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GLICK, WELCH INDUCTED INTO WAYNE TRACE HALL OF FAME



By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

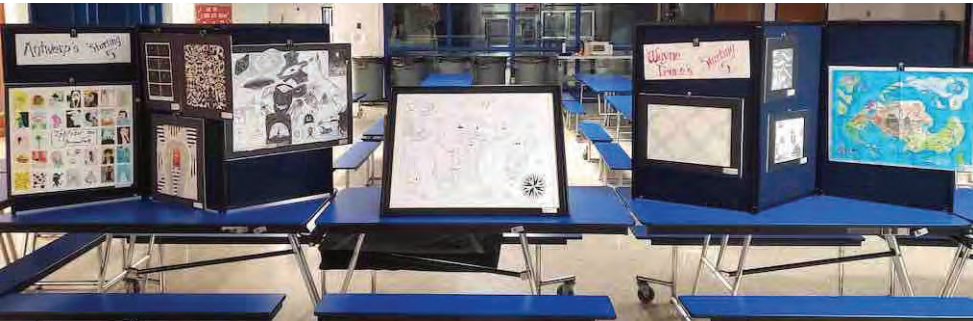
Since 2010 the Wayne Trace School District has honored former staff in what is

called the Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame. This past Saturday, prior to the Raiders basketball game with Miller City, the Raider community hon-

ored this year's recipients; Mrs. Peggy Glick and Mr. Al Welch.

Glick obtained her first (Continued on Page 6)

ANTWERP VS. WAYNE TRACE 5-ON-5 ART EXHIBIT



The Antwerp and Wayne Trace Art Departments resumed their friendly rivalry with their 5-on-5 art exhibit at the recent girls' and boys' basketball games. Each school presented five works to display in the hallways during the games, showing off the many talents of the students at both schools.



OHIO DISTRICT MAP RELEASED - MAY BRING BIG CHANGES

Recently the Ohio Supreme Court handed down a decision stating the map that was approved by the Ohio House and Senate had to be redrawn. The new district map was released late last week by the Commission and,

if meets the Supreme Court approval, means that major changes will happen to our readership area. District 82 will no longer encompass all of Defiance. Craig Riedel will not be in 82, nor will Angie King in Mercer County, who was on last week's front page announcing her candidacy. It appears that Roy Klopfenstein may run unopposed in the Republican Primary. The deadline for filing is February 2 at 4:00 p.m.

MULTI-VICTIM ACCIDENT ON US 24



Fire and EMS had a two vehicle accident with six injuries, on US 24 in the east-bound lane just east of Co. Rd. 83. Antwerp EMS, Paulding EMS, and Hicksville EMS transported the patients to three area hospitals. Antwerp EMS had to meet up with Allen County Indiana ALS Units to transport the more seriously injured patients to Ft Wayne, due to Air Ambiances unable to fly in the weather.

Antwerp Fire Department was assisted at the scene by Ohio State Patrol, Paulding County Sheriff Office, and ODOT. US 24 east bound lane was closed for two hours. For more in-

formation contact the Van Wert OSP post.

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
 - January 25**
 - Walk thru Winter! @ PC OSU Ext. 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. bldg., 12-1pm
- February 3**
- Meet & Greet w/ Mike Gibbons at Cafe @ Holly Wood, Paulding, 4:30p
- Weeds University @ PC Ext. Office, 10a, registration req.
- February 5**
- Valentine's Square Dance @ St. Louis Besancon, 7:30pm
- February 8**
- Walk thru Winter! @ PC OSU Ext. bldg., 12-1pm
- West Ohio Food Bank Food Distribution @ PC Fairgrounds, 12-2pm
- PC Democrat meeting @ Paulding Eagles, 7p

- Add event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net
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OBITUARIES

MATT'S MISHAPS



A 1974 Chevy Nova is as durable as a tank and had long, heavy doors, but watch your fingers.

"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



BEING LOCKED TO YOUR CAR

I was sweating, scared, and dumbfounded as to what I should do next. My finger was locked in the door of our 1974 Chevy Nova. Sitting in the car waiting for my Mom shopping in the drug store, I had gotten bored and decided to go in and see what was taking so long. I got out of the car and pushed down the lock knob. I slammed the long, heavy door shut with my right hand, but had left my left hand on the edge of the door frame, slamming my pinkie in the door. I didn't even know I had even done it until I felt a jerk on my arm as I began walking to the store - the nerve was pinched.

I started to panic. It didn't hurt, but I was stuck in the parking lot. It must have been quite a sight! I was grateful to finally see a woman coming out of the store. When I explained what happened, she went hysterical. I managed to calm her down and send her in search of my mom. Mom arrived and opened the car door, bringing feeling back to the pinched and mangled finger - Oooouch! Mom got me to a

nearby doctor and Grandma met us there. My grandma tried to smile and tell me everything was alright as the doctor tried to reconnect everything, but she accidentally looked at my pinkie and immediately threw up. It didn't help reassure me, but through good medical care, it recovered almost completely.

A couple decades later, I was overseas at the car dealership getting our vehicle serviced. I managed to lock myself out of the car. I wasn't happy, but not upset either, as nothing is as bad as getting locked TO a car. I asked the technician to open the car, and he surprised me by saying that he couldn't open it, as he didn't have the key code. He went to his computer to see what window was the cheapest to break and replace. He proceeded to hit that window a dozen times before he managed to break it and get out the key.

I now hide a key in a little magnetic box under our vehicle. I also am extra careful before closing car doors. Home side mishaps have helped me to avoid greater ones overseas, where it is more complicated to get resolved.

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

mattsmishaps@gmail.com
Matt's Mishaps, PO BOX 114, Grabill, IN 46741

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
I was trying to help a friend with a sin problem and he said the Bible says, "Judge not." Does that mean I should not try to help them?

That verse of Scripture in Matthew 7:1 has been misused by many people. The word "judge" here is "krini" in the Greek, which means to condemn or damn. In other words, we are not to act as a judge who passes the sentence. That is God's part.

However, we are commanded to do the following:

- Discern wrongdoing: "Try the spirits whether they are of God." - I John 4:1

- Warn the wicked to save his life: "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." - Ezekiel 3:18.

- Reprove and rebuke: "If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him." - Luke 17:3; "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." - Ephesians 5:11; "Preach the word...reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." - II Timothy 4:2; "Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they

may be sound in the faith." Titus 1:13; "These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority." - Titus 2:15.

There are two important keys to handling these matters. First, your purpose must be restoration! Galatians 6:1 says, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault...restore such an one..." Secondly, your spirit must be right! The rest of Galatians 6:1 says we are to restore "...in the spirit of meekness." II Corinthians 2:4 shows how Paul reprovved with tears and love. I believe one of the greatest passages in the Bible on this subject is II Timothy 2:24-26, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

STICKS, STONES AND WORDS

By: Doris Applegate

How very thankful that poor woman caught in the very act of adultery must have been that Jesus Christ himself was there that day to tell her accusers "Whoever is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her" (I John 8:7) Here we see that "all sin and come shout of God's glory" They all dropped their stones and left. Jesus told the woman that He did not condemn her and to go and sin no more. What a Savior! We must come to the Lord, Jesus Christ, and repent (turn away) from our sins and there is great mercy and grace.

Have you gone to the Lord, Jesus, and ask for help? God always hears a heartfelt prayer and forgives. We can be baptized in water but if our heart isn't truly repented it does no good. It is a matter of our heart. The thief on the cross was forgiven because he realized who Jesus was (the Savior). When we are close to eternity we will see quickly our need to be forgiven and hopefully it is not too late.

Not everyone who threw away their stones from the sinful woman were adulterers, but still they were guilty of sin. Some sinned with words of gossip, hatred, lying, etc...which were still sins that needed forgiveness. Words can wound deeply and cause permanent damage unless dealt with. The list seems endless doesn't it? One came to earth as a man (God's own son, Jesus) and paid the price for every sin. His blood is enough. Let's cast away our "stones", get forgiven, read our Bibles, love God and each other and be happy.

A song we sing "Happy now, happy now, since I found the favor of my loving savior, All the past, gone at last, Thank you Jesus, praise the Lord, I'm happy now. I have lasting joy, the devil's deserted and I am converted and I am happy, happy, happy now."

Are you happy in the Lord Jesus? The world's happiness passes away so tap into the right source.

Amen!

Scripture of the Week

"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted."

- Galatians 6:1

PAUDLING JH VOLUNTEERS AT CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, January 15th members of the Paulding Junior High School (PJHS) seventh grade class volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Brooklynn Verfaillie, Kendra Schroeder, Janee Tousley, and Mrs. Madison Etter.

WILDER, GAMBLER VOLUNTEER AT CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY



On Saturday, January 22nd two students from Paulding Junior High School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry. Shown in the picture from left are Elijah Wilder and Shawn Gambler.

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Your support has strengthened us,
And you love has sustained us.*
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ALL KEYED UP!

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

Keys, keys keys. We have keys for everything. There are keys to get in the house, start our cars, mowers, golf carts and keys to get in the garage. I really don't like carrying keys because I can never find them, especially in my cluttered purse. By the way, has anyone ever invented a remote control beeping "key finder?"

I personally have had two experiences with lost keys in the past two weeks. Of course, I only had one set and they were the only keys to get in my house.

again." Well, no luck. Those important, lousy keys were missing again. It was getting late, but I had to call my daughter, who lives a street over, to come to my rescue. When I called her she said, "Oh no. Not again!"

I was sobbing, but replied, "I am so sorry, but I lost my keys and just can't find them in my purse or in the car."

She arrived within a few minutes, got out the ladder and again climbed in a window. Meanwhile, I was crying and yelling, "I am so sorry, but your Mama just isn't responsible enough to handle a set of keys."



ble enough to handle a set of keys."

After we got in the house, we looked and looked for those keys and they were nowhere to be found. I called the landlord who didn't have access to his set at that time. I called my friends and they promised me they would look around the venue site the next day.

I just cannot tell you how irresponsible I felt and how worried I was. I went to bed and tossed and turned most of the night. I was not only worried about the missing keys, but I just felt very immature and careless.

The next morning I was looking around the house and I heard a knock on my back door. I peeked out and there stood my next door neighbor holding a set of keys.

He asked, "Are these yours?"

I said, "Oh Lord, yes. Where did you find them?"

He replied that he was putting a collar on his cat and looked down and saw them on the ground. This was close to the spot where I had picked up a decoration which had blown over. I repeatedly thanked him and offered to pay him. I commented, "You just don't know how worried I've been." That is the only set I have."

The key finder did not want any reward, but he just didn't realize how happy he

made me by finding those elusive keys."

I said, "Thank you Jesus. Lord, help me never to lose them again."

I have always lost things such as my purse, cellphone, glasses and yes my car keys as well as house keys. Well I went

and got extra keys made which has helped a lot.

Am I scatterbrained? Do I not pay attention to what I am doing? Is it because I am blonde? You tell me and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP GETS A NEW WEBSITE



The Village of Antwerp has prepared a new website for public access. The site located at villageofantwerp.com has been prepared with the help of Natural Design and Graphics out of Paulding. The recent upgrade has enabled the village to communicate better to the public.

