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MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

VANTAGE RECEIVES \$5.200.00 DONATION FROM ALLIANCE AUTOMATION



Pictured are (l-r) Vantage Trade and Industry Supervisor Mr. Ted Verhoff, Vantage Industrial Mechanics Instructor Mr. Kevin Van Oss, Vantage Electricity Instructor Mr. Mel White, Alliance Automation Cindy Gerber, Vantage Electricity senior Caden Carder, Vantage Industrial Mechanics senior Eli Rienhart, Vantage Precision Machining senior Nick Foppe, Alliance Automation CFO Scott Manz, Vantage Precision Machining Instructor Mr. Larry Ray and Vantage Director, Mr. Benjamin Winans.

The Precision Machining, Electricity, and Industrial Mechanics programs at Vantage received a \$5,200.00 donation from Alliance Automation located in Van Wert, Ohio. The generous donation will be used toward these three programs which operate equipment and teach curriculum that is part of the Robotics and Advanced Manufacturing

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ACTIVITIES PLANNED

October 29 — Costume

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Parade & Judging - Parade

line up at Antwerp Manor on

& HALLOWEEN

Antwerp:

Technology Education Collaborative (RAMTEC).

Alliance Automation CFO Scott Manz says, "The Vantage RAMTEC programs are instrumental in training the future workforce. These students are gaining valuable industry-related experience while completing their high school education. Alliance Automation is pleased to have

Archer Dr. At 3:15 p.m. Pa-

rade will go through town to

the Fire Department for the

Costume Judging. Trick or

Treat to follow, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Treat: 4:30-6:00 p.m. for

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the opportunity to support these Vantage programs.

Equipment currently used in Vantage RAMTEC proinclude robotic welders. Motoman and FANUC Industrial robots and simulators, CNC machines, Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC's), and hydraulic and pneumatic trainers.

"Ît is greatly appreciated

younger kids. Costume judg-

ing at the fire house, 6:00-6:30

p.m. Trick or Treat: 6:30-8:00

p.m. for the older kids. Be cre-

ative with glow objects to in-

October 31 — Games &

October 29 - Trick or

Association

Treat, 5:00-6:30pm; Grover

fundraiser dinner and raffle at

the VFW, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Kids

Activities at the Library,

5:00-7:00pm. Costume Judg-

ing at the Fire Department,

October 9 - Lions Club

donuts at Clock Tower Plaza,

7:00-11:00 a.m. Chalk Walk,

pumpkin decorating contest

and Face Painting, 9:00 a.m. -

12:00 Noon. Trick or Treat

5:00-7:00 p.m. Halloween

Party at the Woodburn

Lutheran School gym with a

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I Cor. 10:31 - whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Activities at the EMS station

during Trick or Treat,

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5:00-7:00 p.m.

6:30pm

Grover Hill:

Woodburn:

Ball

Oakwood:

GH VFW DONATES TO PAULDING COUNTY K-9 FUND



Pictured here is Roger Taylor representing the Grover Hill VFW Post 2873 handing a \$2,000 donation to Paulding County Sheriff Jason K. Landers. This donation will be earmarked for the purchase of the office's next K9, expected to be within the next year.

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS IMPROVEMENTS SUPPORTS LOCAL **RECOVERY MINISTRY**



Jeffrey Beam is the owner of My Father's Hands Handyman Services and host of Resurrection Recovery pod-

Business owners are well aware that improvements and maintenance of the premise is an ongoing occurrence. Sometimes the owners elect to do the improvement projects themselves and other times they bid it out to contractors to get the job done. Ann Miller, owner at Ann's Bright Beginnings began the bid process for improvements needed at her preschool and daycare in Paulding, Ohio. My Father's Hands Handyman Services was one of those bids. Not only was their bid the lowest that Miller received, she was inspired by the story behind the creation of this handyman service.

Jeffrey Beam is the owner/ operator of My Father's Hands Handyman Services. He is from Sherwood and has

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walked a long "road less traveled" full of pot holes and ruts, and has found himself coming out the other side. His story is wrought with addiction, prison, recovery, baptism and rebirth, and the launching of a ministry to help other people who find themselves in the same "pit" he was stuck in for

This journey that Beam is on, sparked an idea in him through his work with Renewed Mind in Napoleon to continue helping others like himself.

Miller found Beam while listening to a podcast that hosted special guest, Paulding County Judge Tiffany Beckman. Resurrection Recovery is a weekly podcast available through several streaming services (like Spotify). Intrigued by what Beam was saying during this episode, she looked them up and discovered an inspiring ministry that she wanted Ann's Bright Beginnings to support.

