper Pease

GRADE 5

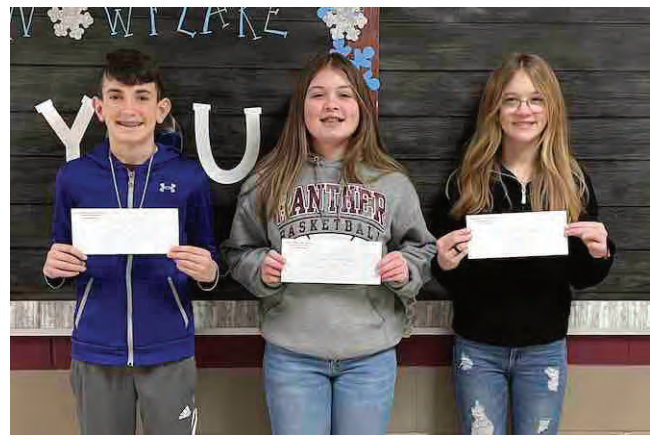
Miss Looser: *Audrey Trejo Marin, *Owen Stoller, *Ross Myers, *Lincoln Manz,

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY 2022 SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Oakwood Elementary School recently held their annual Spelling Bee competition. Winner was Trevor Naugle (left) winning with the word "expression". Runner Up was Alayna Daniels (right).

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS SELECT POSITIVE PANTHER



Each month Paulding Middle School teachers select one Positive Panther per grade level. These students are recognized for the positive character traits they exhibit as students of Paulding Middle School. Shown in the picture from left are Ridge Hunt (Grade 6), Rileigh Sanders (Grade 8), and Madalyn Dierksheide (Grade 7).

*Brynlee Mangette, *Kendal Hodge, Levi Athy, Eli Bauer, Madison Clark, Shelby Hitt, Shyann Kuhl, Jordyn Nagy, Taelynn Parrett, Merissa Schroeder, Jezai Seba Fuentes, Sam Verfaillie

Mrs. Richards: *Cora Agler, *Karli Breelove, *Ingrid Escobar, *Aspen Grace, Zander James, Brayden Kausser, Kendall Kohart, Brynley Manz, Makivalyan Mullins, Hedwin Ramirez-Cortes, Evelyn Reyes, Madelynn VanVlerah

Mrs. Schultz: *Dani Borland, *Gracie Leal, *Kendyl Sunday, Makenna Adams, Jonah Anders, Abby Clark, Jakob Elkins, Lexie Johnston, Luci Martinez, Shohawna

Shepherd, Wyatt Smith, Jadyn VanVlerah

BRANDI ALDRICH NAMED TO SNHU DEAN'S LIST

Brandi Aldrich of Cecil has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2021 Dean's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

February 10 - Monthly Meeting @ 7pm
February 19 - NRL22 Match - Sight in and registration opens at 8am. Match begins at 9am. This event is open to the public.
ACC 2022 Memberships are now available. \$35 - single ; \$50 - family
Annual scholarship forms are now available. They will be sent to the area schools' guidance offices as well.

For more info & range rules, go to ACC website & check out membership application.

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WWW.ANTWERPCONSERVATIONCLUB.COM • On Facebook!

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

1 – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

2 – CLAIMS ASSISTANCE – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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PAULDING JH PRIDE CARD RECIPIENTS



Each month students at Paulding Junior High School (PJHS) earn Paulding Pride cards for going above and beyond what is normally expected from a middle school student. Shown in the picture are this month's Paulding Pride card recipients.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 160,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021/22

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FRESHMEN: Adams, Kiara; Bail, Matthew (Matt); Beckman, Lucas (Luke); Coil, Gavin; Dotterer, Elizabeth (Libby); Goings, Kaitlyn; Goings, Grace; Hawk, Jocelynn (Jocie); Keezer, Emily;

Kinder, Austen; Klopfenstein, Jalyne; Manz, Peyton; Martinez, Christiana; Miller, Claire; Parrett, Marley; Porter, Emma; Rickels, Ashley; Schlatter, Brooklyn; Schroeder, Brandon; Stahl, Dominic (Nico); Thomas, Kadence; Thompson, Cully; Warner, Ethan; Woods, Jack

SOPHOMORES: Barton, Elli; Goodwin, Ronald (Ronnie); Herman, Aiden; Hirschy, Mattie; Hunt, Jamy; Kauser, Maci; Lewis, Sarah; Ludwig, Wesley (Wes); Manz, Carla; Manz, Malia; Miller, Aiden; Paholak, Patrick; Parrett, Jocelynn; Santillan-Rodriguez, Denis; Schneider, Lathan; Shough-Germann, Dillon; Stork, Riley; Wong, Sarah

JUNIORS: Cantu, Vincente (Viny); Cortes Becerra, Natal; Iler, Miranda; Kuckuck, Carlea; Martinez, Jacob; Mullen, Hayden; Pessefall, Wyatt; Porter, Olivia; Rue, Caydence; Sheaks, Ariana; Shull, Chaz; Weller, Cassandra (Cassie);

SENIORS: Ankney, Brooke-Lyn (Brooke); Bakle, Alivya; Cook, Ella; Dobbelaere, Erika; Etzler, Taelyn; Fisher, Sophia 12 Giesige, Audrey; Johanns, Reid; Jones,

Paige; Mccloud, Jaylyn; Pease, Janae; Pessefall, Austin; Philipot, Karl; Roehrig, Lily; Schweller, Claire; Thompson, Caleb; Tope, Logan; Verfaillie, Chloe; Vogel, Grady

3.5-3.9

FRESHMEN: Arnold, Hannah; Bermejo, Brianna; Cantu, Esther; Cantu, Ryan; Carnahan, Allison; Carr, Ameah; Dunham, Makenna; Evans, Carter; Good, Courtney; Harder, Greyson; Hitzeman, Aeylah; Kilgore, Brooke; Klopfenstein, Gracelynn; Kochel, Piper; Leal, Alex; Linares, Giovanni; Rose, Hopeful; Slawson, David; Stiltner, Ameriona; Stork, Maxwell (Max); Wharry, Alexis

SOPHOMORES: Agler, Casey; Bradford, Cyrah; Brown, Jesse; Brown, Jesse; Fitzgerald, Landrey; Foltz, Ava; Hicks, Chloe; Jones, Sammie (Eli); Kingen, Brayden; Manz, Taegan; Manz, Tytus; Merriman, Allyson (Ally Jo); Pack, Kelcie; Rocha, Esther; Salazar, Trinity; Schlatter, Tyler; Stahl, Adam

JUNIORS: Beckman, Katelyn (Katie); Lane, Kirsten; Manz, Carter; Manz, Nicholas (Nick); Mazariegos, Emily; McClure, Emma; Ricker, Braxton; Winke, Bryanna

SENIORS: Alexander, Nevaeh; Bauer, Christian; Beckman, Wyatt; Cordova, Audrey; Fisher, Brody; Funez, Cristian; Gorrell, Zachary (Zach); Goshia, Kalyn; Hawk, Jerrod (Austin); Keeran, Morgan; Kupfersmith, Kellsey; Ladd, Haiden; Ross, Maycee; Tressler, Alex; Valle, Zoraya (Zoe); Woods, Samuel (Sam); Yonge, Autumn

3.0-3.49

FRESHMEN: Bakle, Brooklynn; Bradford, Dawson; Clemens, Anna; Colon, Savannah (Dev); Coutts, Connor; Cutlip, Mya; Dulaney, David; Elston, Hayden; Enrigue-Roldan, Ximena; Frederick, Ethan; Langsdorf, Curtis; Lipps, Johnathan; Mccready, Anthony; Sajuan, An Iyah; Smith, Jada; Wil-

helm, Summer
SOPHOMORES: Ankney, Drake; Brown-Schooley, Madison; Collins, Harley; Coutts, Hunter; Daniels, Zane; Foor, Kobe; Funez, Joshua; Garcia, Vanessa; Hernandez, Braden; McClure, Charles (Garrett); White, Tristan

JUNIORS: Adams, Peyton; Cortes Becerra, Luis; Doster, Mason; Doster, Quinten; Gray, Marissa; Gribble, Bridget; Jefferies, Wyatt; Keezer, Skylar; Peters, Savannah; Seibert, Logan; Shough-Germann, Mikayla

SENIORS: Ade, Alexandria (Alex); Hegan, Ethan; Johannis, Ryleigh; Lafountain, Jocelyn; Mitchell, Myla; Pease, Boston; Singer, Cierra; Smith, Connor; Vargo, Billie

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021/22

*Denotes ALL As

Mrs. Arend 1A: Kash Foor, Jade Fraley, Maverick Jewell, Alex Manz*, Hudson Miller*, Zeke Nunez*, Aden Porter*, Samuel Stahl*, Easton Stork*, Lincoln Workman, Jonathan Workman

Mrs. Miller 1B: Luke Collard*, Tatum DuCheney, Aliah Fenter*, Bailey Heath, Jaxson King*, Molli Malosh*, Lilly Miller, Clara Porter*, Preston Schlater*, River Stahl*, Ella Taylor, Evan Thomas* Zachariah Workman

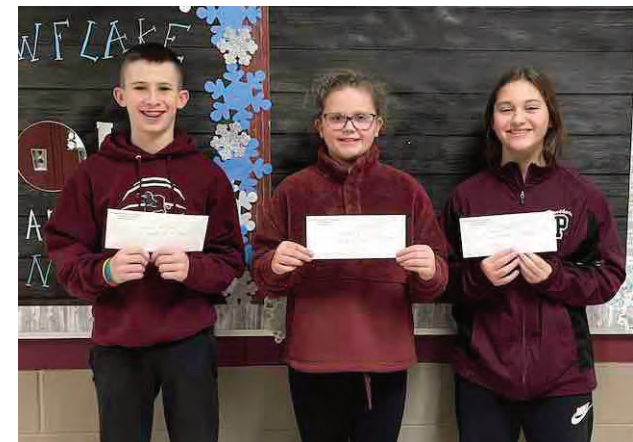
Miss March 2A: Shade Ball, Kirsten Blockberger, Saulivin Cano*, Chamille Clifford, Molly Halter, Wyatt Leatherman, Kennedy Manz, Josh Schlater*, Carter Sheaks, Tiernay Tenwalde

Mrs. Carter 2B: Alex Burghart*, Enola Clifford, Ryder Dotson*, Nirvana Egnor, Audrey Eter*, Brandon Lambert, Trevor Manz*, Remy Parks, Renata Quevedo Jacome, Isabelle Schlater, Brielle Schlater, Max West

Mrs. Thornell 3A: Cooper Borof*, Ty Clifford, Trenten Firstenberger, Chandler Fitch, Aryah Loop, Connor Manz*, Adalyn Miller*, Kaylee Pack, Luke Ramey, Coal Stewart Reagan Wilson

Mrs. Schroeder 3B: Leah Baker*, Brextyn Bartley, Bentley Branham, Kaliope Foor, Raelyn Haynes*, Carter Naugle, Grayson Porter, Lucy Riethman,

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Each month Paulding Middle School teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level. These students are recognized for being some of the top academic performers at Paulding Middle School. Shown in the picture (from left) are December's selections: Jackson Griffith (Grade 8), Addison Arend (Grade 6), and Myriah Manz (Grade 7).