In addition to ordinances and announcements, there is the calendar that should help residents be able to see upcoming meetings and other events.

Fiscal Officer, Aimee Lichty, announced the new website at the meeting on January 19. She asked that resi-

dents to go the site and sign up for the alerts. There are actually two places to sign and they are beside each other. The alerts on the left will require you to be a water utilities payer and you will need your water bill customer number to register. This is called the IRIS emergency alert system and there to let people know of disturbances in the town such as water, power, street closings, and much more. The other notification is for updates that are not necessarily for immediate knowledge.

Go to the village website and sign up now.



MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

Don Carlos Jaquette was born April 7, 1894 in Washington Township, Paulding County, Ohio. The son of Charles H. born August 28, 1861 in Uniontown, Pennsylvania and Mary Jeannette (Hickerson) Jaquette, born April 16, 1862 in McComb, Ohio.



It was thought that Don was born in the house on the farm where the family lived. That location was in the northeast corner of Section 31 of Washington Township. The Jaquette family consisted of 3 boys and 1 girl. A farming family that still had the children in school.

By 1900, the family was still living on the family farm with the older sons helping dad with the farm. By 1910, all three sons were helping dad. Don finished high school and became a school teacher and he taught at the Robison School. I'm not sure of the schools location, guessing it was close to home. By 1915, Don, still single, had moved to 227 12th Street in Toledo, Ohio. He was working in a bearing factory as a machin-

ist.

On July 23, 1917, Don had joined Company H. of the 6th Infantry Ohio National Guard. On June 5, 1917, at Toledo, Ohio, Don had registered for the draft. Draft records show Don as tall, slender build, blue eyes and light hair. Don served in the National Guard until August 17, 1917. He was taken in the draft and given the rank of Private, July 23, 1917, to serve with 166th Infantry, also known as the Rainbow Division. Don was shipped out with the 166th at Hoboken, New Jersey on the ship, "Pastores" October 18, 1917. Don was promoted to Private 1st Class, November 6, 1917, where he was with the Headquarters Company. His unit served in the Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Muese-Argonne, Defensive Sector.

On October 18, 1918, Don Carlos Jaquette was killed in action. In November 1918, Don's parents, Charles and Mary, who had moved to 335 East Hardin Street, Findlay, Ohio, received a telegram of the news that he had been killed. Don became the first Grover Hill boy to die in World War 1. Don Carlos Jaquette, was buried in the Muese-Argonne Cemetery in Romagne-sous-Montaucon, Muese, France in Block A., Row 43, Grave 14.

In 1929, the federal government paid for mothers to go to France to see the graves of their sons. It is unclear if she ever went. Records list her trip as "unknown". Charles and Mary lived out their days in Findlay. Charles passed away September 4, 1948 in Findlay. Mary passed away March 31, 1943 in Findlay. Both were buried in McComb Union Cemetery, McComb, Ohio. They had inscribed on the stone, "In Memory of Don Carlos 1894-1918 Pvt 1" Class Hdq. Co. 166th Inf. 42 Div."

Until Next Time

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

ORDC APPROVES GRANT FUNDING TO APACKAGING GROUP IN DEFIANCE

On January 19, 2022, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) approved a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to assist APackaging Group (APG) with the construction of rail infrastructure at its new 80,000 s.f. facility to be built in Defiance. APG plans to construct an approximately \$49 million facility located on the Napoleon Defiance & Western Railway. The company will create 135 jobs once the project is complete.

Based in California, APG currently has five distribution locations in the US and Canada. APG is a single source manufacturer of high-end, standard and customized packaging products for the cosmetics, skincare, and personal care industries with over 2,000 stock and customized solutions. Formed by Helga Arminak in 2019, APG offers a full line of cosmetics packaging, airless pump bottles and eco-friendly packaging.

The new facility in Defiance will be APG's first manufacturing facility in the US. The company will produce up to 500 million plastic dispensing pumps for the health and beauty industry when fully operational. The project will help meet additional demand from customers, specifically with increasing requirements to onshore production due to recent supply chain disruptions.

"It is always our goal to assist businesses who are making investments in our state. This project is especially rewarding for ORDC because of the long-term partnership with the Napoleon Defiance & Western to upgrade the rail line which allows the company to utilize rail capabilities in order to move its product. This project is a win for everyone," said Matthew Dietrich,

Executive Director of the Ohio Rail Development Commission.

Will Nguyen, Director of Engineering for APG said "we greatly appreciate the ORDC's assistance with this project. We couldn't have done it without their assistance. We look forward to the growth this opportunity has given our business."

ORDC assists Ohio companies and communities in creating and retaining jobs by preserving rail ORDC assists Ohio companies and communities in creating and retaining jobs by preserving rail service to existing shippers and providing rail service to new customers. In addition, the ORDC funds projects to improve railroad-highway grade crossings to increase safety to the traveling public. Please remember, when around railroad tracks always expect a train. Rail lines in Ohio are private property and trespassing is both strictly prohibited and extremely dangerous.

For additional information regarding this project or for additional information on ORDC, please contact Wende Jourdan at (614) 728-9497.

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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill Elementary December student of the month are: Front L-R: Shawna Stoller, Abrie Hurd, Lexis Smith, Sophia Rhodes-Varner, Jaxon Porter, Kollin Reichert, Rosealeen Burns, Damien Golliver, Isiah Pontius, Raylynn Golliver, and Shannel Wright. Back: Wesley Wilt, Abigail Tarlton, Easton Jay, Jensen Beining, Ava Moran, Piper Densmore, Karsyn Troth, Kinlee Miller, Ashlyn Manz, Addyson LaBounty and Brooke Stoller.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Antwerp Elementary student of the month for December are: Front Row: Reece Bidlack, Lane Zuber, Benson Slattman, Sawyer Parisot. Middle Row: Kaidyn Lemon, Quinne Bradbury, Sylvie Zartman, Greyson Smith, Jayden Fish, Bennett Graham. Back Row: Lorelai Mylek, Auston Fish, Alivia Kiracofe, Carson Hughes, Parker Bermejo. Not Pictured: Deacon Hitzeman

EMMA MCMASTER PLACED THROUGH UF STUDENT TEACHER PROGRAM

Emma McMaster, of Paulding, 45879, has been placed as a student teacher for the University of Findlay's spring semester. McMaster is in a student teaching position at Findlay High School in Findlay, Ohio.

McMaster is pursuing a degree in adolescent/young

adult/integrated science education.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established

in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

OHIO STATE LIMA ANNOUNCES AUTUMN SEMESTER 2021 DEAN'S LIST

The Ohio State University at Lima announces its autumn semester 2021 dean's list, which includes students who have achieved top grades for their work. 22 Ohio counties are represented.

Criteria for the dean's list varies by college. It is usually based on the GPA for that specific term and the number of credit hours taken. Many colleges require a minimum of 12 graded credit hours with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

The dean's list includes Ohio and out-of-state students. Students are listed by county and city.

Students may choose not to have their names released under the provisions of the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Their names have been excluded from the list.

The list is available below and online.

Spencerville: Hayley Cobb

PAULDING COUNTY

Payne: Julianne Roop, Haleigh Stoller

PUTNAM COUNTY

Columbus Grove: Hannah Grigsby, Jenna Hardeman,

Brittany Schroeder
VAN WERT COUNTY
Middle Point: Alena Looser, Kiya Wollenhaupt
Van Wert: Emilee Riley, Alexander Rosbaugh, Courtney Vazquez

VANTAGE WAYNE TRACE 2ND 9 WKS HONOR ROLL 2021/22

JUNIORS:
Cadence Baker, Mackenzie Blankenship, Elliott Boroff, Brice Carnahan, *Maggie Cox, Alyssa Greathouse, Lexi Johnson, Ariel Landwehr, Dalton Lee, *Astrid Martinez-Sandoval, Kristin McDonald, Dakota Merritt, Samuel Moore, Isaac Munger, *Jared Pierce, Jacob Robinson, Kirstynn Roddy, Rebecca Sentinel, Brielle Sheets, Ezra Sinn, Kyle Slade, Hailey Stahl, Blake Stoller, Gabe Thrasher, *Oliver Zamarripa

SENIORS:
Jarrett Hornish, *Hunter Long, Austin Lyons, Brandy Miller, *Allen Minck, *Ethan Noggle, Brad Shroades, Karlie Simindinger, *Serenity Trammell, Kaden Vielma, *Jordan Williams

WOODLAN JUNIOR HIGH HONOR ROLL 2021/22

PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARS

SEVENTH: Art, Jaksen Jaymes; Cameron, Kaylyn LaShelle; Delagrange, Keaton Cole; Etzler, Adrienne Elizabeth; Hambrick, Caroline Elizabeth; Koch, Evan Edward; Matthias, Kalena; Preston, Elizabeth Kathleen; Thomas, Emmalynn Capitola; Tran, Ashton M; Unger, Easton William; Walter, Caitlyn Rose; Wills, Carsyn Dawn; Wylie, Reese Isabella; Zern, Landin Scott

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EIGHTH: Carter, Peyton O'Neal John; Klepper, Collin Robert; McDaniel, Cooper C; Sisson, Alaina G; Winfrey, Bayli Rose

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



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

Editors' note: In last week's paper, the last names of the winners & runner-up were incorrect. They have been corrected. We apologize for our oversight.

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Figure 1 (back to front, left to right): Timothy McDowell, Brian Roberts, Cierah Brady, Twyla Henderson, Kathryn Bausman, Dominic Lopez, Devon Rader, Elijah Gallegos

Northwest State Community College is excited to announce the graduation of six learners from the Certified Manufacturing Associate and OSHA 10-hour course. The six individuals, residents of the City Mission in Findlay, completed the 50-hour course

in less than a month. The six graduates also went through a job fair held at the Fostoria Learning Center that featured Ohio Logistics, Seneca Millwork, NSI Crankshaft, Menel Milling, and Morgan Ad-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Happy New Year! The calendar year 2021 was an outstanding year in developing and moving Paulding County forward. As businesses and residents learned to adjust to a rapidly changing world, the build, market and buy local mantra took on a new and valued meaning. Paulding County not only bought into the mantra, but it also became our lifestyle. This included investment, or reinvestment,

into new and existing businesses around the county. Collaborative business growth and success has been experienced in a way that has not been felt in years. Your Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office played a small part in this success through a communication role.

In further communication, we understand, like in many areas outside Paulding County, there is a dire need for new and additional workforce. It makes no difference what sector your business is in; retail, convenience, manufacturing, health care, government, etc., there is a request and need for help. We understand that with this request, also comes inquiries as to where the additional workforce could live? Where are the places new residents in Paulding County could call home?

These questions then lead to even deeper questions: Where do we have the infrastructure for new living? What can we do to further develop Paulding County roads, water, sewer, gas, electric, and internet infrastructure? What can be done to prepare and keep us on the cutting edge so new and existing county residents want to locate, and maintain their residence here, to grow Paulding County even further?