My Father's Hands Handyman Services hires individuals who are in recovery from drug and alcohol addictions, and many of these individuals have a felony record. Their mission is "People helping

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

October 19

• Oakwood Public Meeting @ Cooper Comm. Library, 6p

October 20

- Free Meal @ St. Paul UMC, Payne, 4:30-6pm
- Habitat for Humanity Meal @ PC Fairgrounds, 5-7pm

October 21 Paulding KofC Fish Fry,

11a-1p, 4-7pm

October 22

- Ladies Retreat @ 1st Pres. Church, Paulding, 9a-12:30p • Fall Party, Live Music &
- Food @ Grounded CC
- Dazed @ the Huber, 7p

October 23

• Dazed @ the Huber, 7pm

October 25

- Paulding Chamber Annual Banquet @ Grant's, 5:30pm
- FW Comm. Band @ PFW Music Ctr, 7:30pm

October 29

- Woodburn Lions Club
- Halloween Events Grover Hill Ball Assoc.
- Fundraiser @ Welcome Park • Battle Rattle 5K Walk/Run @ St. John Luth. Church, FW
- See more Trick or Treat Info inside!

November 1

 PCED Appreciation Banquet @ Grant's, 5:30pm



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WOODBURN, IN: Karen Sue Begley, 75 of Woodburn, Indiana, formerly of Clearwater, Florida, passed away peacefully on Sunday October 9, 2022 surrounded by her loved ones. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500,

PARSON TO PERSON

Payne, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

By: Dr. James Bachman Dear Parson,

Some churches emphasize confrontational evangelism while others emphasize lifestyle evangelism. What do you think?

The Bible clearly teaches both are essential and go together. Confrontational does not mean argumentative, but to lovingly confront people with the good news that they don't have to go to the hell to which their sin condemns them. Romans 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." How can we possibly say we love people and withhold such good news from them? How can we say we love God and violate the very commission He left us here to fulfill? Mark 16:15 – "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Note the warning He gave us for not warning the unsaved. Ezekiel 3:18 – "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."

If our lives do not match our lips, our message becomes hypocritical, unsavory, and unbelievable. That is why God commands us to walk the talk. Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (See also Isaiah 60:1-3; Acts 2:47; Philippians 2:15; I Thessalonians 4:11-12; I Timothy

THIS IS THE VERDICT:

LIGHT has come into

loved darkness instead of LIGHT because

their deeds were evil.

- John 3:19

Certainly every one of us as believers could improve in both our confrontational and lifestyle evangelism. Let us pray for each other daily, that we may become more effective in winning the lost for Send questions and com-

ments to: jamesbachman-@juno.com

ANTWERP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR "THE JOY OF **CRAFTING**"

Fall is such an exciting time of the year. It is a time of getting back into the activities of life after the "fun and leisure" of summer. God gives us such a beautiful back drop of colors and change of weather. The kids are back in school. And as parents, we are running in circles trying to get everyone where they need to be, along with all the other issues that life presents.

Our creative juices begin to stir and we start thinking of all the wonderful festivals and craft shows that happen. Many of us start making things and stocking up so we can participate in these shows. It is a time of anticipation and renewing friendships, good food and some amazing purchases and gifts.

At Antwerp United Methodist Church we are so blessed to be able to bring all this to you at "The Joy of Crafting" annual fall bazaar. Many local craft vendors and artisans from all around the area will be joining us.

Throughout the homemade pies, soups, sandwiches and other yummy food will be served.

So, if you are looking for fun and fantastic fellowship, along with a jump on your holiday shopping, Antwerp United Methodist Church invites you to join us at 202 E. River Street, Antwerp, OH from 9am to 2pm, Saturday, November 26, 2022 for "The

Joy of Crafting" Fall Bazaar. Bring your family. Join your friends. Come for the Leave crafts. feeling BLESSED!

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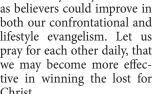
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MT CALVARY DONATES TO LMVFM

Cheryl Stromski presenting a donation from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (Antwerp, Ohio) to Chaplin Leslie Haines for the Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries (Fort Wayne) Battle Rattle 5k Walk/Run. The event will take place on October 29th

at St. John Lutheran Church in Ft Wayne.

Registration and more information is on Runsignup .com. You can also sign up the morning of the event. Families are especially encouraged to participate and special awards for children will be available.

ALSPACH-GEARHART FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY ANNOUNCES OPEN HOUSE



The ownership of Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory is pleased to announce the completion of multiple upgrades and renovations to its Van Wert Ohio Location.