Olivia Schlater*, Morgan Snyder, Gavin Thomas

Mrs. Hohlbein 4A: Kimber Borof, Finn Bradford*, Legend Buckler*, Madison Durham*, Gracie Elkins*, Weston Manz*, Zavier Nunez, Adalyn Ordway

Mrs. Bockrath 4B: Lauryn Bernal*, Bristol Bilit, Chase Bowers, Bralen Kauser, Symon Manz*, Balan Miller*, Gage Ramey*, Oliver Thome, Mason Weible, Bella McClure

Mrs. Limber 5/6A: Bracin Bauer, Kinzley Colard, Kate Conlon-Johnson, Paityn Dobbelaere, Cameron Lambert, Makenna Manz, Chase Manz, Kinlee Sherry, Harley Troyer, Tara Wolford

Mr. Avery 5/6B: Trevor Durham, Addy Halter*, Quinton Laker, Gannon Landers, Landon Manz, Ellie Roughton

Miss Brimmer 5/6C: Nicole Gerschutz, Addy Gribble, Ava Leatherman*, Jason Manz*, Samantha McCray, Civil Pumphrey, Kristen Rader, Nolan Schlater, Dylan Weible

Mrs. Siefer 5/6D: Rylee Cox, Kyler Foor*, Wesley Grindstaf*, Lily Leatherman, Allison Manz*, Tyson Manz*, Sage Stork, Exander Workman

ANTWERP WRESTLERS HAVE SOLID WEEKEND

The Antwerp junior high and high school wrestling teams recently competed at

separate events on Saturday, January 15, 2022. The junior high wrestlers competed in the Pilot Invitational at Ayersville High School with both wrestlers placing in the top 5 of their respective weight classes. Earning a 5th place finish in the 116-pound weight class was 7th grader Zac Salas. Salas finished his day with a 4-1 record with all 4 wins coming by pin. Finishing 4th on the day with a 2-3 record and 2 pins was 8th grader Griffin Kosch at 128 pounds.

Meanwhile, the high school wrestlers competed in the Crestview Duals at Crestview High School. With only 4 of their normal 6 wrestlers competing due to illness and injury, Antwerp had little chance of winning the dual tournament. However, that did not stop the archers from putting together a very solid day. Freshman Miles Doster (113 pounds) and senior Caleb Wilson (165 pounds) each finished their day with 2 wins, 3 losses and 1 pin. Freshman Skyler Octaviano finished his day with 3 wins, 2 losses and 1 pin at 132 pounds. Junior Eli Reinhart recorded a 4-1 record for the day with 3 wins coming by pin as well. Congratulations to all of the Antwerp wrestlers for their hard work this past weekend. We wish you the best as you try and build on this weekend's accomplishments. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

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, Marathion Main Stop, Marathion (East)

Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, Library
Hicksville: Hoagland: Mel's Town Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathion, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center

Ney: Marathion
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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WARRIORS CRUISE PAST PATRIOTS IN ACAC SEMIS



Dakotah Krohn was on top of her game as she scores under the basket with two Patriots defending! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - The Woodlan Lady Warriors jumped out to a 21-6 lead at the end of one quarter and never looked back in rolling to a 58-29 win over Heritage in the semifinals of the ACAC girls basketball tournament Friday night.

Woodlan extended the lead in the second quarter, adding 13 markers compared to the Patriots' five as the Warriors recorded a 34-11 halftime advantage. The Lady Warriors posted 17 third quarter points with Heritage scoring ten to give Woodlan a 51-21 lead entering the final period.

Taylor Kneubuhler paced a trio of Woodlan players in double figures with 21 points while Dakotah Krohn chipped in 16 and Avah Smith added 14.

Olivia Baumert (four) and Gabi Klopfenstein (three) completed the Warrior scoring.

Smith also added eight re-

bounds and three steals for Woodlan while Ashton Widenhoefer, Kneubuhler and Krohn all grabbed five boards. Baumert and Klopfenstein picked up three and two rebounds, respectively.

Krohn dished out seven assists for the Lady Warriors with Addie Goheen, Widenhoefer and Kneubuhler posting two each. Kneubuhler topped Woodlan with four steals while Baumert and Smith finished with three steals apiece. Klopfenstein also had two steals for the Lady Warriors.

Woodlan is now 15-4 on the season and will return to action on Wednesday as the Warriors host Fremont.

ARCHERS PICK UP SEVENTH WIN

The Antwerp Lady Archers broke a three-game losing streak with a 47-33

win over visiting Lincolnview Tuesday night in non-league girls basketball action.

Antwerp outscored the visiting Lancers 15-5 at the free throw stripe and led at every stop in the contest, taking a 16-13 lead at the end of eight minutes of action.

After each team scored eight markers in the second stanza to put Antwerp in front 24-21 at the midway point, the Lady Archers bucketed 15 third quarter points compared to seven for Lincolnview as Antwerp recorded a 39-28 at the end of three periods.

The Archers then wrapped up the win with eight points in the final quarter while the Lancers picked up five markers to set the margin at 47-33.

Astianna Coppes scored a game high 22 points to lead the way for Antwerp with Hayleigh Jewell also reaching double figures with ten markers.

Aewyn McMichael chipped in eight points for the Lady Archers, who improved to 7-5 on the season. Ali Reinhart also had three points for Antwerp with Kiana Recker and Grace Schuette chipping in two points each.

Lincolnview was paced by Kendall Bollenbacher with 14 points with Zabria King adding nine and Carsyn Looser chipped in six.

Addysen Stevens also had four points for the Lady Lancers, who falls to 5-8 on the season.

The Lancers resume Northwest Conference action Thursday night as Lincolnview welcomes in Columbus Grove. Antwerp also returns to league play on Thursday when the Lady Archers host Paulding County and Green Meadows Conference rival Wayne Trace.

NW DISTRICT RELEASES GIRLS BASKETBALL ASSIGNMENTS

The Northwest District Athletic Board of the Ohio High School Athletic Association released the 2022 girls basketball district assignments recently as local high school teams found out where their tourney paths will take part.

Girls Division II district action will take place at Paulding High School with sectional games taking place at Patrick Henry and Holgate.

Fifteen schools will battle in the district, including seven teams from the Western Buckeye League. Area squads competing for that district berth at Paulding in-

clude Bryan, Celina, Defiance, Elida, Lima Bath, Lima Shawnee, Maumee, Napoleon, Rossford, St. Marys, Toledo Central Catholic, Toledo Rogers, Toledo Scott, Toledo Woodward and Van Wert.

In Division III, thirteen area schools will square off with the hopes reaching district play at Elida High School after taking part in sectional tournaments at Lincolnview and Bluffton.

Squads in Division III include Allen East, Coldwater, Delphos Jefferson, Fairview, Fostoria, Liberty Benton, Lima Perry, Ottawa Glandorf, Paulding, Riverdale, Spencerville, Tinora and Van Buren.

Division IV district tournaments will be hosted at Defiance, Van Wert and Wapakoneta with local teams in each of the three districts.

Sectional tournaments for the Defiance district will be held at Paulding and Bryan with teams from Antwerp, Ayersville, Crestview, Edgerton, Edon, Fayette, Hicksville, Hilltop, Lincolnview, North Central, Ottonville, Pettisville, Stryker and Wayne Trace taking part.

Area squads in the Van Wert district are Arlington, Bluffton, Columbus Grove, Continental, Cory Rawson, Delphos St. John's, Fort Jennings, Holgate, Kalida, Leipsic, McComb, Miller City, Pandora Gilboa and Patrick Henry. Sectional sites for the district are Bluffton University and Van Buren High School.

Lastly, Spencerville and Lima Shawnee are the sectional sites for the Wapakoneta district. High school teams battling it out to get to the home of the Redskins are Ada, Fort Recovery, Hardin Northern, Lima Central Catholic, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Parkway, Ridgemont, St. Henry, Upper Scioto Valley and Waynesfield Goshen.

BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SITES ANNOUNCED

Northwest Ohio boys basketball tournament sites were released recently as squads from around the area found out their potential places for tournament games.

In Division II, Paulding and Lima Senior will host sectionals with district action taking place at Ohio Northern University.

The field of teams is primarily from the Western Buckeye League as eight of the 11 teams come from the WBL. High schools in the Division II ONU District are Bryan, Celina, Defiance, Elida, Kenton, Lima Shawnee, Napoleon, St. Marys, Van Wert, Wapakoneta and Wauseon.

Local Division III teams will take part in the Lima Senior district that will have sectional games played at Elida and Miller City.

Squads battling for play in the district include Allen East, Bluffton, Coldwater, Delphos Jefferson, Fairview, Liberty Benton, Lima Bath, Lima Central Catholic, Ottawa Glandorf, Paulding, Riverdale, Tinora and Wayne Trace.

Three different Division IV districts will be held in

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Early in the game Antwerp's Carson Altimus launches the ball to score 3 points for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

could not deliver the knock-out punch. A Jagger Lander's bucket and two free throws from Luke Krouse, who was fouled as the halftime buzzer sounded, pulled the Archers within five and trailing 34-29 at the break.

Antwerp had a solid third quarter with 13 points while holding the Raiders to just six. Heading into the final eight minutes of play the Archers had a slim 42-40 margin and when Gage McMichael delivered a bucket on a drive to the hoop the blue and white were on top 44-40. The Archers would then hit a dry spell and go scoreless for 4 1/2 minutes while the long-ball would come alive for the Raiders.