These are the intriguing questions your PCED office works on each and every day. We have established a dynamic team that includes Office Manager Kristen Schilt and Financial Program Manager Vicky Steele. We have developed partnerships with the county offices, area businesses, and investors from around the county and be-

yond. We have developed an exciting Paulding County atmosphere that people inside, and outside, the county want to be a part of. You can be a part of this team as well.

Our 2022 PCED member investment paperwork has been distributed. If you would like to see our 2021 Annual Report, invest in future thoughts and ideas, or be involved in the continued discussion of moving Paulding County forward, please visit our website www.pced.net We encourage you to learn more about what your PCED office does, can assist with, or is currently working on. As a 501c3 non-profit organization, our mission will only go as far as your investment dollars into the office take us. If there are questions, or you would like to discuss any projects or issues in greater detail, please contact PCED Office Manager Kristen Schilt at office@pced.net or 419-399-8295 to set up a discussion.

We thank you for your support and appreciate you investing in us as we move Paulding County forward and stay #pauldingcountystrong

—Tim Copsey, Director,
Paulding County Economic Development

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wake up America!
I was appalled by our President when he addressed the nation on January 6th. Instead of trying to unite the country as he promised he would do if elected, he called the United States of America a racist nation. The same person that falsely accused former president Donald Trump of being a racist and dividing the country. He repeatedly lied about what President Trump said in North Carolina during the election. In his speech, he continued his attacks on Donald Trump and his followers. The only reason he called us a racist nation was to keep us divided. He could have given countless examples of positive changes that have been made since the 1960's but that wouldn't fit his narrative. President Trump made great strides with programs and legislation that helped the blacks and minorities. What has President Biden done for these same people? Absolutely nothing! I prefer to remember January 6th as the day of commemorating the Epiphany.

Now let's talk about the insurrectionist as they are now called. The President, the Democrats and the media

have now defined any follower of Trump as an insurrectionist or minimally a radical right, racist. Why, to support their narrative and discredit Trump and all who support him and his cause so they can stay in power. To stop the fight for the people and drain the swamp in Washington. The reality is the majority of Trump supporters are regular Americans who love God and our country and want what is best for the United States of America. Sadly, because of the media and politicization of everything, we can never come together in support of what is best for our country. While the few persons that broke (or in some cases were let) into the Capitol, were wrong, they did not represent the majority of the people that were there that day or the rest of Donald Trump supporters. They wanted to make sure that the election was fair and hoped for a different outcome. The reality is the media determined this election by suppressing the Biden family corruption and lies, covering up his shortcomings and not holding Mr. Biden accountable while, at the same time, promoting untruths and a negative image to discredit President Trump. The media scrutinized President Trump like no other president in history. Even so, President Trump made himself available while Mr. Biden stayed in his basement. The news media current lie is there was "no" voter fraud and President Trump and his followers simply said these things to retain power. The reality was there was plenty of voter fraud and abnormalities that the media should have investigated and reported on but we the people will never know because the media no longer does their job but in way to many instances is just a conduit for the Democratic party. I know the argument that not a single case was even heard by a court but that does not mean there was no voter fraud or abnormalities. I will readily admit that there was not enough to evidence to change any election outcomes but again that doesn't mean it didn't happen.

And it needs to be addressed so it doesn't happen again.
For a man that said he would be a president for all while trying to be elected, has

spent his entire presidency catering to the left and special interest groups. Doing what is best for them not what is best for our country. If this continues, we will not only be bankrupt but move towards a more socialistic country. Doing all this, when we know historically that it will end poorly.

I find it ironic that we can go on and on and on about what happened on January 6th but completely ignore the violent and destructive Black Lives Matter protest that took place across this country. There was looting and burning buildings. Acts of violence against the police and citizens. The illegal takeover of police stations, government buildings and even portions of cities. The number of deaths and injuries, the billions of dollars in destruction and theft, lives ruined were so much greater than what happened on July 6th. And yet, we hear from our justice department that, at a cost of millions of dollars, they will pursue every person that entered the capital and bring them to justice. While the "protesters" were either not arrested or were arrested and released so they could go out and commit more acts of violence. Kamala Harris and other Democrats even raised money so they could be released while Mr. Biden ignored the situation and would not condemn any of the illegal activities taking place thus condoning the bad behavior across our nation.

President Biden and his administration is mishandling the current pandemic (remember how critical he was of President Trump). They continue to allow an untold number of illegal aliens (not to mention the drugs and human trafficking) into our country. They mishandled the withdrawal from Afghanistan (including not getting out those who helped the USA but bringing out thousands of unvetted refugees that are now living in our country). They are mishandling the economy causing historic inflation rates and not effectively dealing with the supply chain issues. They are relocating the illegals and refugees in swing states to hopefully influence future elections. They are trying to push their far left agenda and trying to change legislation and the supreme court all so

they can stay in power. With their track record, we need to be very concerned.

I speak out, first and foremost, as an American. But as a conservative Republican, I have great concerns for our country. I thank God for Senator Manchin and a few others who can see how destructive the direction the current administration is pursuing. I think the people are seeing through the lies and will vote in the mid-term elections to stop the madness.

May God bless America!
—Ric Michael,
Montpelier, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Irresponsible Washington
If you follow politics you know President Biden is weak and easily influenced, while Vice-President Harris just isn't doing her job except for what the congressional members from the dark side of our spiritual being want. Neither Biden nor Harris are equipped for their positions but we're stuck with them. We can best correct this decaying mess democrats have us in by voting against them in 2022. Otherwise I see them turning us into another Russia.

President Biden claimed we are better off than when he took office. Examine the facts and then tell me we're better off since Biden-Harris shut down our oil and coal industries and left our back door open for who knows what.

When Biden-Harris took office I paid \$1.87 for gasoline. I now pay \$3.24, much of which goes to foreign powers who hate us. How many thousands of Americans did he put out of work to force us into buying foreign oil? I believe this is to force us into buying Chinese electric cars. By the way, my 2021 Buick is 94% Chinese.

Maybe you should also question why Biden-Harris had the investigation into China and Covid-19 stopped. I don't know about you, but I wonder what is the Bidens connection with China? Does it have anything to do with the increase in their family fortune?

The sausage we prefer cost \$2.50 before Biden-Harris, but now costs \$3.73. All of our food is more expensive and taxes jumped way up. Our De-

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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

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ARCHERS COAST TO WIN OVER PIRATES



Antwerp Senior Grace Schuette took advantage of being open left open, drove in and scored for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

In girls basketball action Tuesday night, Antwerp doubled up visiting Continental in the opening stanza and cruised the rest of the way to a 47-23 win over the Pirates in a non-league battle.

The blue and white held a 10-5 advantage at the end of one quarter and expanded that margin to 21-8 at the intermission. Antwerp then took a 32-16 lead after three periods before coasting through the fourth quarter for the win.

Aewyn McMichael led the way for the Lady Archers with 14 points in the contest while

Astianna Coppes also reached double figures with 13 points.

Emma Townley chipped in six markers for Antwerp while Grace Schuette and Hayleigh Jewell each recorded five points. Lydia Brewer had the remaining four points for the Lady Archers, who now have a four-game winning streak.

Jensen Arney paced the Lady Pirates with a dozen markers while Olivia Logan and Reese Knowles chipped in four points apiece. Tori Searfoss and Cheyenne Rose picked up two points and one point, respectively, for Continental.

first graduating class following consolidation. Following her days at Wayne Trace as a student she attended The Ohio State University where she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Early and Middle Childhood Education. Described as one who deeply cared for her students, one of her nominators said, "She was an outstanding teacher who challenged her students. She would be in her classroom early each day and would stay late most nights to make certain her lessons were ready for her students. She put everything she had into educating the students in the Wayne Trace district.

Today, Glick works part time at Arps Dairy in Defiance and assists her husband operating the Five Span Inn. Glick stays busy with her hobbies and volunteering in her community. She enjoys read-

ing, doing crafts, gardening and boating. She is also active in her church where she serves as pianist and volunteering at the Paulding County Historical Society.

Also honored and welcomed into the Wayne Trace Hall of Fame was Al Welch who was nominated by current Head Basketball Coach Jim Linder. Welch was escorted by Jennifer Mohr and Jack Bauble.

Welch spent his entire teaching career within the Wayne Trace district, teaching at Grover Hill and Payne prior to becoming the physical education instructor at what was then the newly constructed Wayne Trace High School.

For 33 years Welch served as the schools' varsity basketball coach and has the distinction of leading his 1991 team to a state championship. Not only was he active as a successful coach on the hardwood but Welch also spent time coaching track, cross country, football, and girl's golf.

Standing in the main entrance of the school prior to the reception, Welch said, "This means the world to me. It means so much because of all the great students and athletes. I admit that I really enjoyed my time here and hated to have to retire."

Looking around and seeing family, friends and former students, Welch chuckled and said, "I think I had most of these people in my class."

Since retirement Welch has not drifted far from the sports scene. He still enjoys attending various sporting events where you will spot him in the stands cheering for his grandchildren. Welch, being the competitor that he is, continues to work to improve his golf game while staying active with the family's sporting goods business.

LADY RAIDERS PICK UP FIRST GMC WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - Last Tuesday, on their home court, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders handled Edgerton with relative ease 36-12. The red, white, and blue outpointed the Bulldogs by 24 points to post their first Green Meadows Conference win. The Raiders stand at 6-8 overall and 1-3 in league play. For the Bulldogs, they fall to 2-14 on the season while still looking for their first GMC win after dropping four in a row.

The outcome was settled in the first half after the Raiders took command and opened up a 10-3 advantage and proceeded to hold their opponent scoreless in the second period. At the break the Raiders enjoyed a 22-3 advantage.

In the third frame the home team stretched their lead to 25 and entered the final eight minutes of play comfortably in control 34-9.

Wayne Trace placed six players in the scoreboard with two hitting double-digits. Abby Moore capped off a solid performance with 12 points while teammate Rachel Stoller collected ten. Rounding out the Raiders scoring: Christina Graham five, Elise Miller four, Rylee Troth four and Kathleen Stoller one.

Playing well and making her presence known in the

PAULDING SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL WINS GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Paulding seventh grade girls basketball team claimed the Green Meadows Conference tournament championship on Saturday with a 22-14 win over Fairview at Paulding Junior High School. The Lady Panthers finish the season with a record of 14-2 on the season. Members of the squad included (front, L-R) Cadence Schwab, Isabella Burtch, Kate Manz, Olivia Breier, Estie Pease, Tori Schlatter and Jayla Griffith. In the back row are (L-R) Coach Mallory Clark, Mackenzie Leatherman, Darcy Taylor, Kayleigh Dunham, Destiny Aldred, Myrriah Manz and Coach Jodi Griffith.

WAYNE TRACE EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL WINS GMC CHAMPIONSHIP

paint was freshman Harper Myers who snagged a game high 12 rebounds. For the Bulldogs, Noelle Ritter scored five followed by Taylor Smith three, Casey Evertts two, Addie Cape one and Gracie Schroeder one.