The ownership of Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory had identified the need for more meeting space and updated amenities to best meet the memorial and funeral needs of the community it serves. The addition of a new kitchenette and community space for family use will enable guests to host meals at the funeral home with catering options available. This addition will make it easier for families who are looking to honor loved ones after the ceremony has been completed and has a capacity of nearly 100 people. Other upgrades include a private hospitality space, modern amenities, new paint, furniture, and décor as well as updated lighting throughout the facility.

"Adding these new amenities will help reduce the stress and coordination on grieving families by allowing them to celebrate their loved one in one space," states Andrew Gearhart. "These new rooms and services, alongside the modernization of our space will help bring comfort to those grieving by reducing the amount of coordination and event planning during an already difficult time."

The funeral home will also open its doors to the public Sunday, November 20th from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm, to see upgrades firsthand. The public is invited to tour the renovated facility and learn more about the services available.

Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home and Crematory have served the community's prearrangement, funeral service, memorial service, burial, and cremation needs for over five generations, providing comfort and care since 1903.

DATE SET FOR LMVFM **BATTLE RUN/WALK**

Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, (LMVFM) 4th annual "Battle Rattle 5K Run/Walk" is set for October 29, 2022. It will be held once again at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7914 W. Cook Rd, Fort Wayne, IN.

Join in for a scenic run/ walk through the country roads of Lake Township.

LMVFM was established in 2007 and provides free care and counselling to military

Veterans, contractors and

their families, no matter how long they served, where they served or what branch of the military they served. By being nonprofit and not accepting government funding, LMVFM is able to keep Christ at the center of their services and care.

The Battle Rattle 5K run/ walk is fun for the entire family to race along the scenic countty roads of Lake Township. The race will be timed by Watt's My Time. Sign-up is easy! Visit https://runsignup .com/Race/IN/FortWayne/ **LMVFM**

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Scripture of the Week

transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will

be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good,

pleasing and perfect will."

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be

geon does his work.

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

MATT'S MISHAPS

Dental dilemmas

Which type of medical appointment do you dread the most? Despite the rings and toys my childhood dentists gave me, I still dreaded the vulnerable and scary position



of being placed on my back with a bright light shining on

Living overseas, we have had mixed experiences with dental work. We were in the routine of regular teeth cleanings, but overseas we found they were not a common practice. The dental hygienists seemed unprepared and uncomfortable trying to do them. I remember one dentist's office used blue cleaning paste, which created a problem with their unskilled hands. They sprayed blue paste all over our faces and hair. We felt a bit dorky until we could get back home and clean up from the appoint-

ment. We thought we had the problem solved when we started using German dentists and dental surgeons who are equal or maybe more skilled than their American counterparts. However, their skill and technology go a different route. For example, for teeth cleanings, the German dentist sets a timer and charges you based on the time it takes to clean with a scratching tool

and a high-powered micro water blaster pick.

- Romans 12:2

My worst dental mishap was breaking a tooth while eating an olive and biting on a pit (a common problem for teeth over here). One of my sons had a far more traumatic dental mishap when the German dental surgeon had scheduled a tooth to be removed from the roof of his mouth. Having left on vacation, the surgeon gave the job to another person in his practice who was not qualified. The other "surgeon" tried unsuccessfully to remove the tooth and ended up calling the German on his cell phone to have him guide the procedure by phone. After over an hour of trying (and so much blood that a dental intern started crying), they stopped the procedure and redid it when the German returned a couple weeks later. We were not charged for that dental

I guess dental mishaps motivate us to practice good eating and brushing routines in order to avoid going more than is necessary to the den-

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

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MIXES 101

Penny For Your Thoughts By: Nancy Whitaker

I love food; reading recipes and the kitchen is my

I recently came across a food blog called Heart, Hands and Home. In a section of the blog there was in-



formation called Making Mixes 101. This caught my attention because I thought if I could make some of my own mixes, it would save me time and money and I would not have to fight lines at the grocery store.

The one mix that I made just last week was a brownie mix. Now, who doesn't like brownies? If you make this mix, you can whip up a batch of these delicious sweet treats and have them on the table or in your tummy within a half

Sometimes I don't keep 10 pounds of sugar or flour in my cupboards, but I had enough simple ingredients to make 6 jars of brownie mix. By making my own mix, I can use ingredients and make them gluten or sugar free. Are you interested in making this mix? Here is the recipe:

First of all, wear an apron because if you are like me, I had flour from one end of the kitchen to the other.