Following a couple of Stoller free throws that kept the WT within two at the six-minute mark of the fourth stanza Trevor Sinn and Cam Sinn delivered back-to-back three-pointers that quickly turned the momentum over to the Raiders as well as a four-point lead 48-44 with 3:14 remaining. Antwerp managed to trim the deficit to two on a couple of occasions but with the Raiders leading 52-50 it

would be Kyle Stoller's two free throws with four seconds remaining that gave the Raiders the hard-fought GMC win.

For the Raiders, Cam Sinn led all scorers with 18 points, hitting 2-3 from the two-point area and a phenomenal show behind the arc, hitting 4-5. Kyle Stoller came up huge for Coach Jim Linder's crew. The sophomore bucketed 16 points on 6-7 shooting from the floor along with 12 rebounds. Also in double digits was Trevor Sinn who sparked the offense early and finishing with 10 markers. Rounding out the scoring was Brooks Laukhuf with 10 and Tyler Davis adding two.

For the Archers, Landers finished with 17 points and 13 boards. Coming off the bench and sparking the Head Coach Doug Billman's squad in the early going was Carson Altimus who finished with 11; hitting all four of his two-point attempts. Landon Brewer chipped in 10 followed by Krouse with seven, McMichael two and Kaden Recker also with two.

the area with area high school teams in all three districts.

In the Division IV district at Elida, teams battling to advance to the Elida Fieldhouse include Columbus

Grove, Continental, Cory Rawson, Crestview, Delphos St. John's, Fort Jennings, Kalida, Leipsic, Lincolnview, Miller City, Ottonville, Pandora Gilboa and Patrick Henry. Sectional games for

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2022 WOODLAN WRESTLING INVITATIONAL



Woodlan's Tyler Guise starts on the offensive with his Bulldog opponent. Photo by Melissa Amstutz



113# weight class finishers. Photos by Melissa Amstutz.

The Woodlan Wrestling Invitational took place on January 15, 2022 with 11 schools participating

Team Scores:

1. Prairie Heights 240
2. Heritage 204.5
3. East Noble (JV) 173
4. Woodlan 130
5. FW North Side 111
6. Edgerton(OH) 109
7. New Haven (JV) 100
8. FW Bishop Luers 88.5
9. Prov. Cristo Rey 77
10. Carroll (FW) 30
11. Logansport 10

Weight Class finishes:

106 - 1st Byron Oliva, North Side; 2nd Kyleigh Honaker, East Noble; 3rd Boston Baas, Prairie Heights; 4th George Gatchell, Bishop Luers; 5th Emily Beerbaower, New Haven

113 - 1st Max Cook, Prairie Heights; 2nd Tyler Guise, Woodlan; 3rd Juan Villegas, North Side; 4th - Forfeit; 5th Jonathon Brown, New Haven

120 - 1st Hayden Herman, Edgerton; 2nd Delin Jones, Prov. Cristo Rey; 3rd Keegan Reinhard, Woodlan; 4th Forfeit; 5th Kawliga Glasgo, Prairie Heights; 6th Jalyn Thompson, East Noble

126 - 1st Andrew Mirelez, Heritage; 2nd Ameer Ahmed,

East Noble; 3rd Lane Wagler, Prairie Heights; 4th Lucas Barkley, New Haven; 5th Jordan Klumpp, Prairie Heights; 6th Ava Herman, Edgerton

132 - 1st Karson Moore, Woodlan; 2nd Carson Rothgeb, Heritage; 3rd Brady Baas, Prairie Heights; 4th Michie Richards, East Noble; 5th Joel Smith, Prairie Heights; 6th Erasmo Montelongo, Prov. Cristo Rey

138 - 1st Riley Cearbaugh, Prairie Heights; 2nd Ian Amstutz, New Haven; 3rd Logan Wilhite, Heritage; 4th Demar Sales, North Side; 5th Kelton Smith, Carroll; 6th Holt Schrock, Prairie Heights

145 - 1st Dallas Plattner, East Noble; 2nd Connor Pratt, Prairie Heights; 3rd Caleb Manprasert, Prairie Heights; 4th Emmet Gresley, Heritage; 5th Cain Pinckney, North Side; 6th Brady Garrison, Woodlan

152 - 1st Grant Frecker, Heritage; 2nd Michael Mackin of Woodlan; 3rd Shane Atkinson, New Haven; 4th Forfeit; 5th Zack Engle, Prairie Heights

160 - 1st Aaron Hare, Prairie Heights; 2nd Jack Culler, Woodlan; 3rd Dylan Krehl, East Noble; 4th Shaun Murphy, Edgerton; 5th Percy White, North Side; 6th

this district will be hosted at Bluffton University and Van Wert High School.

Napoleon High School and Bryan High School will be the sectional sites with Defiance High School hosting the district for 14 schools in Northwest Ohio. Squads included in this district are Antwerp, Ayersville, Edgerton, Edon, Fayette, Hicksville, Hilltop, Holgate, Montpelier, North Central, Pettisville, Stryker, Toledo Christian and Toledo Emmanuel Christian.

Lastly, Division IV district tournament action will take place at Wapakoneta High School with sectionals taking place at Coldwater and St. Marys.

Area teams in the Wapakoneta district are Ada, Fort Recovery, Lima Perry, Lima Temple Christian, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Parkway, Ridgmont, Spencerville, St. Henry, Upper Scioto Valley and Waynesfield Goshen.

Mathew Eberhard, Carroll

170 - 1st Mason Daring, Bishop Luers; 2nd Jan Suhrbier, East Noble; 3rd Jordan Rusmisl, East Noble; 4th Forfeit; 5th Ed DeWitt, Carroll; 6th Brad Krieger, Prairie Heights

182 - 1st Blake Flower, Edgerton; 2nd Alex Brennan, East Noble; 3rd Mason Head, New Haven; 4th Trace Cain, East Noble; 5th Caiden Girardot, Bishop Luers; 6th Jay Abbott, Prairie Heights

195 - 1st Mickey Daring, Bishop Luers; 2nd Jericko Jackson, Prairie Heights; 3rd Rylan Whitacre, Heritage; 4th Brady Exner, New Haven; 5th Elijah Martin, Edgerton; 6th Gavin Vachon, Woodlan

220 - 1st Logan Teichman of Heritage; 2nd Justin Huffman, Edgerton; 3rd Charlie Riddle, Heritage; 4th Kyrese Rhodes, Prov. Cristo Rey; 5th Logan Werts, Heritage; 6th Denilson Galicia, Bishop Luers

285 - 1st Marques Lewis, North Side; 2nd Eldrich Flores, Prov. Cristo Rey; 3rd Parker Hennessey, Heritage; 4th Jeremiah Adams, North Side; 5th Josaiah Coney, Prairie Heights; 6th Isaiah Yeiser of Carroll

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB OPENS SEASON AT WT DUALS



The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently opened their wrestling season at the Wayne Trace Duals on January 16, 2022. Even though the little archers were competing short-handed, that didn't stop them from putting on a great show. With the 2020 season being cancelled due to Covid-19, it was as if every

wrestler was competing in the first match of their very young careers. Nine of the 12 wrestlers were able to earn at least one win on the day. Earning wins on the day were Ulrich Ziljstra, Duke Dangler, Oliver Kosch, Bennett Graham, Oliver McCague, Owen Dangler, Riel Gonzalez, Jameson Graham, and Cadem In-

gol. Congratulations to all of the Archer wrestlers for their hard work at their first meet of the season. Be sure to catch the Wrestling Club when they compete at their annual home tournament on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at Antwerp High School. We wish you the best and as always GO ARCHERS!!!

WARRIORS POST OPENING ROUND ACAC TOURNEY WINS



Woodlan's Alex Miller attempts a basket for the Warriors while getting slapped! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - ACAC tourney play started Tuesday night at Woodlan High School where both the Warrior girls and boys teams picked up victories over South Adams.

The Lady Warriors opened with a 48-35 victory over the Starfires before Woodlan's boys team posted a 70-34 win over South Adams.

Woodlan won each of the first three quarters in the girls contest as the Lady Warriors led at every stop in improving to 14-3 on the season.

The Lady Warriors led 12-7 at the end of one period and posted a 24-19 halftime advantage after each team scored a dozen markers in the second quarter. Quarter number three was dominated by Woodlan as the Warriors outscored the Starfires 15-4 to take a 39-23 lead into the final period.

Avah Smith led the way for

Woodlan with 25 points and Gabi Klopfenstein also reached double figures with 11 markers. Dakotah Krohn chipped in four points followed by Addie Goheen (three), Olivia Baumert (three) and Ashton Widenhoefer (two).

Macy Pries scored 15 points to pace South Adams and Lexie McKibben added ten markers. Peyton Pries and Delaney Dunnuck both recorded three points while Kristen Wynn and Carlie Sealscott posted two markers apiece. South Adams is now 8-6 overall this season.

In the boys contest, the Warriors scored 23 points in the first quarter and never looked back in cruising to the victory.

Woodlan was on top 23-8 at the end of one quarter and added 19 more points in the second stanza, expanding the

advantage to 42-14 at the intermission. The Warriors put up 18 markers in quarter number three as the hosts widened the margin to 60-22 at the end of three periods.

Joe Reidy led the Warriors with 16 points, topping a list of five Woodlan players who reached double figures. Reidy posted a double-double on the night as he added a dozen rebounds for Woodlan, which improved to 8-6 on the season.

Dawson Lichty and Luke Fox added 13 points each for the Warriors while Trey Yoder chipped in a dozen markers and Braden Smith posted 11 points.

Trey Schoch paced South Adams with nine points while Jordan Hinshaw and Brady Beall recorded six markers apiece for the Starfires, who are now 3-7 on the year.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES FALL SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

Heidelberg University has announced the names of 405 students who have earned academic recognition on the

fall semester dean's list. Included on the list are the following local/area students:

Siera Octaviano, freshman, Political Science; Antwerp, OH

Gabrielle Stallbaum, freshman, Health Science; Paulding, OH

According to Provost Dr. Bryan D. Smith, students must be enrolled full time and meet academic criteria set forth by the university to be named to the dean's list.