TRIO TAKE FIRST PLACE FOR WAYNE TRACE

The Wayne Trace Wrestling Team traveled to the Van Buren Invitational over the weekend where the Raiders posted three individual championships and had three other individual placers.

Corbin Kimmel, Hunter Long and Jarrett Hornish each captured titles for the red, white and blue.

Kimmel was a winner in the 106-pound weight class following pins over Elmwood's Grady Nekoranec (1:30), Woodmore's Matt Caldwell (1:17) and Eastwood's Ian Reynolds (3:49). Kimmel then won the championship match with a technical fall over Gibsonburg's Adan Miller (5:47).

Long was victorious at 132, getting pins of Arcadia's Isaac Tolento (2:24) and Columbus Grove's Zach Stechschulte (1:23). Long then recorded a 15-4 victory over Hopewell Loudon's Lance Crawford and won the title tilt 13-5 against Tinora's Anden Ankney.

At 144, Hornish opened the tournament with a pin of Cory Rawson's Elijah Unverferth (1:00) before defeating Galion's Sam Wegesin 2-0. Hornish also recorded an 11-4 win against Woodmore's Landon Emch before finishing the day with a 4-2 victory over Jace Margraf of Mohawk for the championship.

Wayne Trace had three other placers in the tournament as well.

Graiden Troth finished fourth in the 138-pound weight class, recording wins over Bluffton's Micah Minnig (pin, :15) and Mohawk's Owen England (default, 4:00) to start the tournament. After falling to Eastwood's Gavin Owens (pin, 1:06), Troth rebounded to defeat Hopewell Loudon's Isreal Ortiz 2-0 but then was defeated 8-2 by England in the third-fourth place match.

Conner Blankenship placed fifth at 113 with victories over Riverdale's Hayden Haggerty (pin, :49), Fostoria's Dakota Smith (pin, 2:40) and Gibsonburg's Israel Limon

WAYNE TRACE EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL WINS GMC CHAMPIONSHIP



The Wayne Trace eighth grade girls basketball team claimed the Green Meadows Conference tournament championship on Saturday with a 32-18 victory over Fairview at Paulding High School. Caroline Winans led the way for the Lady Raiders with 16 points and Lexi Moore added seven for the red, white and blue. Addison Stoller (five), Careen Winans (two) and Caitlyn Mead (two) completed the scoring for

Wayne Trace, which closes the year with a record of 17-2.

Members of the squad included (front L-R) Caroline Winans, Careen Winans, Aubree Miller and Ryann Jay. In the back row are (L-R) Caitlyn Mead, Samaria Williams, Addison Stoller, Lexi Moore, Torree Sinn and coach Kelly Davis. Also a member of the team but absent on Saturday was eighth grade player Stella Laukhuf.

(pin, 2:50). Blankenship came up short in a pair of matches to Tiffin Calvert's Kaylor Reynolds (technical fall, 4:03 and pin, 4:54) on the day.

At 126, the Raiders' Jared Pierce also recorded a fifth-place finish by pinning Arcadia's Adrien Tolento (2:18). Pierce also recorded victories on the day over Carey's Kayden Burgei (pin, 3:13) and Eastwood's Gavin Shropshire (7-2) while falling to Lakota's Grant Bomer (8-0) and Tinora's Devon Luellen (pin, 2:18).

The Raider wrestlers return to action Tuesday as they travel to Liberty Center to take part in a tri-match with Tinora before participating in the Lima Central Catholic Invitational next weekend.

LADY PATRIOTS FALL TO BRUINS

Visiting Northrop pulled away in the second half and the Lady Bruins cruised to a 69-44 win over Heritage in non-league girls basketball play last week.

The Lady Bruins were on top 17-12 after one quarter before Heritage cut into the deficit, outscoring Northrop 16-15 in the second stanza to pull within 32-28 at the inter-

mission.

However, the Bruins controlled the third quarter and outpointed the Patriots 18-10 in the period to widen the margin to 50-39 entering the final stanza. Northrop then dominated the fourth quarter as well, picking up 19 points compared to Heritage's five to seal the 69-44 victory.

Ella Bickel had another fine game for the Lady Patriots, scoring 23 points while adding two rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Claire Bickel chipped in seven markers for Heritage while Abby Zelt and Carly Gerardot bucketed five markers apiece. Raelyn Mullins (two), Lydia Schultz (one) and Kendall Zelt (one) had the remaining Lady Patriot points.

Shelby Schane led Heritage on the boards with six rebounds and Claire Bickel pulled in five boards. Mullins, Abby Zelt, Schultz and Kendall Zelt all picked up two rebounds and Lucy Buuck had one. Claire Bickel also recorded five assists and two steals with Schane and Schultz both dishing out a pair of assists. Kendall Zelt, Schane and Claire Bickel all had two steals for the Lady Patriots as well.

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NEW HAVEN WRESTLERS COMPETE IN NE8 CONFERENCE



Photo by Melissa Amstutz

The NE8 Conference Wrestling tournament took place on Saturday, January 22nd. New Haven had two winners in their weight classes. 106 Juliana Ocampo

placed first & Easton Doster at 113. 170 Camari Kirk and 132 John Bussard placed 2nd.

New Haven came in 4th as a team at the conference.

LADY WARRIORS TAKE CONTROL AT FREMONT



Woodlan Junior Avah Smith is left open to score under the basket for the Warriors! Woodlan went on to win this match up with the Fremont Eagles 64-42 on Wednesday, January 19th. More pictures at westbendnews.net

RAIDERS DOWN WILDCATS FOR 7TH CONSECUTIVE WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Wayne Trace Raiders jumped on Miller City early and coasted to a 61-37 non-conference win last Saturday. The 24-point win was the seventh consecutive win for the Raiders who moved their record to 13-1.

Brooks Laukhuf and Camerson Sinn combined for 34 points to ignite the big win. Laukhuf finished with 18 and Sinn added 16. Also scoring

for the red, white, and blue were Cameron Graham with eight, Hudson Myers and Trevor Sinn each with six, Kyle Stoller adding five to go along with a team high nine rebounds and Tyle Davis rounding out the scoring with two.

The Raiders jumped out to a 23-7 first quarter lead and increased their margin at the break, leading 39-20. Wayne Trace was never threatened in the second half; out-pointing the Wildcats 12-11 in the third quarter and 10-6 in the final eight minutes.

Wayne Trace shot 21-49

from the floor for 43 percent while their opponent connected on 15-43 for 35 percent. The Raiders won the battle at the free throw line connecting on 12-15 with Miller City going to the line just six times and hitting three of their attempts. In the turnover department the Wildcats turned the ball over 21 times to just 11 for WT.

Silan Niese was in double-digits for Miller City finishing with 13. Jaden Nuvean added seven. Austin Ruhe with six, Thomas Weis five, Owen Tobe four and Will Otto with two.

OFFENSIVE WOES DOOMS LADY RAIDERS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Wayne Trace hosted a very talented Delphos Jefferson squad last Tuesday. The 15-1 Wildcats had their way throughout the contest and settled for a 39-20 non-conference win.

A combination of a quick start by the Wildcats and a slow start offensively by the Raiders led to an early 18-0 run for the winners. The Raiders avoided a first quarter shut out when senior Rachel Stoller beat the buzzer for a two-point field goal to bring the first eight minutes to a close and the red, white, and blue trailing 18-2.

After scoring just two points in the initial quarter the Raiders managed just a single point in the second period. While the scoring woes continued for WT the 'cats put up 15 points to bolt to a 33-3 margin at the break.

Wayne Trace, trailing by thirty, made a slight dent in the margin outscoring Delphos Jefferson 11-3 in the third period. Both teams struggled in the final period with the Raiders scoring six points and DJ coming up with just three.

The Raiders, who stand at 5-8, placed six players in the scoring column but no one scored more than five points. Christina Graham finished with five followed by Stoller and Rylee Troth each adding four. Harper Myers chipped in three with team mates Ava Zartman and Elise Miller adding two points apiece.

For the Wildcats, Lauren French posted 11 points along with 16 rebounds to lead the Wildcat attack. Josie McGue added ten with a trio of players coming up with six points apiece; Hannah Wiltsie, Alycia Lindeman and Lyn Lindeman.

Wayne Trace collected 25 turnovers to just 11 for the 'Cats. The winners also won the battle of the boards 32-21.

HENNESSEY LEADS LOCAL WRESTLERS AT ACAC TOURNEY

Adams Central claimed the 2022 ACAC Wrestling Championship on Saturday as the Flying Jets totaled 281-1/2 points to get past second place Jay County's 261.

Host Bluffton finished third in the tournament with 213-1/2 points while South Adams took fourth at 208. Locally, Heritage placed fifth with 81 and Woodlan took sixth and finished with 74 points. Southern Wells rounded out the field by placing seventh at 48 points. Heritage sophomore Parker Hennessey led local

participants by taking second place in the 285-pound weight class, dropping a 3-2 decision to Bluffton senior Juan Cruz in the championship match.

Also, sophomore Andrew Mirelez picked up a third-place finish in the 126-pound weight class with junior teammate Carson Rothgeb posting a sixth-place finish at 132. Junior Logan Wilhite recorded a fifth-place finish at 138 for the Patriots and sophomore Grant Frecker took third at 152. Sophomore Logan Teichman took fourth in the 220-pound weight class for Heritage as well.

Freshman Tyler Guise took fourth place in the 113-pound weight class for the Warriors while junior Keegan Reinhard finished third at 120. Junior Karson Moore finished fifth at 132 and freshman Brandon Stauffer was sixth at 138. Sophomore Brady Garrison also came home with a sixth-place finish in 145 while sophomore Jack Culler recorded a fourth-place finish in the 160-pound class. Freshman Gavin Vachon also ended up sixth at 195 with sophomore teammate Nick Piedra placing sixth at 285.

MIDDLE QUARTERS PROPEL APACHES OVER PANTHERS

The host Apaches of Fairview dominated the middle two quarters and the black and gold cruised to a 55-46 win over visiting Paulding in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball action Friday evening.

After the Panthers posted a 6-5 advantage at the end of one period, Fairview

outscored Paulding 16-7 in the second stanza to seize a 21-13 halftime advantage.

The Apaches extended the lead in the third quarter, picking up 20 points compared to the Panthers' 15 as Fairview recorded a 41-28 margin entering the final stanza.

Quarter number four saw the maroon and white score 18 points in the period but it wasn't enough as Fairview bucketed 14 to wrap up the 55-46 victory.

Christian Bauer led the way for the Panthers with 13 points and Nick Manz had nine for Paulding, which drops to 4-12 overall and 1-3 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Zach Gorrell chipped in seven markers for the maroon and white followed by Luke Zartman (six), Casey Agler (six), Peyton Adams (three) and Ethan Foltz (two).

Brady Karzynow topped Fairview with ten points while Brody Retcher and Daniel Hammon each bucketed nine for the Apaches. Samuel Clemens (eight), D'Andre Hastings (three) and Adam Lashaway (three) completed the scoring for Fairview as the Apaches improve to 4-11 in all games and 3-1 in the GMC.