Choose how you want to package your mix. I used mason jars, but you could use zip lock bags also, which stack very well. Make sure you have all of the ingredients. You will need flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder and salt. (this mix

they say can also be used to make Texas Sheet Cake,) Ingredients:

2 cups cocoa powder

1 1/2 TBS baking powder

Mix together in a big bowl

until everything is combined.

Using a whisk is good to use.

Make sure all of the ingredi-

your mix into containers for

storage. Since the brownies

require 2 1/4 cups of your

brownie mix, I measured the

correct amount into my jars.

Oh they looked so good, I just

I MADE BROWNIES

mix, I added 2 eggs, 1/3 cup

of oil, 2 tsp vanilla, and op-

tional ingredients such as

nuts or chocolate chips. I

mixed well. Batter was thick,

but if you want a cakeier

brownie, use 3 eggs, instead

per lightly greased into a

8x12 square pan. Then pour

bake until an inserted fork or

Some family birthdays are

coming up soon and maybe I

will give them a brownie mix.

didn't like. Coffee or milk

with brownies? Frosted or

powdered sugar? Let me

know and I'll give you a

We are forever grateful for

the tremendous outpouring of

love and support extended to

Penny for your thoughts.

THANK YOU!

I never met a brownie I

toothpick comes out clean,

Put some parchment pa-

Preheat oven to 350 and

Oh these look so good.

of 2. Mine were fudgey.

batter into pan.

So to my 2 1/4 cups of

The next step is putting

8 cups of flour

6 cups sugar

(such as Hersheys)

ents are well mixed.

had to try one.

1 TBS salt

our family during the passing of our beloved John Taylor. The kindness and concern shown toward our family in countless ways has been such a blessing. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers during this diffi-

—Julie Taylor, Katie and Brandon Scharr, Rachael and Andrew Skinner, Tom Taylor

Health



Bright Beginnings. Pictured here is Ann Miller and Jeff Beam.

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people. Empowering our employees through faith, affirmation, love and truth." Employees of My Father's Hands begin each day with prayer before they head out to their project sites. Travel time gives Beam an opportunity to just talk with his employees and be an encouragement for them. Beam decided to focus on hiring people with a felony record because many employers are not inclined to hire felons. Beam believes that people should not have their past dominate their identity, they deserve to have the chance to start again. Working on these handyman projects give many of these individuals a sense of accomplishment that goes very far in their recovery process.

Beam is no stranger to DIY and household construction projects. He grew up watching and helping his father fix things, construct things, as he was a construction worker in New York State. "My dad taught me how to do it and God saved my life." This, he says is the motto of My Father's Hands. My Father's Hands has approximately 13 guys and they are usually split

(Vantage... continued from

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that Alliance Automation de-

cided to make this generous

donation to our RAMTEC

programs. Being heavily in-

volved in robotics, Alliance

Automation understands that

keeping up with current tech-

nology is of the utmost im-

portance and this money will

help Vantage continue to offer

what our students need to be

ANNOUNCES FUNDRAISER

The building at the corner

of West Tully & Main Streets

at one time housed a hardware

and grocery store for many

years and was condemned due

to its condition and was razed

by the Van Wert County

Landbank, leaving an empty

corner lot. The lot was deeded

cil decided to provide a down-

The Convoy Village Coun-

to the Village of Convoy.

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successful."

SQUARE

Installation of a new bath-

room sink for the littles at Ann's Bright Beginnings by My Father's Hands Handyman Services.

up according to how many projects and how large the projects happen to be. Ann's Bright Beginnings' project involved three workers of My Father's Hands. "After hearing his [Beam] story, it was just so powerful. These guys were being given a second chance, and I wanted to be a part of that," commented Ann Miller.

If you would like to know more about the work of My Father's Hands or Resurrection Recovery, you can find them on Facebook or Spotify. Or you can contact Jeff directly at 419-770-0242.

Construction started on October 4, 2022, on the fol-

lowing items: Preparing the site for concrete repairs and construction, Stamped concrete installation, Landscaping, Building a covered stage, Fencing, Construction a seating wall, Benches & trash receptacles, Solar lit 25' flagpole & flag, Electrical for landscape light-

Fundraising has begun St or call 419-749-2266.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Arista Carr was an Antwerp boy born January 12, 1893. The son of John Penwell and Cynthia Anne (Kerns) Carr. John was born December 9, 1858 in Ohio. Cynthia was born February 5, 1869 in Indiana. John and Cynthia were married January 21, 1886 in Paulding, Ohio. By 1900, John and Cynthia were divorced. Cynthia was raising five children in Carryall Township and farming as her vocation. She took back her maiden name.