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PANTHERS UPSET ACES IN GMC PLAY



Paulding Junior Carlea Kuckuck is left open under the basket to score for the home team at this GMC matchup! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - Claire Schweller scored 14 points and Janae Pease added a dozen markers to lead the Paulding Lady Panthers to a 49-43 win over visiting Hicksville Thursday night in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball play.

The Lady Panthers held a slim 7-6 lead at the end of one period before blanking the Aces in the second stanza as Paulding added 11 points for an 18-6 advantage at the midway point.

Hicksville did answer with a 15-point third quarter while limiting Paulding to eight, cutting the deficit to 26-21 at the end of three periods. However, the maroon and white responded to score 23 fourth quarter points to hold on for the 49-43 victory over the Aces.

Paulding improves to 4-9 overall and 2-1 in the Green Meadows Conference with the victory while Hicksville falls to 8-5 in all games and 1-2 in the league.

Kenzie Schroeder topped

all scorers with 30 points, 14 rebounds and nine blocked shots for Hicksville while Molly Crall scored eight points. Lindsay Bergman chipped in four points and Avery Slattery added one.

Other scorers for the Lady Panthers were Audrey Giesige (nine), Alivya Bakle (four), Brooke Ankney (three), Zoe Valle (two), Elli Barton (two), Carlea Kuckuck (two) and Maci Kauser (one).

BULLDOGS GET PAST RAIDERS

The Celina Bulldog wrestling team posted four pins and took advantage of three Wayne Trace forfeits to post a 48-27 win over the Raiders in high school wrestling action Tuesday night in Mercer County.

Wayne Trace jumped in front early, getting a Jarrett Hornish pin of Celina's Zeph Miller at 144 before Samuel Moore recorded an 8-0 victory over the Bulldogs' Carver Harris at 150 for a 10-0 Raider

advantage.

However, Celina responded with five straight victories that included two forfeits and two pins to go on top 28-10. The Bulldogs' Gavin Brown was a 9-0 winner over Elliot Boroff at 165 and Celina's Tyler Carlin pinned Wayne Trace's Dyson Scott at 175. The Mercer County Squad also got a pin by Alex Stachler over the Raiders' Nathan Osborn in the 215-pound weight class.

Wayne Trace cut the deficit to 28-22 after consecutive victories by Kaden Woolbright and Corbin Kimmel. Woolbright won by default over Celina's Keene Rinderle at 285 and Kimmel pinned the Bulldogs' Kaleb Krogman at 106.

Celina, though, sealed the outcome with four straight wins to expand the margin to 48-22.

The Bulldogs' Landin Wallace defeated Wayne Trace's Connor Blankenship 11-10 at 113 before Celina's Victor Capetillo was victorious by forfeit at 120. Brycen Miracle of Celina then won via a technical fall at 126 over the Raiders' Kendal Franklin and Bulldog teammate Landon Engle followed with a pin of Jared Pierce at 132.

Wayne Trace did win the final varsity match of the night as Hunter Long was victorious by technical fall over Zack King at 138.

The Raiders return to action when they travel to the Van Buren Invitational on Friday, January 21, and Saturday, January 22.

RAIDERS OVERCOME SLOW START TO DEFEAT LCC

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Last Monday the Lady Raiders hosted Lima Central Catholic in hardwood action. The non-conference matchup was dominated by the red, white, and blue who came away with the low scoring win 36-20.

Wayne Trace found themselves down early, trailing 9-2 after one quarter of play. After a slow start and being down by seven the Raiders responded defensively the rest of the way. The home team held the Thunderbirds scoreless in the second frame to take a slim 11-9 lead at the break.

As a team the Raiders recorded 19 steals led by Rylee Troth with five and Abby Moore adding four to lead the defensive attack. To go along with the 19 steals, the Thunderbirds did not help themselves with 22 turnovers.

In the second half it was all Raiders who managed to outscore their opponent 25-11. With the win Wayne Trace improves their overall mark to 5-6 while Central Catholic falls to 4-9.

Senior Rachel Stoller led all scorers with 17 points along with eight rebounds. Adding to the scoring column for the winners was Troth chipping in seven; Elise Miller four; Christina Graham three; Harper Myers and Ava Zartman each with two.

Wayne Trace shot 14-51 for 27 percent from the floor to go along with 7-11 from the charity stripe. The Thunderbirds shot 8-34 for 24 percent. Both teams snagged 38 rebounds.

The Thunderbirds placed four of its players in the scorebook led by the 10 points from Olivia Stolly followed by Brid-

get Mulcahy with six and Allison Young and Anna Wannenmacher with two points each.

LADY ARCHERS CRUISE PAST BLACKBIRDS

PETTISVILLE - Antwerp's girls basketball teams hit the road to Fulton County on Saturday afternoon for a battle with Pettisville where the Lady Archers came home with a 37-23 victory.

Antwerp took control of the contest in the opening stanza, scoring 13 of the 15 points scored in the period to seize a 13-2 advantage. The host Blackbirds bucketed seven markers in the second quarter with the Lady Archers getting six as the Fulton County squad trimmed the halftime deficit to 19-9.

Pettisville crept a little closer in the third quarter, getting ten points while limiting Antwerp to eight to close the gap to 27-19 at the end of three periods.

Antwerp, though, sealed the victory by scoring ten fourth quarter points and held Pettisville to four in sealing the 37-23 win.

Grace Schuette led all players in the contest with a dozen points for the Lady Archers and Astianna Coppes added eight markers. Hayleigh Jewell (seven), Aelwyn McMichael (six), Caroline Rohrs (two) and Lydia Brewer (two) rounded out the scorers for the Lady Archers, who win for the ninth time in 14 games this year.

Pettisville, which drops to 2-13, was paced by Alli King and Grace Crawford with six points each while Holly Klopfenstein and Ellie Grieser added four markers apiece. Leah Beck (two) and Amanda Grimm (one) were the other Blackbird scorers.

NEW HAVEN BOYS BASKETBALL BEAT LEO LIONS

On Friday, January 14th the New Haven Bulldogs played host to the Leo Lions in Friday Night High School Basketball. New Haven beat #1 Leo 69-63.

Stat Leaders:

J. Williams - 19pts, 8reb, 6ast, 4stl

D. Brooks - 13pts, 6reb, 3ast, 3stl

J. Turnwald - 12pts, 5reb

Score by the Quarter:

NH - 12 21 16 20 = 69

Leo - 7 14 23 19 = 63

BULLDOGS TAKE DOWN CHARGERS

New Haven boys basketball hit the road on Saturday, January 15 traveling to Charger country to take on Carroll.

The Bulldogs dominated the guest court winning 56-49.

Stat Leaders:

D. Brooks - 17pts, 4 reb, 1ast, 3stl

J. Cottrell - 10pts, 4 reb, 1ast, 1stl

T. Harding - 8pts, 2reb, 1ast, 2stl

BIG FOURTH QUARTER LIFTS DJ OVER PAULDING

DELPHOS - After scoring only five points in the third quarter, host Delphos Jefferson erupted for 19 in the final period to rally for a 49-45 win over visiting Paulding Saturday night in boys non-conference basketball action at Jefferson Middle School.

OHSAA TO ADD GIRLS WRESTLING & BOYS VOLLEYBALL



Photo credit David Jablonski, Dayton Daily News



Photo credit Paul Vernon, Columbus ThisWeek Community News

COLUMBUS, Ohio - In a historic move Thursday, the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors voted unanimously to add girls wrestling and boys volleyball as emerging sports beginning with the 2022-23 school year. In addition, the board voted to move girls and boys lacrosse out of the emerging sports category into the list of OHSAA recognized sports, and also committed to discuss partnering with a group to provide a tournament in Esports (gaming).

The Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association has been conducting a girls wrestling tournament since 2020, and the Ohio High School Boys Volleyball Association has been conducting its tournament since 1988.

"The OHSAA is now talking with the boys volleyball and girls wrestling leaders for several years and we are now in the position to bring these two sports into the OHSAA," said OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute. "This move will help those sports continue to grow and allow those student-athletes to compete for an OHSAA state championship. It gives more kids opportunities and that is the mission of the OHSAA."

As emerging sports, girls wrestling and boys volleyball will be administered like the OHSAA's current 26 recognized sports, but will have ad-

ditional requirements according to OHSAA General Sports Regulation 16 that could lead to full sanctioning in the future.

"We will look to keep a very similar format for the girls wrestling and boys volleyball tournaments as what the coaches associations have been doing," Ute said. "The girls wrestling state tournament is held in mid-February and the boys volleyball state tournament is held in the spring. We have not yet developed tournament regulations, but we'll start working on that so that those two sports hit the ground running next fall for the start of the 2022-23 school year."

The OHSAA added lacrosse in 2016 and the sport has continued to grow and now moves out of the emerging sports category, effective immediately.

With the addition of girls wrestling and boys volleyball, the number of OHSAA sports grows to 28, with 14 for girls and 14 for boys.

The OHSAA has been in conversation with Esports, as it has grown rapidly at both the high school and college level in the last several years.

The OHSAA will look to partner with a group that specializes in Esports, similar to how the OHSAA partnered with Varsity Spirit for its sideline cheerleading competition that was held for the first time this past December.

The host Wildcats led 17-12 at the end of eight minutes of action and still held a 25-22 lead at the midway point of the contest.

Paulding, though, outscored Delphos Jefferson 11-5 in the third quarter to grab a 33-30 lead entering the final stanza. The Wildcats responded with a 19-point final period and limited Paulding to a dozen points to seal the win.

Nick Manz had a dozen points to lead the way for the Panthers with Ethan Foltz and Zach Gorrell also reach-

ing double digits, scoring 11 and ten points respectively. Luke Zartman posted eight and Christian Bauer finished with four to complete the Panther scoring.

Colin Bailey paced Delphos Jefferson with 14 points and Levi Rode chipped in eight for the Wildcats. Isaac Gallmeier (seven), Trent Teman (seven), Andrew Miller (four), Caden Carder (four), Cody Bailey (three) and Cole Hoersten (two) completed the list of Wildcat scorers.