ANTWERP HAS GREAT SHOWING AT HOME WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently hosted their 13th annual Archer Open on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at Antwerp High School. It was a packed house with 270 wrestlers from all over Northwest Ohio despite the

couple inches of snow that almost stopped the day. After over 400 matches total on the day, all 16 archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th on the day were Bennett Graham, Landyn Hermiller, Oliver McCague, Liam Bryant, and Cadem Ingol. Finishing in 3rd place were Riel Gonzalez, Cooper Nestleroad, and Pearce Cottrell. Earning 2nd place finishes were Brevyn Eicher, Duke Dangler, Olivia Kosch, Ulrik Zijlstra, Owen Dangler, and Krayston Eicher. The wrestling club also crowned 2 undefeated champions on the day in Jameson Graham and Owen Parisot. Graham finished his tournament 2-0 with 1 win coming by pin and Parisot finished his tournament 3-0 with all 3 wins coming by pin. Congratulations to all of the archer wrestlers for their accomplishments this past weekend and we wish you the best as they continue to wrestle for the next 5 weeks in the GMC tournament series.

The wrestling club coaches would also like to give a huge thanks to all of the wrestling parents and volunteers for their donations and hard work at our annual tournament. You are the reason the Archer Open is one of the best tournaments in northwest Ohio and the compliments the coaches get from other schools is evidence of that. Thank you again for a record setting day. We truly appreciate everything.

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2022 PPEC WORK PLAN HIGHLIGHTS



PPEC Lineman Brandon Burelison works on a power line. PPEC introduces their new right-of-way tree-trimming and vegetation management contractor, Mint City Utility Services, who will begin work this month.

PPEC plans \$3.6 million in power reliability investments, including a new ROW contractor, substation upgrades, the completion of smart metering, and more

This year, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is planning \$3.6 million in investments focused on system improvements that will directly increase the co-op's service reliability and maintain existing facilities. Due to rising costs, especially with wholesale power costs and the COVID-19 pandemic, PPEC implemented a small increase to the service charge for residential members beginning on the January 2022 billing statement. This is the first increase PPEC has had since 2018 and represents only a 1.2% increase for the average residential member. The residential service charge is now \$35 per month, as compared to \$32.95.

To maintain the high standard of service PPEC members expect, primary compo-

nents of the 2022 work plan will include:

- A budgeted 20 miles of old copper line rebuilds across Ohio and Indiana, as well as sectionalizing to reduce outage minutes. Keeping members' lights on is a priority!
- Installing and upgrading new sectionalizing equipment for improved reliability, system durability, and reduced outage time.
- Upgrading equipment in the Columbus Grove and Convoy substations, including high side switch replacement, new insulators and arrestors, and station metering. This will improve service reliability and extend the lifespan of these substations, raising their performance to meet today's higher standards.
- Installing 6,000 RF meters to complete PPEC's smart metering system upgrade, which will finish out the co-op's latest work plan. This gives PPEC the ability to provide members with additional, improved service data,

enabling members to monitor usage trends and help make more informed energy efficiency decisions through their online SmartHub account. (Members who sign up for SmartHub this year will receive a one-time \$5 bill credit.)

• Testing 4,800 poles in Paulding, Benton, Blue Creek, and Latty Townships in Paulding County through contractor Osmose. Poles are tested on a 10-year rotating cycle; any that fail the test will be replaced.

• Extensive underground line extensions into the expanding subdivisions in New Haven, Indiana. The co-op is expecting growth in this area.

• Welcoming a new right-of-way tree trimming and vegetation management contractor, Mint City Utility Services. Beginning this week, they will start work in the Seiler, Hessen, Monroe, Rt. 14, and Tillman substation area (Indiana), and in the Convoy substation area (Ohio).

• Installing animal guards at various substations to help reduce animal-caused outages.

“With the rising material costs and shortages from the pandemic, PPEC has been very proactive in securing material needs for the upcoming year's work plan,” says PPEC Engineering Manager

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (14) persons on Thursday, January 13, 2022

Allen W. Foute (3/4/1967), Sherwood, OH; Aggravated Possession of Drugs, F5; Op-

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James Brian Allen (9/15/1968), Oakwood, OH; Domestic Violence, F3

Amanda L. Diaz (5/31/1980), Defiance, OH; Aggravated Possession of Drugs, F2; Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Drug of Abuse or a Combination of Them - OVI, M1

Stacy A. Landis (5/9/1968), Antwerp, OH; Domestic Violence, F3; Endangering Children, M1

Brandi L. Swartzel (3/29/1982), Dayton, OH; Domestic Violence, F3

Cody L. Adkins (9/12/1991); Paulding, OH; Failure to Appear as Required by Recognizance, F4

Kasey Lynn Helms (4/7/1986), Payne, OH; Forgery, F5

Tiffany A. Hernandez (10/11/1990), Unknown Ad-

dress; Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, F4

Milo B. Holt, Jr (10/5/1998), Unknown Address; Failure to Appear as Required by Recognizance, F4

Mark A. Johnson (9/28/1960), Antwerp, OH; Domestic Violence, F3

Paul Bakle (6/13/1983), Paulding County Jail; Counterfeiting, F4; Breaking & Entering, F5; Theft, F5; Safe-cracking, F4

Kara C. Buzard (12/26/1979), Paulding County Jail; Counterfeiting, F4; Breaking & Entering, F5; Theft, F5; Assault, F5; Tampering with Evidence, F3

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Caleb L. Baughman,

LEGAL NOTICE

2022 703 AGGREGATE SEALED BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio until Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 11:00 A.M., at which time and place, bids will be opened and read for 703 Aggregate for use by the Paulding County Engineer. Bidding documents and specifications will be issued at the Office of the Paulding County Engineer. They can also be found online under the "Bids" tab at www.pauldingcountyengineer.com.

Bids must be submitted on the forms provided by the Engineer.

Bids may be hand delivered or mailed in a sealed envelope bearing the Bidder's name and address and marked "Sealed Bid for 703 Aggregate".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Multiple awards may be made for various types of aggregate.

Factors which will determine ultimate purchases by Paulding County are; unit bid prices, terms of purchase, location of project, availability of gradation, type of material desired for a particular application, cost of transporting from pickup site to County stockpile, quality of product, and/or type of surface desired. If available, prices are requested for washed #9A stone.

No bid will be considered unless it be accompanied by a bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Ohio or a certified check from a solvent bank in the amount of five (5%) percent of the total bid to guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and the performance of it properly secured.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Heather Barnhouse, Clerk

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
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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.

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Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

Payne, OH; Off inv. under-
age/p; Case dismissed with
prejudice per state; Costs
waived

Rickie L. Welker, Ohio
City, OH; Criminal damaging,
Guilty, Defendant to pay all
fines and costs, Maintain gen-
eral good behavior, Placed on
standard probation, Pay resti-
tution, 10 hours of community
service, Write a letter of apol-
ogy; Theft, Count B dismissed

Randi E. Baker, Paulding,
OH; Disorderly conduct with
persistence; Guilty; Defendant
to pay all fines and costs;
Maintain general good behav-
ior; Firearm, magazines and
ammo shall be forfeited

Tabitha M. Keezer,
Cloverdale, OH; Physical con-
trol; Defendant appeared in
court with Ms. Smith, Pled
guilty; Pay all fines and costs;
Standing probation; Evalua-
tion at Westwood; Secure op-
erator's license; 20 hours com-
munity service; Participate
and complete drug court;
Show insurance; drug test
twice per week

days jail, Insurance not pro-
vided, ALS vacated; No opera-
tor's license, Defendant ap-
peared in court with Ms.
Smith, Pled guilty, Pay fine;
Seat belt/drive, Count C dis-
missed

Jordan T. Harris, Cecil,
OH; Driving under non FRA
suspension; Defendant ap-
peared in court with Mr. Bates,
Pled no contest, found guilty;

Morgan S. Haythorne,
Saint Louis, MO; No opera-
tor's license, Count A dis-
missed; Seat belt/drive, Defen-
dant pled guilty, Pay fine

Nicholas E. Petrichor,
Paulding, OH; Reckless opera-
tion, Defendant appeared in
court with Mr. Demuth, Pled
guilty, Pay all fines and costs,
May attend DIP in lieu of 3
days jail, Proof of insurance
not provided; Marked lanes,
Defendant appeared in court
with Mr. Demuth, Pled guilty,
Pay fine

Thelma R. Egnor, Paul-
ding, OH; OVI/breath (low),
Count A dismissed; OVI/ un-
der influence, Defendant ap-
peared in court with Mr. Bates,
Pled guilty, May install igni-
tion interlock device, Vacate
ALS, Pay all fines and costs;
Turn signals, Count C dis-
missed

David P. Drew, Cloverdale,
OH; Reckless operation,
Guilty, Defendant appeared in
court with Ms. Smith, Pled
guilty, Pay all fines and costs,
May attend DIP in lieu of 3

Proof of insurance provided;
Pay all fines and costs

Amy L. Richards, Cecil,
OH; Disorderly conduct, Case
dismissed per state; Costs
waived

Lyndell M. Ramos,
Wauseon, OH; Obstructing;
Case dismissed; Costs waived

Adam M. Furrow, Cecil,
OH; Domestic violence; Case
dismissed per state; Without

prejudice; Costs waived
Clarence P. Hertzfeld, Wa-
terville, OH; Seat belt/drive;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Kurtis P. Puckett, Cecil,
OH; No operator's license, De-
fendant appeared in court
without counsel; Pled no con-
test, found guilty, Proof of in-
surance provided, Pay all fines
and costs; Failure to yield at
intersection, Defendant ap-
peared in court, Pled no con-
test, found guilty, Pay fines

Corey L. Pease, Antwerp,
OH; Zoning violation; Count
A and B dismissed, costs to de-
fendant; Count C guilty, De-
fendant to pay all fines and
costs today, Shall bring prop-
erty up to compliance with vil-
lage ordinance

Scotti A. Baumbarger,
Carey, OH; Improper backing;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Pasil A. Madany, Cam-
bridge, MA; Marked lanes,
Defendant appeared in court
without counsel, Bench trial
held, Found guilty, Pay all
fines and costs; Distracted
driving, Count B dismissed

Kiana R. McGuire, Fort
Wayne, IN; Left of center,
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Hugo A. Villalobos, Ligo-
nier, IN; Seat belt/drive; Case
dismissed without prejudice
per state; Costs waived; Warr-
ant rescinded

Jeff Whetstone, Grover
Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case
dismissed without prejudice,

Costs waived, Warrant res-
cinded; No operator's license,
Case dismissed without preju-
dice, Costs waived, Warrant
rescinded

Chaim L. Clark, Ypsilanti,
MI; Drug paraphernalia;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Brandi L. Swartzel,
Antwerp, OH; Domestic vio-
lence; Defendant has been in-
dicted by the Common Pleas
Court; Case shall be bound
over

James B. Allen, Oakwood,
OH; Domestic violence; De-
fendant has been indicted;
Case shall be bound over

Kasey L. Helms, Payne,
OH; Forgery; Defendant has
been indicted; Case shall be
bound over to the Paulding
County Common Pleas Court

Mark Allen Johnson,
Antwerp, OH; Domestic vio-
lence; Defendant has been in-
dicted; Case shall be bound
over

Kara C. Buzard, Van Wert,
OH; Counterfeiting; Receiving
stolen property; Assault; Ob-
struction of business; Defen-
dant has been indicted; Cases
shall be bound over to the
Paulding County Common
Pleas Court

Paul J. Bakle, Oakwood,
OH; Counterfeiting; Receiving
stolen property; Defendant
has been indicted; Cases shall
be bound over

George V. Harker, Hunt-
ington, IN; Driving under non
FRA suspension, Count A dis-
missed; Seat belt/drive, Defen-
dant appeared in court with-
out counsel, Pled guilty, Pay all
fines and costs

Juan S. Morales Restrepo,
Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/
drive; Guilty; Case was waived
by defendant

Marcos Rivera, Bowling
Green, OH; Seat belt/drive;
Guilty; Case was waived by
defendant

Tara L. Ceballos, Cecil,
OH; Left of center, Guilty,
Case was waived by defendant;
Distracted driving, Dismissed,
Defendant completed course

The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Sean T. McBain, Payne,
OH; Failure to control; Guilty;
Case was waived by defendant

present: Dean Rister, Rudie Reeb, Kenneth
Reinhart, Mike Rohrs, Bryan Smith, and
Keith West.