By 1910, Cynthia and the five children were living on a farm in Carryall Township. Arista had quit school by the fourth grade, probably to help on the farm. On June 5, 1918, Arista had registered for the draft. He was single with brown eyes, black hair, dark complexion, medium height and build.

On July 19, 1918, Arista married a gal named Dessie L. Curtis. She was born January 8, 1896 in Antwerp, Ohio. The daughter of Lewis and Callie (Craft) Curtis. They were married in Paulding, Ohio.

On August 26, 1918, Arista went to Paulding and signed up to join the National Army. Arista was assigned to the 159th Depot Brigade. He served with this unit until September 27, 1918. Then he was assigned to Battery F. 69th Field Artillery. On November 23, 1918, the couple was blessed with their first child, a daughter named Rama Lucille Carr.

Arista was be honorably discharged from the military December 21, 1918. He was listed as having excellent character on his discharge papers. By 1920, the Carr family moved to Sterer Street, Flint, Michigan, where Arista took a job at a Motor Axle Workers Factory as a truck mechanic. A son, Rolland C. Carr, was born, December 16, 1920.

A son, John L. Carr was born,

September 3, 1922, followed

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by a daughter, Bettie L. Carr, August 23, 1926. On October 23, 1928, Dessie passed away in Ft. Wayne, Indiana at the Methodist Hospital. She was buried in Maumee Cemetery. By 1930, Arista and children, were living back in Antwerp. Arista took up farming. His mother, Cynthia,

was living with the family.

Arista's father John passed

away, July 24, 1930. He too,

was buried in Maumee Ceme-

By 1940, Arista was still engaged in farming in Carryall Township. Children, John and Bettie were still living at home. In 1942, Arista registered for the World War Two draft registration. At the age of 49, he was not selected. But his son, Rolland, served in the war. Arista's son, John, registered in 1945, but was not selected.

By 1950, while living in Antwerp, Arista was working in Ft. Wayne, Indiana as a machinist for Zollner Machine Works. On January 7, 1952, Arista's mother, Cynthia, passed away in Antwerp. She was buried in Maumee Ceme-

On October 16, 1952, Arista dealing with heart disease, which he had been dealing with for years, passed away at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Arista was buried in Maumee Cemetery alongside his wife, Dessie.

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WOODBURN LIONS CLUB

Halloween Events SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

at Woodburn Plaza

• DONUTS – 7am-11am (\$1 off coupon w/ purchase from this participating business) *proceeds benefit Lions Club Scholarship Fund*

at Clock Tower Plaza

- CHALK WALK 9am-12 noon, FREE chalk provided
- PUMPKIN Decorating Contest 9am-12 **noon** sponsored by Mainstreet Association *prizes*
- CONEY DOGS 10am-1pm by The Chop Shop

EVENING EVENTS

• Trick or Treat – 5-7 pm

• Halloween Party – 7:30-8p @ Woodburn Lutheran School • Age & Category Costume Contest *prizes* • Free Cider & Donuts • candy bars for participants

spensored by the Weedburn Liens Club

town pocket park to enhance the downtown beautification and to be used for various community events such as festivals, concerts, markets, and a place to hang out with family & friends. The venue will be called Convoy Village Square. The council also contracted to have the exposed wall of the adjacent building to be covered & painted to provide a background for the

A NatureWorks grant was applied for in the amount of \$60,000. The village received an award notice and the notice to proceed with the said

Convoy Village Square.

project. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources will contribute \$45,000, with the village obligated to raise the matching funds as required of \$15,000. Vicki Smith of the United Way of Van Wert County has filed a grant application with Serve Ohio for \$1,000. To be included in the fundraiser, the matched dollars for a hands-on project for the community to be involved in the project itself. Volunteers are needed for the kickoff on Saturday, October 22 at 9:00 am in the Convov Village Square to aid in the hands-on project for Serve

ing & stage lighting

with the Convoy Community Foundation offering to provide a match to donations for this project. Checks are to be made out to the Convoy Community Foundation and mailed or dropped off at the Convoy Village Office at PO Box 310, Convoy OH 45382. Donations are tax-deductible. For additional information regarding this project, community members are invited to direct questions to the Convoy Village Office 123 S Main



KIWANIS OF PAULDING COUNTY IS BUILDING A PLAYGROUND!

Kiwanis of Paulding County received a matching grant for \$50,000 for a playground to be installed at Lela McGuire Park. Kiwanis has pledged \$25,000 towards the project. Which means

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Estimated time frame for the playground build is late spring/early summer of 2023!!