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HOUG POURS IN 37 IN VW WIN

VAN WERT - Sofi Houg scored a school record 37 points to lead the Van Wert Lady Cougars to a 74-58 win over Paulding in non-league girls basketball action Tuesday night at the Cougars Den. Houg scored only two points in the opening stanza before hitting double figures in each of the next three stanzas. The Cougar junior guard scored 11 points in the second quarter and added ten more in the third period. Houg then wrapped up the night with 14 points in the final period to eclipse the old record of 36 which was set by Allie Clifton. Van Wert led 13-9 at the end of one period and widened the margin to 31-24 at the intermission. The Lady Cougars then expanded the lead to 51-41 entering the final stanza.

Kyra Welch also reached double figures for Van Wert with 15 points and Erin Schaufelberger added eight markers. Emilee Phillips (six), Carlee Young (five), Debbie Jones (two) and Kayla Krites (one) rounded out the scoring for the Cougars, who improve to 9-4.

Claire Schweller had a tremendous night for Paulding, bucketing 29 points in the loss with Janae Pease adding 15.

Audrey Giesige (nine), Brooke Ankney (two), Makayla Suffel (two) and Elli Barton (one) picked up the remaining points for the Lady Panthers (3-9).

PATRIOTS, TIGERS SPLIT IN ACAC PLAY

MONROEVILLE - The Heritage girls and Bluffton boys picked up wins in the opening round of the ACAC tournament Tuesday night at Heritage High School.

In the girls contest, the Lady Patriots blanked the Tigers in the first quarter and never looked back in posting a 50-33 victory.

Heritage led 13-0 at the end of one quarter and 25-12 at the intermission following a second quarter that saw both teams put up a dozen points. The Lady Patriots picked up 13 in the third quarter compared to Bluffton's ten as Heritage took a 38-22 lead into the final period.

Ella Bickel bucketed 14 points to lead the way for the Lady Patriots with Claire Bickel adding ten markers. Abby Zelt finished with eight points followed by Madilyn Scheumann (six), Kendall Zelt (four), Raelyn Mullins (two), Lydia Schultz (two), Shelby Schane (two) and Carly Gerardot (two).

Bluffton was paced by Monroe Heller with a dozen markers and Haley Gibson added eight points. Other scorers for the Lady Tigers were Isabella Stout (four), Tressa Renner (three), Marly Drayer (three), Ryleigh Johnson (two) and Maryn Schreiber (one).

Heritage improves to 9-9 on the season with the victory while Bluffton drops to 6-11 with the loss.

Bluffton's boys team overcame a ten-point deficit after one quarter to rally for a 53-52 win over the Patriots to capture the ACAC tourney win.

The Patriots were on top 18-8 at the end of one period but Bluffton picked up 15 second quarter points compared

to ten for Heritage, giving the hosts a 28-23 lead at the mid-point of the contest.

Heritage bucketed 17 markers in the third period while holding Bluffton to 11, expanding the Patriots margin to 45-34 entering the final stanza.

However, Bluffton dominated the final period with 19 points and Heritage scored only seven as the Tigers rallied all the way back to post the 53-52 win.

Bluffton improves to 3-8 with the win on the night while Heritage drops to 2-7

overall.

Carter McConnell paced all scorers in the contest with 20 points for Bluffton while Max Stoppenhagen added 15 markers for the Tigers.

Andrew Ball also reached double figures for Bluffton, scoring ten points.

Lukas Gehrett, Harrison Schreiber, Sam Baumgartner and Fletcher Wenger bucketed two points each for the Tigers.

Heritage was paced by Dalton Wasson with 17 points and Luke Saylor chipped in 11. Also finding the scoring column for the Patriots were

Howie Kaiser (seven), Nyles Knapke (six), Tanner Whitman (four), Leroy Lepper (four) and Austin Buuck (three).

ANTWERP BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

After a three week hiatus, the Antwerp freshmen boys played host to the Van Wert Cougars. The Archers were pretty rusty for most of the game. The boys in white jerseys trimmed in blue got better as the game went on.

Scoring in this game for

Antwerp were: Derek Hines - 9, Braylen Moreno - 5, Aiden Lichty - 3 and Tavin Sholl - 2

ANTWERP JH WRESTLING HOSTS TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp junior high wrestling team competed in their yearly home meet on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Antwerp High School.

Both of the young archer wrestlers had productive days and placed in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. 8th grader Griffin Kosch finished 4th at 128 pounds. Kosch fin-

ished the day with a 2-2 record, earning 1 pin and 1 technical fall for the day.

The Archers also crowned their first tournament champion of the year with 7th grader Zac Salas finishing in 1st place at 116 pounds. Salas finished his day undefeated at 3-0 with 2 pins and 1 major decision. This also marks the first tournament championship for Salas in his very young wrestling career.

Congratulations to both of the Archer wrestlers for their hard work and accomplishments this past weekend.



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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On December 27, a family member of Loveonna Monroe filed a missing person report with Antwerp Police Dept. Her last known whereabouts were in Topeka, KS.

On January 1, Antwerp Police Department was contacted by an employee of the Antwerp Manor. The employee was concerned and

thought a resident was in possession of heroin. The employee had found what she believed was heroin, took it, secured it and provide it to the officer. The employee relayed that the resident had been asking several of the staff where he might be able to locate illegal drugs. The item confiscated was tested and was positive for methamphetamine. The officer spoke to the resident and found out he was on felony probation from Henry County on B&E charges and other offenses were listed in his criminal history. Prior to arriving at the Manor, the officer determined the resident had been homeless and staying at the Path Center in Defiance. With the assistance from Henry County Probation Office, the resident was arrested and the drugs confiscated. A report

was forwarded to Paulding County Prosecutor.

On January 3, department of Human Services requested the police department's assistance locating a person in village and have them call.

On January 4, a vehicle was reported parked at Dollar General. The employee said it had been there several days. It was explained to the employee with it being private property they have the right to have it towed and was provided with a towing company information.

On January 3, a member of Paulding County Sheriff requested a copy of a report in regards to a sex offender who has fled.

On January 3, a resident reported receiving a Visa debit card. The incident was investigated and determined fraudulent. It was also determined it

was a common scan. The resident was given information to contact Attorney General.

On January 5, a resident reported receiving a letter from his father that passed away two years earlier. It appeared fraudulent, and the resident was assisted in filing a fraud claim with Attorney General Office.

On January 5, Henry County Probation Office requested a copy of a report and information of a suspect on felony probation. Antwerp Police Department assisted probation office.

On January 6, an officer assisted Antwerp EMS at a downtown business.

On January 6, while on patrol, an officer found a car parked at the old train depot now the Village administrator's office. The vehicle, reported as suspicious, was investigated. In the vehicle two individuals were found abusing drugs. The officer searched the vehicle, found drugs and paraphernalia and charges were filed.

On January 6, a resident notified the police department that a gentleman from Fort Wayne was making threats toward members of Antwerp Police Department.

On January 8, a resident reported that their dog had left the residence. Antwerp officer attempted to locate the dog and was then contacted by the owner who stated they found the dog.

On January 8, Antwerp Police Department was notified of a suspected vehicle that might have been involved in a break-in out in the country. The vehicle was not located in Antwerp.

On January 8, the police department received a report of an alleged juvenile threatening suicide. An officer located the juvenile and spoke with them and the parents, and it was determined everything was okay.

On January 8, a motor ve-

CONVICTED FELON FOUND WITH DRUGS, ARRESTED AT ANTWERP MANOR



By: Bryce Steiner

The Antwerp Police responded to a phone call that led to the arrest of a resident of the Antwerp Manor. The facility located on Archer Drive in Antwerp, OH had recently brought in a male with a recent criminal record.

In summary the incident involved a suspect asking nurses for drugs, and when not able to obtain them in the Antwerp Manor, being told drug use would not be tolerated, he was able to acquire the illicit material in a quick trade in a restaurant according to the police report.

The incident, reported to police by Rachel Harpster, staff member, is cause for

great concern for this community of most vulnerable people. The report continues that the suspect was seen by another resident smoking and dipping the cigarette in a white powder in a baggy between puffs, thought to be heroin. A staff member had found a cigarette in the room with "a white substance packed in it." The substance was tested by police and found to be meth.

The police thanked the staff members for reporting this situation that could have ended poorly for the residents of the Manor.

The individual was brought in to the facility after he left the Pathway Center in Defiance and was considered homeless. According to

hicle accident was reported on Water Plant Dr. Officer responded and prepared an accident report.

On January 9, a domestic dispute was reported at a residence on W. River St. An officer responded and determined it was only an argument, and nothing physical had occurred.

On January 10, a suspicious person was reported near Archer Drive and Cleveland St. An officer responded, they located the individual and a vehicle and everything was okay.

On January 11, a suspicious vehicle was reported on Wentworth Dr. The truck was not only suspicious, but driving reckless. An officer located it and spoke with them.

On January 11, an officer transported evidence to the crime lab in Bowling Green.

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

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.

NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - PAULDING COUNTY PY 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Paulding County intends to apply to the Ohio Department Services Agency (ODSA) for funding under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. CDBG & HOME are federally funded programs administered by ODSA, Office of Community Development (OCD). The ODSA also administers the state funded Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF). The County may be eligible for Program Year 2022 CDBG funding, providing the County meets applicable program requirements. The programs available to Paulding County are outlined in the State of Ohio Consolidated Plan and will be presented at the Public Hearing.

This first of two public hearings will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022, at 1:00 pm in the Paulding County Commissioner's Chambers located at 115 North Williams Street, Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the programs available and program requirements. A broad range of activities can be funded through the programs, including: allocation planning, economic development, downtown revitalization, water and sewer facilities, flood and drainage facilities, streets and sidewalks, senior centers, parks, and demolition of unsafe structures. Projects must be designed to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, aid in the prevention of slum or blight, or meet an urgent need in the community.

Below is the anticipated PY2022 funding amounts, pending all application funding requirements are met:

PROGRAM	FUNDS
1. *Community Development Block Grant Program	
•Allocation	\$150,000
•Allocation Planning	\$20,000
•Community Development Critical Infrastructure Program	\$500,000
•Neighborhood Revitalization Grant	\$750,000
2. *Economic Development Program	
•Loan Program	\$500,000 max/project
•Public Infrastructure Grants	\$500,000
•Revolving Loan Fund	\$500,000 max
•Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program (RPIG)	\$750,000/\$100,000 min.
3. *Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP)	\$1,150,000
•Maumee Valley South CHIP Consortium - In partnership with Defiance County and the City of Defiance.	
4. *Homeless & Supportive Housing Programs	
•Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP)	\$4,000,000 statewide
•Homeless Assistance Grant Program	\$100,000
•Housing Assistance Grant Program	\$500,000
5. *Targets of Opportunity Program	\$200,000 per project
6. *Target of Opportunity Downtown Revitalization Program	\$250,000
(up to 3 buildings)	
7. *New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program	\$50,000
8. *General Program Income	\$200,000

The primary focus of this First Public Hearing is to give an overview of the above-listed programs. The second public hearing will be held at a future announced date prior to the submittal by the County of specific grant applications. Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting on **Monday, January 31, 2022, at 1:00 pm** to provide input on the County program.