Also in attendance: Fiscal Officer
Aimee Lichty. Visitors: Steve Jordan, Bill
Boylan and Bryce Steiner

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING 12/30/21

The special meeting of the Village of
Antwerp council was called to order at 8:00
a.m. by Mayor Jan Reeb. Council persons

Third and final 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

• Motion made by West, seconded by
(Continued on Page 11)

**The Paulding Soil & Water
Conservation District has set 2022
Board Meetings as follows:**

<p>Wednesday, January 12 Wednesday, February 9 Wednesday, March 9 Wednesday, April 13 Wednesday, May 11 Wednesday, June 8</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 13 Wednesday, August 10 Wednesday, September 14 Wednesday, October 12 Wednesday, November 9 Wednesday, December 14</p>
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All meetings will be held at the **Black Swamp Nature Center**
located at 753 Fairground Drive Paulding, Ohio 45879 @ 8am
All meetings are open to the public.

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December electric bill was in-
sultingly higher.

President Trump proved to
the world that Christian-
America meant business and
could be trusted. Our previ-
ous democrat president an-
nounced to the world that
we're non-Christian. In other
words, he said we are easily
taken. It only took Biden 24
hours and his anti-American
pen to tell the world we're
weak and theirs for the taking.
He proved that with his inex-
cusable bungling in leaving
Afghanistan and placing
thousands of people into the
hands of terrorists. We had
not lost a single military life in
well over a year but this
Biden-Harris withdrawal got
13 killed right away.

Biden-Harris gave \$200m
to Palestinian terrorists and
gave many billions of dollars
worth of new military equip-
ment to butcherous Taliban
terrorists just so he could
claim he ended the war. In his
vanity Biden sold out their
whole nation and our allies

worldwide saying America
can't be trusted. That is some-
thing America has never done
but it required non-Christians
to do it.

China probably has one of
our attack helicopters by now
to copy and use against the
world.

As Democrats frequently
do, Biden revived racism and
blamed it on Republicans
which in never the case. Why
is it that race comes to the sur-
face when Democrats are in
control? Why is it that the
trouble generally exists in
Democrat controlled cities
and states? Politics is a dirty
game but Democrats have
turned it filthy.

Why do you think
democrats left God out of our
Pledge of Allegiance? Our
muslim President Obama
started it because he couldn't
stand anything Christian, the
one thing in this world he
can't stand. Open your eyes
liberals, every law or ruling
against morality and God
originated with democrats. If
your Washington democrat
adversaries support anything,

it's Satanism, because it sure
isn't God.

How can a president who
claims to be Catholic perform
like he's a Satan follower? How
can he claim being Christian
and be the leader of this cut
throat gang that's out to take
over America?

Review these things
Democrats gave us and sup-
port to the death: Censor pas-
tors, remove God from
schools, abortion, gay mari-
riage, remove God from mili-
tary, remove ten command-
ments, common restrooms,
censor God in society. They
can't stand anything Christian
or God.

Democrats keep our
southern border open in their
cheap effort to stop Republi-
cans from ever coming to
power again. They've learned
well from communist Russia.
We can prevent this take-over
but it's going to require Chris-
tians standing up to them in
mass unless you want our kids
and grandkids being slaves to
their evil system. If that is
your desire, go sit in your dark
corner and keep your mouth
shut.

Mark my words, this can
and will happen. If good citi-
zens remain quiet, history has
proved over and over that
when good people don't get
involved, many millions die
and many more suffer. Won't
you speak up for free Amer-
ica?

America needs God,
morality and sanity returned
from the Democrats or we'll
cease being free. Don't expect
any help from Democrats be-
cause this mess is what they
have strived for since about
1947 and they won't give back
easily.

Think strongly about this.
Free America could cease to
be as early as 2022 if these so-
cialist Democrats win the
2022 election.

—Richard Mastin,
Hicksville, OH

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne ,
(Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp ,
(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

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

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

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

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

For Questions Call : 419-399-3630
or Visit : www.pauldingcountywmea.com

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

ARCHERS KEEP GMC TITLE HOPES ALIVE

The Antwerp Archers kept alive their Green Meadows Conference title hopes on Friday night with a 73-59 win over visiting Ayersville. Both squads are now tied for second place in the

league standings with identical 3-1 records in conference play, each a game of league leading Wayne Trace (4-0). The Pilots will host the Raiders in a key league game on February 11. Antwerp is now 12-1 overall on the season while Ayersville drops to 10-3.

Jagger Landers led the way for the blue and white, hitting a trio of three-pointers and eight of ten free throws in the second half amongst a game high 35 points. Gaige McMichael added 15 markers for Antwerp while Kaden Recker chipped in eight and

Carson Altimus posted six. Landon Brewer (four), Luke Krouse (three) and Parker Moore (two) completed the Archer scoring. The Archers led 14-11 at the end of eight minutes of action before Antwerp pushed the margin to 29-24 at the intermission, outscoring

Ayersville 15-13 in the second stanza. Quarter number three broke the game open for the Archers as Antwerp bucketed 26 points compared to 13 for the Pilots, giving the blue and white a 55-37 lead entering the final period. Ike Eiden led a trio of Ay-

ersville players in twin digits with 19 markers while Jakob Trevino added 16 and Carter Michel posted 13. Other scorers for the Pilots were Isaac Miller (four), Weston McGuire (three), Ben Amoroso (two) and Garrett Flory (two).



ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Home of the Archers

February 2022



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The second semester of the 2021-2022 school year is in full swing and with many cold and snowy days before us, I would like to remind parents to have students dress warm when waiting for the bus or in preparation for the trip to school. Student drivers should be reminded that road conditions change throughout the day and caution should always be used when driving in the winter. The decision to delay or cancel school is always difficult, but the determining factor will always be the safety of our students. Appreciation goes out to our bus drivers for their difficult job of safely transporting our students to and from school each day. A reminder that delays and closings are sent out by Instant Alert and school app along with a message on various television and radio stations.

A great way to beat the winter blahs is to view our winter sporting events in person or if the event takes place in the main gym, you can view it on your computer. The events are viewable on your computer by going to Youtube.com and typing Antwerp Athletics in the search bar. A specially designed camera has been positioned in the main gym to provide this service. Radio station 102.7 FM will also live-stream and provide broadcasters for all Antwerp home Varsity boys' and girls' basketball games. Visit my1027.org to view the games.

Looking ahead a couple of months, our Family Literacy Night is scheduled for Thursday, March 24th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The theme for the event is "Books Bring Us Together As We Begin Reading Around The World". Specific events for the evening include literacy activities, a Book Fair, food, prizes, VR goggles experience, a photo book, and a tour of the new Innovation and Aquaponics Center.

The annual organizational meeting for the Antwerp Local School Board of Education was held Monday, January 10th. Sara Schuette was re-elected President with Jayme Landers re-elected as Vice President. Returning for service on the board this year are Anita Bok, Robert Herber, and Dennis Recker. Monthly meetings in 2022 will take place the third Thursday of each month with the exception of the February board meeting which will take place Tuesday, February 15th in the Board of Education Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

Construction of the Innovation and Aquaponics Center is in the final phase toward completion. Currently, the greenhouse is being assembled and painting is taking place with the interior rooms. We are also excited to share with you that we received word from Tech and Learning Magazine that Antwerp Local Schools Innovation and Aquaponics Center construction project has been selected as a Finalist Award and possible selection as the "Most Innovative Learning Spaces" Award. The awards program recognizes exceptional administrators in select regions around the country who are leading innovation in their school districts. Dr. Miller will travel to Orlando, Florida on January 24th to receive the Finalist Award and possible selection as the "Most Innovative Learning Spaces" Award.

Go Archers!
Dr. Martin A. Miller

MR. LICHTY- HS/MS

We are already well into our 3rd quarter and 2nd semester and I have a few reminders to share with you. Summer School will begin on Monday, May 23rd, and run for 10 school days. This will take place in person once again this summer. High School students who fail at least 1 semester of a class will be required to attend Summer School for credit remediation. Middle School students who fail a course for the entire year will be required to attend. More details will be shared as we get closer to May.

Spring Testing will take place on April 5-6, April 12-13, and April 26-27. Please try to avoid appointments during the morning on these days.

Our winter extra-curricular activities are in full-swing. As of this writing, we have no restrictions on attendance, so come on out and cheer on your Archers!

Make plans to support the Arts this Spring! Our Spring Musical this year is "The Sound of Music". Performances will be on March 18th, 19th, and 20th. One other major event to consider attending this spring is the annual Arts Festival. The annual Spring Arts Festival will be held on April 23rd. We look forward to seeing you here to support our talented students in the Arts!

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Applications for Vantage for the 2022-2023 school year are now available on their website. Applications should be completed by March 1st. Visit www.vantagecareercenter.com and click on future students for more information.

Sophomores will be taking the ASVAB test this month. Students ASVAB results give them access to planning tools they can use for their career project. Visit www.asvabprogram.com for more information.

Vantage Career Center will host an Open House and Q&A session for all students and their parents on Monday, February 28th. Please visit www.vantagecareercenter.com for more information.

Northwest State Community College will host a CCP Information Night on Monday, February 28th at 6:00 PM. Any student planning to take a CCP class for the first time is highly encouraged to attend. Visit <https://northweststate.edu/> for more information.

Scheduling for the 2022-2023 school year will begin this month. Please talk with your student about making the best course choices. All scheduling information will be available on the website. Please contact Mrs. Hammer with scheduling questions and look for more information soon on our Freshman Orientation Night.