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HERITAGE LIONS DONATES TO LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS



Pictured are: Caleb Vanlandingham and Greg Lepper of the Poe Fire/EMS.



Pictured are Joel and Blake Hoffman of the Monroeville Fire Dept (and representing the Monroeville EMS as well).



Pictured are: Doug Yoder and Seth Baird of the Hoagland Fire/EMS.

The Heritage Lions Club donated \$750 to each of the local fire departments from proceeds of ice cream and peanut sales. The Lions also gave the Hoagland Fire/EMS an additional check for \$1,600 to help pay for a battery-powered c-cutter rescue tool.

Each of the three volunteer Fire/EMS departments spoke of the work they do. Lack of sufficient funds is a constant challenge for them to cover an ever-increasing workload. Calls for medical emergencies have doubled in the past decade. They each have had some success in recruitment of young volunteers. Captain

Den Herder Funeral Home

Joel Hoffman spoke with his son Blake at his side. He said that today's youth have many options, and it is important to get them interested early, perhaps even as early as middle school.

Fire and EMS services are literally vital to the health of our community. These three locations, Monroeville, Poe and Hoagland, work together to provide emergency services in our area. They even assist in Fort Wayne when called. Money is very tight (or completely lacking). The equipment required to fight a fire is very expensive, and most of the maintenance of their

equipment is performed by volunteers. Finding enough volunteers to work shifts is a constant challenge. Still, each speaker radiated enthusiasm and refreshing optimism, fueled by the service they are able to perform for their neighbors. Anyone interested in helping them keep us all safe are encouraged to contact the men above. Please support your local Fire/EMS by donating money and supporting their many fundrais-

TRINE STUDENT RESEARCHES MEDICATION'S IMPACT ON LIVER IN REU

A Trine University senior followed her passion over the summer to a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) at the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE).

Alayna Willitzer, a biomedical engineering major from Cecil, Ohio, went to Wisconsin to research her favorite field of study: tissue engineering.

To that end, she joined Vipin Paliwal, Ph.D., an associate professor at the MSOE, to test the toxicity of Diclofenac and help identify safe doses for individual patients. The team used 2-D and 3-D cell culturing with rat liver cells in order to find accurate information of how the drug affects the liver.

"Diclofenac is a prescription drug intended to reduce inflammation and joint pain, that in some cases causes liver damage and failure," explained Alayna. "2-D cell culturing can be used for testing toxicity, but 3-D cell culturing better approximates its effect on a living being by growing a miniature, simplified organ. We chose to do both to get more well-rounded data."

Working with Paliwal granted Alayna greater insight into experimental protocol and procedural design for lab work, as well as giving her many helpful critiques for her paper and presentation.

At the conclusion of the 10-week program, Alayna presented her findings to students, staff and faculty of the MSOE, as well as industry professionals.

Alayna joined this REU already knowing that she enjoyed research in the field of

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Stockings will be available for pick up starting Tuesday, October 25th at the funeral home! Come in any time between 9:00 am - 4:00 pm to pick up a stocking. All stockings will need to be returned by Friday, December 2, 2022.



OAKWOOD HS CLASS OF 1964 MEET



Auglaize-Brown (Oakwood High School) Class of 1964 met in September at the Oakwood Fellowship Hall. Fellowship was enjoyed by all! Pictured here are the attendees of this year's reunion. Front row: Brenda Stoller Mullen, Jim Mullen, Dianne Cooper, Faith Ann Hubbard Bradford, Katy Grimes Ludwig, Terry Stahl Sherry, and Linda Porter Gerken. 2nd Row: Joyce Leatherman Fuller, Barb McClure Brittig, Jean McCullough Bulau, Carol Ann Fry Retcher, Gary Fogle, Dianna Etter McClure, Sue Carnahan Rager, and Jerrolyn Bradford Parrett. Third Row:David Dangler, Gary Dodge, Dr John Saxton, Dennis Thrasher, Patricia Kohart Pendleton.

This is a correction from last week's paper. We apologize for our oversight
—WBN editors

tissue engineering. She said MSOE felt like the best possible learning experience, especially since the advisors were already working in her future field. She is grateful to have gotten the chance to go to her first choice of REU, a perfect fit for her.

"My favorite time in the lab was when I first successfully cultured 3-D cells," she recalled. "I had to do a lot of practice making sure the microwells in the hydrogel were perfect. If the microwells collapsed in on itself, then the cells were not going to grow, so being able to see that I had successfully made the organoids was a big accomplishment for me."

"This REU program just solidified my love for research, and that it is something I would like to pursue," she said

She plans to attend graduate school after graduation to earn a Ph.D. in tissue engineering or a related field.