If a participant will need auxiliary aids (interpreter, Braille or taped material, listening device, other) due to a disability, please contact Maumee Valley Planning Organization prior to **January 31, 2022**, at 419-784-3882 in order to ensure that your needs will be accommodated. The Paulding County Commissioners Office is not handicapped accessible.

court records he had been convicted of breaking and entering less than a month before being brought into the Antwerp Manor. He was on probation and not to be near drugs.

The question comes to mind: Does the Antwerp Manor have staff that is trained to handle rehabilitation, and do they have a plan in place to ensure the safety of the other residents? The

facility administrator, Brian McLaughlin, was asked about their policy for background checks and people convicted of felonies. The response to the newspaper was, "The Antwerp Manor does not confirm, deny, or comment on any past, current, or future residents. Antwerp Manor prides itself on staying in compliance with all rules and regulations set forth by the State of Ohio

and any other governing authorities. For the past 15 years, the management and staff of Antwerp Manor has been dedicated to delivering compassionate and loving care to the members of our community who need it the most."

According to the report McLaughlin had interviewed the suspect over the phone and didn't think "he had smoked anything." Will the elderly male get the help he needs? As of this writing the suspect is sitting in CCNO, charged with a Probation Violation. McLaughlin had been asked if the individual would be returning to the Antwerp Facility. There was no answer to that question.

The Antwerp Police Department took immediate action when they received the call from the staff. The investigation took place on January 1, 2022. Final tests from BCI&I are awaiting results and the reports have been forwarded to the Paulding County Prosecutor.

Information in this article was obtained from the following sources: Antwerp Manor, Antwerp Police Department, and Defiance Municipal and Henry County courts.

DEFIANCE POST INVESTIGATES A TWO VEHICLE FATAL CRASH

On January 13, 2022, at 8:22 A.M., troopers from the Defiance Post responded to the scene of a two vehicle head-on collision on US Route 6 near County Road 6, just east of the village of Edgerton, Ohio.

John Wayne Kinney, age 79, of West Liberty, Ohio, was traveling westbound on US 6 in a white 2021 Chevrolet 3500 HD pick-up truck. Mr. Kinney's vehicle traveled left of center, striking a white 2016 Buick Regal driven by Shelley R. Armstrong, age 60, of Edgerton. After impact, Mr. Kinney's vehicle traveled off of the left side of the road, striking a utility junction box. Mr. Kinney was transported to Bryan Hospital for serious injuries after being extricated by mechanical means. He would later be flown to the Toledo Hospital. Mrs. Armstrong had to be extricated by mechanical means and succumbed to her injuries at the scene.

US 6 was restricted to one lane for approximately 90 minutes.

Assisting troopers on scene was Edgerton Police Department, Edgerton Fire and Rescue, Hutch's Towing and Recovery and the Williams County Prosecutor's Office.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages drivers and occupants to always wear their seat belts, and never drive distracted or impaired.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Stacy A. Landis, Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence, Defendant waived the preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Endanger child, Bound over

Juan C. Garcia Valle, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant **Isom Hall**, Oakwood, OH; Driving under suspension violating registration, Count A dismissed; Assured clear distance, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no contest, Pay all fines and costs

Anthony A. Mayer, Defiance, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cory N. Rihel, Fort Wayne, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Judith F. Hubkey, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Denver M. Steel, Defiance, OH; Display plates; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Filomena C. Savastano, Taylor, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Desire M. Garcia, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant appeared in court without counsel, pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 4/29/22; Show proof of insurance by 1/11/22

Kiana R. McGuire, Fort Wayne, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Will E. Dunlap, Indianapolis, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Merl Yenser, Payne, OH; Failure to yield/left turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jason R. Andrews, Elida, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rachel L. McMillan, Cecil, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Cost waived

Scott A. Miller, Grover Hill, OH; Fail to comply; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Repay investigation

The West Bend News
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

costs of \$2054.10

Michael R. Scarbrough, Van Wert, OH; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; Open container, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI suspension, Guilty, Defendant appeared in court with Ms. Simson, Pay all fines and

costs, Show proof of insurance by 1/11/22

Tonnia L Marshall, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Shall pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victim; State agrees to not file resisting ar-

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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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Financial Report for the Antwerp Cemetery Association, Antwerp, OH, for the year ended or the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 is complete and available for public inspection, at the clerk's office, by appointment. A copy of the report can be provided upon request.

**Real Estate Taxes Are Due
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Mobile Home Tax Will Be Due
Monday, March 1, 2022**

**Failure To Receive A Tax Bill Will Not Avoid
Penalty or Interest Charges.**

Due to the Covid19 pandemic, tax collection will be somewhat different for the first half collection this year. Our goal is to make collections as seamless and smooth as possible; and safe for you, the land owner as well as the staff in the Treasurer's Office. **There is a new drop box along the sidewalk on the East side of the courthouse; we strongly encourage you to use this drop box.**

If you would like to bring your payment into the office, there will be restrictions that will be necessary to follow:

- Your temperature will be checked at the door by the Security Deputy Sheriff
- We are "strongly recommending" that you wear some type of facial covering
- Please respect the Social Distancing, maintaining 6' between customers
- No more than 2 people will be allowed in the office at one time
- Please refrain from bringing children into the office

You still have the option of mailing your payment. We accept check and/or money order. If you require a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If this is not included, we will not mail you a receipt.

I would also like to share a new option for you to pay your taxes online. I have partnered with Point & Pay, an online payment system, this option does include fees to the landowner, but if you are interested please visit pauldingcountytreasurer.com for more information, go to the direct website at <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/PauldingCountyTreasurer>

Paulding County Treasurer • Lou Ann Wannemacher
Phone: 419-399-8280

Office Hours are
Monday thru Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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 Bowman 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://paulding.sheriffsaleauction.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.

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
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

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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;

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DONATIONS HELP FUND CFAES STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Looking for a worthy cause for donation?

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Undergraduate Scholarship Fund (#317468) is one good option.

The fund helps provide scholarship monies for undergraduate students enrolled in CFAES to attend school and earn a college degree. The fund is also a part of the new larger effort by Ohio State to raise \$800 million for student scholarships for the Scarlet & Gray Advantage program, which is designed to offer a debt-free bachelor's degree within a decade.

In addition to student scholarships, the Scarlet & Gray Advantage program will expand job and internship programs that allow students to gain experience while earning a paycheck; will provide grant assistance; and will extend coaching on financial education, leadership, and work skills.

"In CFAES, we have a student-first philosophy. We award more than \$2.8 million-plus in CFAES scholarships annually—more than any other college in the university," said Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State's vice president for agricultural administration and CFAES dean. "Coupled with the financial education, leadership, and work skills in the Scarlet & Gray Advantage program, our students will have a real competitive advantage as they enter the workforce with real-world experience and very little debt."

Students who join Scarlet & Gray Advantage will be active participants in achieving a debt-free degree through a joint commitment with the university. Ohio State will provide financial aid for low- and middle-income students, coupled with work opportunities and programs to help students develop financial literacy for their college years and beyond. Students will be expected to participate in financial literacy programs, take advantage of work opportunities, and join a cohort of like-minded students focused on a debt-free education.

Ohio State is a public, land-grant institution with more than 53,000 undergraduate students, so Scarlet & Gray Advantage is set to be among the largest debt-free programs in higher education. When the program is final-

ized, newly entering first-year students at all Ohio State campuses will have the opportunity to join Scarlet & Gray Advantage as they begin their college careers.

Brianna Gwartz, '18, is an example of an Ohio State graduate who benefited from CFAES scholarships. One of the biggest benefits, she said, was to be able to graduate with minimal debt. Gwartz's scholarships covered her tuition at Ohio State ATI on the CFAES Wooster campus in addition to her studies after transferring to the Columbus campus.

"Having the peace of mind knowing that my tuition was covered allowed me to start my life off out of college on a good foot financially," she said. "Because of that, I've been able to set myself up for some other big life-after-college experiences like buying my first home and having a newer, reliable vehicle."

"Additionally, having scholarships allowed me to really dig deeper into my college experience at CFAES, including being able to take advantage of clubs and jobs within the college, which meant no evening or weekend work hours. That allowed me to focus on my studies, and I was able to do a study abroad with a scholarship that enabled me to go to England and Scotland."

Students like Gwartz are just one example of the many who can benefit from the new Scarlet & Gray Advantage program once it is finalized. Ohio State will bring Scarlet & Gray Advantage to scale over the next decade while taking immediate steps that include the following:

- **Scholarships**—To expand financial support for students, Ohio State will raise \$800 million, including \$500 million in endowments, over the next decade to expand undergraduate scholarships. To help kick off this campaign and enhance the impact of early gifts, the university and lead donors are creating a \$50 million pool to match the first \$50 million in private donations. Any donor who contributes at least \$100,000 to endowed funds while the match is available will see the impact of their gift double in size.

- **Work opportunities**—Working with employers throughout the state and country, Ohio State will expand its network of paid job and internship opportunities so that students have more opportunities to earn money, develop job skills, and prepare themselves for post-college

careers. The university will build on a robust network of relationships, both on campus and with outside employers, to offer work opportunities in a variety of fields.

- **Education and coaching**—Scarlet & Gray Advantage students will participate in financial literacy programs, leadership and career counseling, and other programs to enhance their path to success.

- **A pilot program**—In autumn 2022, the university will select 125 newly entering first-year students to be part of a Scarlet & Gray Advantage pilot program that will hone strategies to optimize university services and will identify opportunities to further streamline student support. Details about how the cohort will be selected will be determined as the incoming class takes shape.

Ohio State will support Scarlet & Gray Advantage through fundraising, optimizing existing resources, collaborating with state and federal leaders to support student success, and engaging with the business community and other employers.