MRS. STOKES - ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were selected by their teachers as Students of the Month for December: KA - Sawyer Parisot, KB - Benson Slattman, KD - Lane Zuber, 1A - Reece Bidlack, 1B - Deacon Hitzeman, 2A - Bennett Graham, 2B - Jayden Fish, 2C - Greyson Smith, 3A - Sylvie Zartman, 3B - Quinne Bradbury, 3C - Kaidyn Lemon, 4A - Parker Bermejo, 4B - Carson Hughes, 4C - Alivia Kiracofe, 5A - Auston Fish, 5B - Lorelai Mylek

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Antwerp Elementary will soon begin scheduling appointments for 2022-23 Kindergarten screening and registration. This will be held Friday, April 1 and Monday, April 4 here at Antwerp Elementary. Students must be five years old before September 30, 2022 to attend the Early Five kindergarten program and August 1, 2022 to attend the kindergarten program. Please call the elementary office starting February 28th at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, to schedule your appointment.

OUTSIDE RECESS

As the temperature continues to fluctuate, please be sure students are coming to school with coats, hats, and gloves for the outdoor recess. Thank you!

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month Mrs. Lichty began piloting the DREAM program, through the Ohio Department of Public Safety. DREAM stands for Drug Resilience Education Awareness Mentorship. This program focuses on the Ohio Department of Education requirements, the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance requirements, as well as role playing opportunities and social and emotional learning. This program is meant to teach students safety and coping skills.

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

SPRING BOOK FAIR

Our library will host a Scholastic book fair from March 24th through April 1st. Students can shop for books, journals, posters, desk items, and more during their library times. The fair will also be open for parents and grandparents to shop during Literacy Night on March 24th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. We're excited to bring back the Scholastic book fair! Our students love the fair, and our library benefits from every purchase.

PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

Antwerp Local Schools will offer Preschool Screenings on March 17 and 18 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Another screening will be held on April 8 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Screenings are available for Antwerp district children ages 3 to 5 years and are by appointment only. Call 419-258-5421, ext. 2103, to schedule your appointment.

Please note, there will be NO classes for current preschool students on Thursday, March 17.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Feb 1	6:00	Home w/ North Central
Feb 4	6:00	Home w/ Tinora
Feb 5	2:30	Dayton Dunbar @ OG
Feb 11	6:00	@ Paulding
Feb 12	6:00	@ Edon
Feb 15	6:00	Home w/ Hilltop
Feb 19	1:00	Home w/Blackhawk Christian

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Feb 3	6:00	@ Tinora
Feb 8	6:00	@ Hilltop
Feb 10	6:00	Home w/ Paulding

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Feb 4	4:45	Home w/ Tinora
Feb 11	4:30	Home w/ Paulding
Feb 12	TBA	GMC Round 1 @ Tinora
Feb 14	TBA	GMC Semi-Finals @ Tinora
Feb 15	TBA	GMC Finals @ Tinora

BOYS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Feb 1	5:00	Home w/ Continental
Feb 3	5:00	Home w/ Hicksville
Feb 5	TBA	7th GMC @ Ayersville
Feb 5	TBA	8th GMC @ Wayne Trace
Feb 7	TBA	7th GMC @ Ayersville
Feb 7	TBA	8th GMC @ Wayne Trace
Feb 8	TBA	7th GMC Finals @ Ayersville
Feb 12	TBA	8th GMC Finals @ WT

VARSITY WRESTLING

Feb 1	6:00	County Tri-Match @ WT
Feb 5	10:00	@ Ada
Feb 12	9:30	GMC @ Fairview

JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

Feb 1	6:00	County Tri-Match @ WT
Feb 12	9:30	GMC @ Fairview

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 21	Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
Feb 28	Vantage Open House
Mar 1	Vantage Apps. due for 22/23
Mar 11	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 17-18	Preschool Screenings
Mar 18-20	Spring Musical
Mar 24	Family Literacy Night
Mar 24-Apr 1	Spring Book Fair
Apr 15-18	Easter/Spring Break
Apr 23	Spring Arts Festival

WHAT'S COOKING ?

MENU - February 1-11

Tue, Feb 1	Chicken fajita, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Wed, Feb 2	Breaded chicken on bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Thu, Feb 3	Salisbury steak on bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Fri, Feb 4	Pizza rippers, Salad, Applesauce cup, Milk
Mon, Feb 7	Grilled chicken on bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Tues, Feb 8	Cheeseburger on bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Wed, Feb 9	Meatball sub, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Thu, Feb 10	Hotdog on bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Fri, Feb 11	Cheese pizza, Broccoli & Cauliflower w/ dip, Applesauce cup, Milk

Our menus are subject to change without notice.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG RIEDEL ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR OHIO'S 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



On January 10th, State Representative Craig Riedel announced his candidacy for the 9th Congressional District. The district spans across Northwest Ohio and covers Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood Counties.

"After a great deal of thought, prayer, and support from family and friends, I have decided to seek the Republican nomination for Congress in Ohio's 9th district." Riedel said: "I am sick of career politicians making promises, failing to deliver, then passing the buck. Marcy Kaptur does not share the values of the voters in Northwest Ohio and it is past time for her 53-year political career to end."

As a state representative, Craig has always stood up for the principles he believes in: limited government, fiscal responsibility, family values, and the American Dream. In Congress, he'll join the Freedom Caucus to fight with conservative stalwarts to promote an America-first agenda. He will be a leading voice to protect life, defend the second amendment, secure the southern border, and ensure election integrity.

"Joe Biden, and radical Democrats like Marcy Kaptur and Nancy Pelosi are dragging America in the wrong direction. I am running for Congress to work hard and deliver results for the people of

Northwest Ohio. I will be a leading voice for a conservative agenda that will make Ohio and America stronger, safer, and more prosperous than ever before. I will stand up to the corrupt political insiders, defeat Marcy Kaptur, and stop the radical Biden agenda."

MUSTAFA RECEIVES PURDUE FORT WAYNE OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD

Ahmed Mustafa, professor of biology, has been selected to receive the Purdue University Fort Wayne 2021-22 Outstanding Research Award.

Mustafa is internationally recognized as a stress physiologist who studies the physiological, endocrinological, and immunological changes in stressed animals that affect their growth, reproduction, and immunity. Through his research and publications, he has raised awareness of the problems of stress and its effects on disease resistance to the aquaculture industry. By working at the interface between basic and applied research, Mustafa has developed a uniquely valuable research program that translates knowledge of the biology of these systems to support human health and welfare.

"This recognition is well deserved and goes beyond the significant contributions he has made to knowledge of stress physiology in aquaculture systems," said Mark Jordan, professor and chair of the Department of Biology. "Professor Mustafa uses his research program as a platform for learning and engagement, bringing together students from northeast Indiana to southeast Asia. His work is a primary example of the integration of research, teaching, and community building that we aspire to in our department."

The Outstanding Research Award honors a tenured, full-time faculty member for outstanding performance in the area of research, scholarly activity, or creative endeavor. The honoree must have achieved an exceptional record of contributions to the body of knowledge or creative works in his or her discipline—and must also have had great success communicating that information to a wide audience. The award is sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs.

"Professor Mustafa has a long record of significant contributions in the fields of biology and aquaculture," said

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Carl Drummond, vice chancellor for academic affairs. "Even more importantly, however, has been his impressive commitment to training young scientists through undergraduate and graduate research projects. Purdue Fort Wayne is fortunate to have such an outstanding exemplar of the impacts of primary and applied research."

Contact Tina Gasnarez, OAA program administration specialist, at 260-481-5788 or gasntm02@pfw.edu for additional information.

PAULDING COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Paulding County Republican Central Committee meet on Thursday January 6th, 2022 at the Black Swamp Nature Center.

Chairman Zielke call the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Members present Jerry Zielke, Laurie Lucas, David Cline, Blane Fickel, and David Burtch.

Members excused Stanley Harmon, Janet Commers, Members absent Bart Schwarzbek, and Paul Ludwig

Guest were: Senator Rob McColley, Tony Schroeder-Putnam Co Republican Chair, Claudia Fickel-PC Auditor, Mike Weible and his wife-PC Commissioner, Scott Straley, Andrew Grothouse-Northwest Ohio Rep Jane Timken for Senate, Former Resident Angela King-Mercer Co Recorder, Cheryl Stromski-Vice Chair PCRWC, Shannon Ruschel-Secretary PCRWC, Roy Klopfenstein-Commissioner, Stephanie Kramer-Candidate for State Central Committee, Harry Wiebe, Travis McGarvey-PC Engineer, and Lisa McClure-Candidate for Commissioner, Bryce Steiner-Antwerp Village Council & West Bend News.

David Cline read the minutes for the October meeting and Laurie Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Dave Burtch. Motion carried.

Blane gave the treasurer report. No expense since the last meeting. The general fund

balance is \$4,631.23 and the political fund balance is \$26.71. Blane thanked everyone for all the great help raising funds this past year. He is also working on the annual report that is due at end of January. Dave Burtch made a motion to approve the treasurer report and it was seconded by Laurie Lucas. Motion carried.

Chairman Zielke bought up the need to make a donation to the SWCD for using the Black Swamp Nature Center for meeting. He suggested a \$200 payment for now. David Burtch made a motion to donate \$200 to the SWCD and it was seconded by Laurie Lucas. Motion carried.

Chairman Zielke did a short review of 2021 and thank all those that help with all the events this past year. Chairman discussed that he and Laurie have been working on filling the open seats on the Central Committee. Jerry thanked Cheryl Stromski for the refreshments she provided for the meeting.

Laurie Lucas reported on a "Meet the Candidate Night" to be held on Monday April 11th, 2022 at the OSU extension center. It will be open to all candidates running in the primary including local, state and national candidates. More details will follow.

Senator McColley gave and update on a number of bills the Senate is working and some of the challenges get them passed and signed by the governor.

Tony Schroeder talked about his service to the community and about his running for the Republican State Central Committee.

Mike Weible gave update on the past couple of month as commissioner and all the things that are part of the job.

Auditor Claudia Fickel gave and update on all the things going on in the Auditors office. Chairman Zielke thanked her Claudia for the New PC Auditor website which has a lot of useful property information. Commissioner Klopfenstein reported on some of the things going on in the commissioner office.

He said they will be getting bids in the next month to replace the windows in and

court and that the updates new office complex will be done later in the spring. Roy said that title office will be relocating from the courthouse basement to the new complex which will make it more accessibly.

Candidate for Commissioner Lisa McClure talked about her service in Paulding County and her desire to continue to improve Paulding County into the future.

Stephanie Kremer introduce herself and stated that she served on the Liberty Group in Mercer County and was active on a number of projects and legislation. She talked about her desire to service on the Republican State Central Committee.

County Engineer Travis McGarvey talked about the turnover of employees and challenges this past year. He said mild weather has been a great thing so far and that they are currently building a new salt storage facility. He said they have a lot of projects that were delayed by all the fall rain this past year. Dave Burtch reported on some projects in the Village of Paulding projects.

Chairman Zielke talked about a conversation he had with County Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher about the new funding allocation for the Land Bank to remove and repair old distress house and buildings.