VAN WERT POST INVESTIGATES FATAL CRASH

The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle fatal crash that occurred at approximately 4:13 P.M., on October 11, 2022, on US Route 224 near Dull Robinson Road, in Van Wert County.

A 2019 Dodge Ram, operated by Craig A. Shivley, age 63, of Convoy, was traveling eastbound on US Route 224. A 2014 Freightliner semi, operated by Paul A. Guinther, age 67, of Middle Point, was traveling westbound on US Route 224. Mr. Shivley's vehicle crossed the centerline and was struck head-on by Mr. Guinther's semi. The Dodge Ram came to final rest off the

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costume contest, 7:30-8:00

New Haven:

October 31 — Trick or Treat, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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October 31 — Trick or Treat, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

south side of the roadway. The Freightliner semi came to final rest off the north side of the roadway and caught fire.

Mr. Guinther was transported by Ohio City EMS to Van Wert Health. From there he was flown by medical helicopter to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he is in stable condition. Mr. Shivley was pronounced deceased on scene by the Van Wert County Coroner's Office.

The Van Wert Post was assisted by the Ohio City Fire Department and EMS, Van Wert Fire Department, Van Wert County Sheriff's Office, Van Wert County Coroner's Office, Hague's Towing, and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to operate all vehicles in a safe manner, and never drive distracted or impaired.

NHEG RECOGNIZED IN TWO CATEGORIES

New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) was named Top Global Business of the Year 2022 in the Skill Development Category by Great Companies. Pamela Clark, Executive Director, stated, "We are honored by the recognition from Great Companies and appreciate them for the certificate of recognition. We work very hard here at NHEG and it's nice to receive recognition for our very important work."

The Fort Wayne, Indiana Journal Gazette Readers' Choice contest had over 200,000 votes cast! The New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) placed 3rd for Best Learning / Tutoring Center!



The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office



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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let me begin by admitting that I'm one of the people called out by Richard Mastin to write more Letters to the Editor. I did tell him in a phone conversation last fall that "he says everything that I want to say, so I don't feel the need to do it myself". Well in the issue from September 26, Dick asked a series of questions, as if to prompt a reply, so here it goes.

Before addressing his

that when their term is up they want a strong, free, safe and thriving society to come

questions, let me say that his

view on term limits has got

me thinking. At first I thought

how it would be a shame to

lose great representation like Jim Jordan, Rand Paul, John

Kennedy, Marjorie Taylor

Greene and Lauren Boebert.

But the more I think about it, I am convinced that the bene-

fits of breaking up permanent

DC far out-weigh the loss of

these great people. You ever

wonder why you only hear pa-

triotic, freedom loving Liber-

tarians and Republicans cam-

paigning for Term Limits? It's

because they know they can

survive and succeed outside of

politics. They can do things.

They can build stuff. They can

fix things. They can grow or

invent or run a business, or

even hold a job where merit matters! Go visit an employer

around here. They have a QC

department. Quality Control

is exactly why Democrats hate

the thought of Term Limits!

Permanent Washington has

no problem with ruining our

society. It doesn't affect them.

They continue to vote them-

selves a raise and pass laws

that waste more and more of

our money. Which reminds

me of a very important point:

we all have got to stop calling

it "Government Money". The

government has no money.

They don't produce anything,

they don't sell anything and

they certainly can't run a

profitable business. That is our

money. Those are our tax dol-

lars. We won an extremely

difficult war against taxation

without representation. With

term limits, we will send to

DC our representation, and

they will not want to screw

things up like they currently

do. They will go there, as the

founding fathers intended, to

serve their country, knowing

Now to answer some very important questions from a very knowledgeable and expepatriot, Richard

1. Marxism requires the end of Religion so that the people make the party their God, like Democrats have done. They cannot control people of Faith as we answer to a higher authority. Permanent DC power uses fear and freebies to control. Our God has not given us a Spirit of fear, but of Love, Power and a sound mind. People think Karl Marx and Communism is Atheist and does not believe in God. To the contrary, Marx believed very strongly in God and declared war against him and his people. Sound like any party you know today?

2. The Obama movement is globalism, and more than one representative from the Biden administration has openly and publicly admitted that the goal of "the party" is "the new liberal world order". Global equity will require the redistribution of wealth, resources and property. Making the greatest society in the history of the world weaker, poorer, more unhappy, more dangerous and reliant upon every other place in the world moves us toward global equity. Sound like any place in recent history?