"This initiative will lessen the burden of tuition costs so our students can focus on their experiences while at CFAES, such as study-abroad programs, internships, and hands-on opportunities," Kress said.

More information about the Scarlet & Gray Advantage program, including opportunities to contribute, is available at advantage.osu.edu. Donations to the CFAES Undergraduate Scholarship Fund (#317468) can be made at go.osu.edu/cfaesundergradfund.

REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK & POLICY MEETINGS SET TO KICK OFF

Ohio State University Extension will present its 2022 Regional Agricultural Outlook and Policy Meetings starting in late January and ending in late March.

OSU Extension is the out-

reach arm of Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), and the main sponsor of the meetings. Economists from the CFAES Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, along with other college specialists and invited guests, will serve as speakers.

Held throughout the state, the eight outlook meetings will address agricultural topics of interest not only in Ohio, but across the Corn Belt as well. Programs will include presentations on grain market outlook; agricultural law updates; the dairy industry in 2022; Ohio's changing climate; farm policy; Farm Bill 2023; Ohio's Senate Bill 52 related to wind and solar development; farm real estate and cash rent trends; agricultural input price projections; and federal tax updates.

The outlook meetings will be hosted jointly by Union, Madison, and Champaign counties; and also individually by Defiance County; Wayne County; Clinton County; Crawford County; Pickaway County; Muskingum County; and Darke County.

New to this year's program is the statewide support of the Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association.

"We are proud to partner with Ohio State University Extension educators across the state to support this year's agronomy, outlook, and grower meetings," said Brad Moffitt, director of membership and market development for the Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association. "We value this partnership and look forward to supporting programs that bring value to our members' farm businesses."

The scheduled outlook programs, times, and locations, along with the contact information needed to register for each, are listed below.

January 28, Union, Madison, and Champaign coun-

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rest charges from the incident

Christopher L. Clark, Louisville, KY; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeffery L. Dennison, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed per state without prejudice, Costs to the defendant; No tail lights, Case dismissed per state without prejudice, Costs to the defendant

Jeremiah A. Harris, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived; Display plates, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived

Natalie A. Garcia, Defiance, OH; Possession of marijuana; Count A dismissed per state without prejudice; Costs waived

Michael D. Bussing, Fort Wayne, IN; Registration; Defendant appeared in court without counsel, pled guilty, Pay court costs; Failure to control, Defendant appeared in court, pled guilty, Pay fine

Angelica R. Daugherty, Cecil, OH; No operator's license, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Show proof of insurance by 1/11/22; Seat belt/drive, Defendant appeared in court,

Pled guilty, Pay fine; No tail lights, Defendant appeared in court, Pled guilty, Pay fine

Donna M. Roughton, Oakwood, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Saidjon Davronov, Driving under non FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; Failure to control, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no contest, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs

Heather M. Worman, Oakwood, OH; FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; Loud exhaust, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs by 2/25/22, Proof of insurance provided

Norman Esparza, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jason R. Andrews, Elida, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Shane Antoine, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Case dismissed per state at defendant's costs

Corine M. Cruz, Ansonia, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ryan Krystkiewicz, New Haven, IN; Traffic device/signal; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

\$500K GIFT FROM DON WOOD FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS MAJOR INVESTMENT IN SCHOOL OF POLYTECHNIC AT PURDUE FORT WAYNE



Nearly \$1 million, including a lead gift of \$500,000 from the Don Wood Foundation, is being invested to update aging robotic and manufacturing technology in the School of Polytechnic at Purdue University Fort Wayne. This transformational opportunity will help the university increase the number of its graduates available to the workforce in the fields of robotics, advanced manufacturing, machining, and advanced computer numerical control, or CNC.

The school's machine shop lab where the technology will be housed is used heavily for multiple classes and student projects including senior capstone designs.

Six robots in all – some dating back to the 1980s – and other educational equipment are being replaced with modern units as a result of the gift.

To support the training and certification of university instructors, Fanuc North America has also agreed to an in-kind gift valued at \$350,000, in addition to Purdue Fort Wayne's commitment of \$120,000 for staffing, materials, tooling, rigging, safety equipment, and supplemental training.

Upgrades include the replacement of two aging lathes and a bandsaw, which will provide increased speed, accuracy, and productivity required for modern machining operation. The addi-

ties: Der Dutchman Restaurant, 8 a.m. breakfast, 8:30 a.m. program, 445 S. Jefferson Ave, Plain City, Ohio 43064. Speakers and topics include Barry Ward, farm inputs, rent, and real estate; Ben Brown, grain marketing outlook; Robert Moore, farm transition and taxes. Registration: \$20 by Jan. 25 at go.osu.edu/PlainCityOutlook. Contact Extension educator Jason Hartschuh, hartschuh.11@osu.edu.

February 1, Crawford County: Wayside Chapel Community Center, 5:00 p.m., 2341 Kersetter Road, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820. Speakers and topics include Peggy Hall, agricultural law update; Carl Zulauf, Farm Bill 2023; Matt Roberts, grain marketing outlook; and Aaron Wilson, Ohio's changing climate. Contact Extension educator Amanda Douridas, douridas.1@osu.edu.

January 31, Defiance County: Jewell Community Center, 6:00–9:00 p.m., 7900 Independence Road, Defiance, Ohio 43512. Speakers and topics include Barry Ward, farm inputs, rent, and real estate; and Matt Roberts, grain marketing outlook. Registration: \$5 includes catered meal. Register by Jan. 24 at go.osu.edu/CENU. Contact Extension educator Bruce Clevenger, clevenger.1@osu.edu.

February 2, Pickaway County: Emmett Chapel, 8:00 a.m., 318 Tarlton Road, Circleville, Ohio 43113. Speakers and topics include Barry Ward, farm inputs, rent, and real estate; Matt Roberts, grain marketing outlook; and Carl Zulauf, Farm Bill 2023. Contact Extension educator Mike Estadt, estadt.3@osu.edu.

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tion of a wet saw and a hydraulic press will extend the level of capability of the machine shop lab, while introducing students to new technology. And a CNC lathe will complement the current equipment, giving students the knowledge and skills needed to manufacture components.

"The new equipment purchased through Don Wood Foundation funding is vital, as it will help to ensure that we both attract manufacturing students to our program with new technology, as well as better prepare our graduates for employment that's important to the continued growth of the region," added Steffen.

Notes to editors: Weather permitting, between 10 a.m. and noon on Thursday (Jan. 13), a mini mill weighing approximately 4,000 pounds will be hoisted by a crane to land through service doors on the outside of the third floor of the Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science Building on the Purdue Fort Wayne campus. These doors, which are believed to have only been used two other times since the building opened in 1992, face predominantly southeast toward Parking Garage 1 and surface lot 4.

The two-hour window of best action is an estimate from crane operator Doc's

Crane and Rigging of Roanoke and is subject to change. This phase of the project is expected to take seven hours.

The HAAS Mini Mill, a vertical CNC milling machine, will be coupled with a robot once placed in the ETCS Building. Doc's will be using a 40-ton crane for the lift.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 12/20/21

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Jan Reeb. Council persons present: Dean Rister, Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Mike Rohrs, Bryan Smith and Keith West.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Village Administrator Brian Davis, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty and Police Chief George Clemens. Visitors: Gabe Oberlin, Steve Jordan, Bill Boylan and Bryce Steiner.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held November 23, 2021, were reviewed.

• Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rister, to accept the minutes from the November 23, 2021, regular council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the special council meeting held December 1, 2021, were reviewed.

• Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to accept the minutes from the December 1, 2021, special council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The November disbursements were reviewed.

• Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rister, to accept the November reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

VISITORS

Gabe Oberlin was in attendance to explain and answer any questions on the zoning map and zoning ordinance amendments. The planning and zoning commission passed a motion to add 316 S. Main Street to be rezoned from R-2 to B-1. This rezoning classification is consistent with property's use and those

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properties near it. This rezoning amendment was not part of the public hearing notice and Solicitor Farr advised that a public hearing would still need conducted in order to comply with article 700 of the zoning ordinance on amending the zoning map. Council will schedule a public hearing on this recommendation to amend the zoning map to rezone property at 316 S. Main Street. Administrator Davis will send out notices to those property owners required in section 709 of the zoning ordinance and publish a notice in the paper on the public hearing. The reading of the ordinance amending the zoning map tonight will only include the 22 parcels that were part of the notice for the November 26th public hearing.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 76 calls for service for the month of November with 23 offenses. Discussion on potential fines for passing a stopped school bus.

EMS REPORT

EMS Coordinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing 166 outstanding runs. EMS had 27 runs in November. Collections in November were \$7,721.16. A year-to-date total of collections is \$68,826.24 with a year-to-date run total of 296 runs.

EMS Coordinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall provided information to the mayor on certifying EMS debts to Ohio Attorney General's office for collection. The mayor shared this information with Solicitor Farr. Solicitor Farr informed council of the local government debt collection business rules provided by the Ohio Attorney General's office. Council asked Solicitor Farr to prepare a resolution for the January meeting to obtain assistance from the Ohio Attorney Gen-

eral's office on collection of past due EMS debt and to authorize the mayor to enter into a delinquent debt collection agreement with the Ohio Attorney General for this purpose.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Third and final reading of ordinance no. 2021-22: 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.

• Motion made by West, seconded by Rister, to accept ordinance no. 2021-22. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Second reading of ordinance no. 2021-23: 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

Emergency reading of ordinance 2021-24: 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

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2021-24. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2021-24. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance 2021-25: 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

• Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding

ordinance no. 2021-25. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to accept ordinance no. 2021-25. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance 2021-26: 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

• Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2021-26. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2021-26. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance 2021-27: 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

• Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2021-27. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2021-27. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of resolution 2021-13: 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

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2021-13. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by Rister, to accept resolution no. 2021-13. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of resolution 2021-14: a resolution supporting the South Erie Street sidewalks project, and declaring the same an emergency

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2021-14. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to accept resolution no. 2021-14. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Rita tax collection for the month of November, paid in December, was \$26,682.06.

Paulding County Economic Development, Inc., memberships are due for 2022. Finance committee recommended to council to renew membership at gold level of \$1,000.00 for 2022.