With no additional items Blane Fickel made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dave Burtch at approximately 9:15 pm. Motion carried.

Sudoku solution from page 9

7	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

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Rohrs, to accept ordinance no. 2021-23. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance 2021-28: an ordinance authorizing the fiscal officer of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency

• Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2021-28. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to accept ordinance no. 2021-28. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance 2021-29: 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

• Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2021-29. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2021-29. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

No other business on agenda for special council meeting.

• Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 5 years, 1 nay. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

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To apply contact us via phone or email

HELP WANTED

Local Government Office looking to fill full or part time position for **DEPUTY CLERK** in the Paulding County Recorder's Office. Computer experience, accuracy, neatness and ability to work well with the public are a must. High school diploma or equivalent is required.

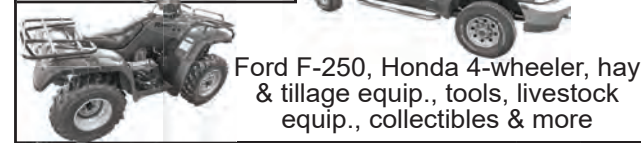
To apply submit a letter of interest and resume by **February 4th, 2022** to:
Carol Temple • 115 North Williams Street, Room 103 • Paulding, OH 45879 or recorder@pauldingcounty-oh.com

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Ending Feb. 9th

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HELP WANTED:

ANTWERP MANOR DIETARY is looking to fill part time position for:
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Flexible hours, attendance and sign on bonus!
Applications can be picked up at the **front desk** or call **419-258-1606** to inquire.

HELP WANTED

The Village of Paulding, Ohio, is accepting applications for a Utility Clerk. Applications are available for pickup in the Village Utilities Office, by emailing a request to pldgvil@paulding-net.com, or on the website at villageofpaulding.com. Applications will be taken until until the position is filled. The Village of Paulding is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply, please submit application and resume to: 116 S. Main St. Paulding, Ohio 45879, or by email to the above mentioned address.

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Road Maintenance Worker

Brown Township Paulding County Ohio is accepting applications for a road maintenance worker. Applicants must have a minimum of a Class B CDL and the ability to obtain a Class A within a specified time frame set at the time of employment. Applicants must also be able to pass a pre-employment drug screen. Pay and benefits will be determined based on applicant's previous experience. Applications are available at the **Brown Township Office 200 S. First St. Oakwood OH 45783**. Please call **419-594-2028** to set a time to pick up an application or contact any Brown Township board member. **Please return application on or before February 15th 2022.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW WINNERS



Pictured above are the winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest held on Sunday January 23rd.

The Paulding St. Joseph's Council of the Knights of Columbus hosted its Free Throw Championship at the Paulding High School Gym on Sunday, January 23, 2022. Participants were the following: Javvon Stiltner, 11; Jack Daeger, 11; Jarret Griffith, 11, won his age bracket; Dakota Alvarez, 11, won her

age bracket; Jachary Barton, 12; Tyler Goings, 12, won his age bracket; Luke Parrett, 12; Max Daeger, 13, won his age bracket; Chase Alvarez, 13; Jayla Griffith, 13; Madison Schmidt, 13, won her age bracket; Miley Jewell, 14, won her age bracket; Grady Barton, 14; Zaine McMichael, 14, won his age bracket

MISSING PERSONS CASE LEADS TO ARREST IN ANTWERP

On Friday, January 21, 2022, a missing person report was filed for Christopher S. Franklin, age 47 of Antwerp.

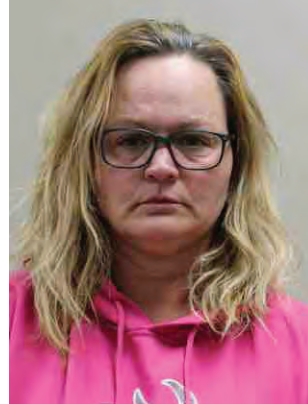


According to the report, he was last seen around 10 a.m. on January 16, 2022, in the Village of Antwerp.

In an official press release issued by the Antwerp Police Department, a body believed

to be Franklin was found. The body was transported to the Lucas County Coroner for proper identification and an autopsy.

Also in the APD press release, a person of interest was



arrested in connection to this incident. Person of interest arrested was Heidi Lynn Grant, age 47. The charge being filed

against Grant is aggravated murder (felony).

PCAF BECOMES FIRST SILVER LEVEL DONOR FOR HOLLY BEACH SPLASH PAD

The Paulding County Area Foundation donated \$5,000 to the Holly Beach splash pad project making them the first silver level donor. As phase 1 begins to unfold, PCAF's generous donation is greatly appreciated.

PCH FOUNDATION SPONSORS TO-GO STEAK DINNER & RAFFLE EVENT

The Paulding County Hospital Foundation will be sponsoring a To-Go Steak Dinner & Raffle on Saturday, February 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring your tickets to the Paulding Eagles on Perry St. any time during this window and pick up your meal and enter to win a grill donated by Paulding Ace Hardware or a Kate Spade tote & wallet donated by Rena Rager. Winners of the raffle will be drawn on PCHF's Facebook page at 8:00 p.m. on February 12th. PCHF Executive Director, Ashley Collins commented, "I just want to say thank you to everyone in the community who has supported PCHF over the years and helped us support the Paulding County Hospital by keeping great health care local. We hope to see you Saturday February 12th for my favorite meal of the year! Delicious food and a great cause."

For more information about this event, please contact PCH, Paulding Eagles, or any PCHF trustee.

PAULDING COUNTY MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

West Ohio Food Bank will sponsor a food drive ON February 8, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Paulding County Fairgrounds, 501 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH. This is open to any Paulding County resident in need.

- Qualifications to receive food:
 - * Only 2 households per vehicle
 - * Ensure space in trunk to load food into
 - * Must be 18 years of age or older
 - * Have a valid Photo I.D.
 - * Be at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

MEDIACOM ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAMS TO CONNECT LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Mediacom Communications announced its participation in the federal government's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), a new program designed to help more Americans lower the monthly cost of home internet service.

The ACP is administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Qualifying households can receive a credit of up to \$30 off their monthly internet service bill. Eligibility is defined by the FCC and targets households with income less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or that participate in government programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, and Lifeline.

To maximize the ACP benefit, Mediacom has launched a new internet service called Connect2Compete-Plus

(C2C+) with a \$30 per month price including modem and unlimited data for qualifying households. The new C2C+ tier delivers internet download speeds of up to 50 Mbps and is one of many speed options available to customers who participate in the ACP.

"With more people than ever before working and studying from home due to the COVID pandemic, access to high-speed broadband is a necessity for most families," said Ed Pardini, Mediacom's senior vice president of field operations. "By participating in ACP and launching C2C+, we hope to provide more opportunities for low-income households to get and stay connected to the internet."

Recent federal legislation created the ACP to replace the temporary Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. Mediacom enrolled more than 13,000 households in the EBB program during 2021. Existing EBB customers will continue to receive monthly benefits of up to \$50 per month through March 1. Mediacom is working with its EBB customers to transition them into the ACP.

The ACP benefit is available to both new and existing Mediacom customers who qualify. Households interested in participating in the ACP must confirm eligibility through the Affordable Connectivity Website and can then enroll in the program. Information can be found online (below) or by calling: 855-330-6918 (toll-free).

www.fcc.gov/acp
<http://www.mediacomcable.com/acp>

DEFIANCE MAN ARRESTED FOR EIGHTH OVI

On January 20 at 11:06 p.m., troopers from the Defiance Post stopped Gilberto Martinez, age 62, of Defiance, for speeding and not using a turn signal on State Route 111 near Dotterer Street, in Defiance.

During the traffic stop, troopers determined Martinez was impaired and he was subsequently arrested for operating a vehicle impaired. Martinez has seven previous OVI convictions in his lifetime, with the most recent two being within the last five years. He was charged with OVI, speed, turn signal violation, and failure to wear a safety belt.

Martinez is scheduled to appear in the Defiance Municipal Court on January 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

For the safety of all on our roadways, the motoring public is encouraged to dial #677 to report impaired or dangerous drivers.

COOPER FARMS TURKEY TROT 5K DONATES TO EVERHEART HOSPICE



Cooper Farms recently sponsored EverHeart Hospice with a check for \$2,000, raised from their 14th Annual Turkey Trot 5K. This yearly tradition is a highlight for many each November, this year hosting 230 runners!

When asked about this year's event, Hillary Stein, race coordinator and team member at Cooper Farms, shared, "We are very pleased with how this year's race turned out. Everyone seemed to have a fantastic time! It was great seeing everyone come out to support such a great cause!"

Erica Wood, Business Development Specialist at EverHeart Hospice, accepted the check on EverHeart's behalf. She shared, "EverHeart Hospice is truly thankful for the generosity and support that Cooper Farms has shown our

agency and its mission each year. This year, the proceeds will help us with our Legacy Program, which provides keepsake items for our patients' families to help them remember their loved ones. These items currently include heartbeat bears and hand photographs. Contributions like this will help us grow our program in hopes of adding new items in the future."

Mark your calendars for next year's Turkey Trot, set for Saturday, November 5th, 2022. You may find additional information on Cooper Farms and their Turkey Trot at www.cooperfarms.com. To learn more about EverHeart Hospice and the services they offer to patients and families in the community, visit www.everhearthospice.org or contact 800-417-7535.

FORT WAYNE AREA COMMUNITY BAND PRESENT CONCERT

Fort Wayne Area Community Band (FWACB) will present a concert Tuesday, February 22 at the John & Ruth Rhinehart Music Center at Purdue Fort Wayne. Downbeat is 7:30 p.m. The band will

premiere a brand new work by composer Anthony O'Toole called The Crossroads which was commissioned by the Community Band. In addition, they'll be performing An American Fanfare, The First Snow, Where the

Parking is free in the garage across from the Music Center.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Financial Partners FCU in Woodburn is seeking those interested in volunteering to serve in positions on our Board of Directors, and, if the need should arise, on our Supervisory Committee. Being on the Board of Directors or Supervisory Committee of a quickly growing, community-oriented credit union is a fulfilling way to give back to your community by overseeing the overall operations & management of a member-owned financial cooperative. If you are interested in learning more, you may contact either of the following individuals:

- Herb Anderson, Board Secretary**
260-715-0924
- Dave Shuey, CEO**
260-632-4245 x 214



PAULDING COUNTY DEMOCRAT PARTY MEETING

**FEBRUARY 8, 2022
7:00 P.M.
AT PAULDING EAGLES**

Baughman Tile Company, the regional leader of corrugated plastic pipe, is now hiring for the following positions:

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Multiple positions/shifts available
Ability to lift 50-75 pounds on an intermittent basis
Forklift experience or willing to learn

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BLOWMOLD OPERATOR
Operate blowmold machine
Trim molded product
Package finished product

Benefits package includes a health/dental/vision insurance plan, 401k retirement plan and vacation plan along with a competitive salary.

Apply in person at 8516 Road 137, Paulding, Ohio or on our website at baughmantile.com or on indeed.com

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