• Motion made by West, seconded by Rister, to approve gold level membership of \$1,000.00 for 2022 membership in Paulding County Economic Development, Inc.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The village received a grant from the Ohio Department of Development for \$49,000. This will cover the engineering cost for the water plant improvements. The Arp's funding that was set aside will be used on another qualified project.

Village Internet Fiber Metalink Technologies has requested rights to the public rights-of-way through the village for deployment of a fiber to the home connectivity buildout. Metalink's sister company Qualstar Communications, Inc. is a licensed competitive local exchange carrier, under the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The fiber would be ultimately owned by Qualstar; however, Metalink would be providing the end customer's service. The Metalink brand is a much better-known entity, hence the desire to have Metalink provide the service. Metalink has asked the village to help get the message out with a joint letter explaining the buildout. Administrator Davis shared with Phil at Metalink that should this project move forward, the village would assist in sharing the news to the village residents.

Solar Energy Administrator Davis is beginning the process of reviewing with solar providers the value if the village would choose to build out a solar array much like Antwerp Village schools currently utilize. Details will be forthcoming.

Veterans Park All trees have been removed at a cost \$8,470.00.

Park Donation The donation letter has been signed. ACDC will present the check the first of next month.

Administrator Davis also informed council that there will be engineering fees in 2022 for Railroad Street and South Erie Street sidewalks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None. NEW BUSINESS

Council asked Solicitor Farr to request a letter of opinion from the Attorney General's office on whether the village can do business with a member of council. Fiscal Officer Lichty informed council that she spoke with the State Auditor's Office and was informed that the village could do business with a council member but that council member would have to abstain from voting on the financial reports each month; however, the State Auditor's Office informed the fiscal officer that the council member could not abstain from all financials every month. Finance chairperson Rister and Village Administrator Smith thought it best to obtain a letter of opinion from the Attorney General's Office on this issue before council makes a decision on future printing needs of the village.

OLD BUSINESS: None. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's court brought in a total of

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

\$1,785 in the month of November 2021 with \$1,349.75 going to the village, \$450.00 going to the state, and \$18.00 going to the indigent driver's fund.

2021 Village Accomplishments Entered into a contractual agreement for professional engineering services by Jones & Henry for a new village water plant at a cost of \$49,000.

Entered into an agreement for the replacement of catch basins, and the raising of manhole covers on north and South Main Street at a cost of \$35,450.00.

Entered into a contract with Paulding County Engineer and Griffin Pavement Stripping to strip East and West River Street (424) at a cost of \$7,416.40.

Entered into an engineering agreement with Dixon Engineering for the inspection of the village water tower at a cost of \$3,200.

The village received a grant from the Ohio Department of Development in the amount of \$49,000. This covers the engineering fees for the village water plant. This study should be completed by the end of January 2022.

Tap grant request was made for a sidewalk that would connect Erie Street to the Dollar General. Engineering estimate is \$63,950.00. The village has been invited by ODOT to file a full draft due by 1/31/22.

Grant request was made for work on Railroad Street. The work would include new sidewalks, waterline, resurfacing the street, and stripping. Engineers estimate is approximately \$60,000.

Grant request has been made for work to Shaffer Road. Engineers estimated cost to repair the slippage and reconstruct the effected portion of Shaffer Road is approximately \$1,600,000.

The village is beginning the process of reviewing solar power. Much like the Antwerp School solar array, like systems are available to villages. The village will discuss options with differing companies to determine if there is adequate value in proceeding.

Council will hold a special meeting on December 30, 2021, 8:00 a.m. At Town Hall. Notice will be posted on the items for this meeting.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 5 years, 1 nay. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Antwerp senior Kennadi Recker saves the ball from going out of bounds as she helps her team lead to the victory over county rival! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Trailing by one point at the midway point of the contest, the Lady Archers of Antwerp used a big third quarter to pull away and coast to a 40-22 win over Paulding County and Green Meadows Conference rival Wayne Trace Thursday in girls basketball play.

The first half saw the two teams battle as Wayne Trace took a 7-4 lead at the end of one period before Antwerp cut the deficit to 11-10 at the intermission.

However, the blue and white dominated quarter number three as Antwerp outscored the Raiders 15-3 to grab a 25-14 advantage at the end of three periods.

The Lady Archers then sealed the victory with another 15-point fourth quar-

ter while limiting Wayne Trace to eight in sealing the 40-22 win.

Grace Schuette topped the Lady Archer effort with ten points, three rebounds and two assists while Aewyn McMichael added eight markers and three rebounds. Hayleigh Jewell also posted seven markers and a dozen rebounds for Antwerp, which improved to 8-5 overall and 2-1 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Astianna Coppes recorded five points, three steals and eight boards with Lydia Brewer totaling four points, three rebounds and two steals. Kennadi Recker finished with four points and a pair of rebounds as well for the Archers, who also got two points by Ali Reinhart.

Christina Graham had five points for the Lady Raiders while adding five rebounds, two assists and three steals. Elise Miller bucketed four markers while Rylee Troth, Rachel Stoller and Kathleen Stoller chipped in three points apiece. Troth also had three rebounds and three assists and Rachel Stoller contributed two rebounds as well. Abby Moore and Ava Zartman both had two points for the Lady Raiders, who fall to 5-7 overall and 0-3 in the GMC.

Antwerp also won the junior varsity contest as the Archers posted a 27-14 victory.

CIVIC THEATRE YOUTH SET TO PRESENT LION KING JR

Van Wert Civic Theatre Youth Theatre presents the family-friendly musical Disney's The Lion King Jr at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center of Northwest Ohio on Saturday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Director Doug Grooms has assembled a cast of almost 50 youth from the local area who perform all the roles in this much-loved musical. The African savannah comes to life on stage with Simba, Rafiki, and an unforgettable cast of characters as they journey from Pride Rock to the jungle...and back again, in this inspiring, coming-of-age tale.

The cast of characters includes Tess Vonderwell (Rafiki), Brody Kreisler (Mufasa), Kennedy Sites (Sarabi), Lea Rode (Zaza), Connor Johnson (Scar), Jasleen Sharma (Young Simba), Evan Falk (Simba), Jettie Rammel (Young Nala), Claire Keysar (Nala), Kim Sites (Sarafina), Gabby Thomas (Shenzi), Dante Lippi (Banzai), Owen Dannenfelser (Ed), Rachel Ryan (Timon), Clara Compton (Mouse), and Kortnie Galloway (Pumba).

Lionesses of the pride are portrayed by Alexis Gossett, Meah Johnson, Katelyn Knepper, Abby Martz, Abbie Mengerink, and Grace Spieles with Ella Davis, Vaydah Deming, Beth Garrett, Parker Goins, Alayna Gossett, and Elizabeth Johnson playing Hyenas. The ensemble rounding out the cast includes Sofia Alvarado, Grant Bonifas, Lonnie Clevenger, LJ Compton, Abby Dannenfelser, Cora Dicke, Gwentyth Goins, Hadley Goins, Graylie Grose, Makyn Grunden, Alivia Hines, Ivy Lippi, Leona Mohler, Allison Owens, Natalie Palazzolo, Faith Stoler, Sophia Stoller, Mara Ryan, Luke Sharma, Liam Webb, and Kylara Wilhelm.

This show will last a little more than an hour and is appropriate for all ages. VWCT Youth Theatre provides a perfect way to introduce your children and grandchildren to live musical

theatre. However, don't be fooled by this being a youth production. If you love Broadway musicals, please come. The staging and talent will rival larger productions. All tickets to the performances are general admission. Go to vanwertlive.com to purchase online, call 419-238-6722 or visit the Van Wert Live Box Office located in the NPAC at 10700 State Route 118 S in Van Wert during regular hours - 10 AM to 3 PM, Monday - Friday.

Disney's The Lion King Jr is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

PATROL REMINDS DRIVERS TO PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds drivers to follow safe driving tips and winterize their vehicles in preparation for inclement weather. Ever-changing weather patterns in the winter can catch drivers off guard. You can reduce the risks of being involved in a crash by ensuring your vehicle is ready for the season, adopting winter driving techniques and following general roadway safety.

Last winter, there were 14,724 crashes on snow, ice or slush-covered roads in Ohio. These crashes resulted in 26 fatal crashes, which killed 33 people. Unsafe speed by the at-fault driver was the reported cause of 24 percent of the crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads. For crashes involving fatalities, going left of center was a contributing circumstance 26 percent of the time.

"Allowing for extra time to get to your destination could make the difference in the safety of your loved ones and others traveling on the roads this winter," said Governor Mike DeWine. "You can help mitigate the winter weather hazards when you plan ahead, are patient, and are prepared."

Before traveling in winter weather, clear the snow and ice from your windows, headlights, and taillights of your vehicle. Also, allow defrosters time to work so you can see. Once you begin driving, go slow and increase following distances; bridges, ramps, and overpasses will freeze first.

Remember, Ohio law requires headlights to be on at

NEXT PCBW GUEST: PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Listen in to the Paulding County Business Weekly program this week as we discuss the business side of the Paulding County Sheriff's office with Sheriff Jason Landers. We cover a little of the history of the jail but get a better understanding of how funding the jail and bringing it back to

Paulding County continues to promote economic growth to our county economy. Thanks to the Ohio Means Jobs office, the show airs on the My102.7 radio station each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekly and can always be found on Spotify.

any time when the windshield wipers of the vehicle are in use. If your vehicle becomes stuck in snow, clear the tailpipe free of all snow and debris to decrease the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"When driving conditions worsen, motorists need drive carefully, be vigilant, aware and patient," said Lt. Matt Crow Findlay Post Commander. "Slow down and give yourself extra time and space to brake and turn. If you are stranded, remain calm."

If your vehicle breaks down or you are involved in a crash, turn on your hazard lights, move your vehicle as far off the roadway as possible, remain in the vehicle, and call #677.

The Patrol reminds drivers to stock their vehicles with a winter car kit that includes an ice scraper, shovel, jumper cables, flashlight, warning devices, blankets, cell phone charger, first aid kit, tow rope, water, and

food for longer trips. It is also important to ensure your tires have plenty of tread, check your battery, and keep your windshield washer reservoir full.

If you must travel in winter weather, visit <http://www.ohgo.com/> for real-time traffic conditions from the Ohio Department of Transportation. The Patrol's winter driving traffic safety bulletin can be found at: https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/links/Winter_Driving_Bulletin_2022.pdf.

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