3. Defunding the police, like the abuse of the welfare system is all about the further destruction of the family unit. Our society is historically great because we, as a people, are good. Good, strong, law abiding families flourish when we are safe and justice prevails. Tear that down with lawlessness and you destroy the nuclear family. It's textbook Marxism. They may have made some changes to wording, but BLM and Antifa openly and proudly claim to be Marxist organizations. Joe Biden claims that "Antifa is just an idea", even though their web address ends in

4. Biden's Attorney General, DOJ, FBI and now IRS are just following orders to scare those of us that are still free, independent and Religious into falling in line. It's their last effort to control us, which is exactly why they

work so hard on gun control! 5. & 6. Democrats are pushing CRT because it is Marxism. They divide and conquer. Never before have so many good people with great life experiences with friends,

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family, co-workers and teammates of all races and religions wasted so much time, energy and resources thinking about racism. "Are they racist"?. "Do they think I'm racist"? "How do I prove that I'm not"? We used to just treat everyone the same, with compassion and justice. BLM literally wasted billions of dollars and even made some of them filthy rich (and were convicted of fraud) and helped no one! 6. Also with the question

of free speech, because we are

inherently good people making up this great nation, given all of the facts, we make good They, decisions. Democrats and DC Oligarchy, can't win if the Truth be known. Example; some cable programs (dish and direct tv) include in their basic package channels like CNN, MSNBC, BET, BBC, channels from other countries, channels in other languages, ESPN 3 & 4, but you have to pay more for FOX News & Newsmax. It's called controlling information. It might be changing now since no free-thinking adult wants to see anything from CNN and the top rated news shows in all time frames are on FOX. When I hear ignorance speak, I don't argue, I just say "ya know for a couple more bucks, you can get real information"!

7. As for the LGBT Question, it's straight Marxism destroying the family. Just like the transgender movement. If they can't abort them all, at least they can stop the children from having families. They don't care about those people, just ask the organization "Gays against grooming". They have been banned from all social media platforms because they are openly against all these attacks on the chil-

As for Richard Mastin's remaining questions, and without writing a book, I believe that they all fall under what I have already written here. Marxism equals Communism even if you call it Democratic Socialism. History, even recent history, like Venezuela, has taught us how that always $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1$ ends; division, lawlessness, chaos, one-sided justice system, destruction of the family, removal of God and eventually no individual rights, no private property and complete dependence on and fear of The Party in control. Even the

HERITAGE LIONS PRESENT AWARD **TO LARRY SMITH**

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Heritage Lions President Tom Wolf presented Lion Larry Smith with an award from the Lions Global Action Team. During Larry's 2021-2022 Presidential term, the Heritage Lions gained more members in District 25B than any other club. Larry is a founding member of the Heritage Lions, which began in 1971. Larry has been a Heritage Lions for 51 years, which is a remarkable achievement.

energy crisis and attack on fossil fuel is all about complete control. If it were about clean energy there would be more talk about nuclear power and we could acknowledge all of the massive gains and improvements made in this country over my lifetime, especially when compared to the rest of the world. How are we cleaning the planet by purchasing our power from other countries that don't even follow the same types of EPA rules and regulations that have made our continent so much cleaner than it was 40 or 50 years ago? It's all about control, which is why the IRS has purchased more firepower and ammo than any police department and they need to confiscate all of the guns.

It's going to go one of three

1. They win (Democrats, DC Oligarchy, and globalism), we will need permission, on their schedule, just to travel to and from work on their GTA (Government Transit Authority). Forget about travel for

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leisure or recreation, only the politicians and the rich and famous will be free to do that.

They succeed (Democrats and the New Liberal World Order), without getting our guns, make NFKA (Nation Formerly Know As) into Europe. They absolutely can succeed in their goal to make US like Europe. If we drive 4 hours from my house to Chicago, we travel in 3 different states. Do that in Europe and those 3 states each have their own government, borders, taxes, laws, GDP and military! Gun control starting to make more sense to you

3. If we do remain and are allowed to have our Constitutional Republic, we can have law and order, equal justice, fair, accurate and true elections. Democracy can survive on this soil and our elected officials will represent "We The People". November 8th will be a move in the right direction!

—Chuck Schroeder, Paulding, OH

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

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Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Paulding, Paulding County Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop- Payne: N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Genesis Dollar Library, Manor. House, G-Mart

Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, Pizza, Maramart, Library CVS.

Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond Village Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Pharmacy, Dollar General, INDIANA LOCATIONS ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Senior Center, Walmart, Home, Golden Years Assisted
Cabbage Patch, Advanced Living Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid

Kaiser Sales **Edgerton**: Supermarket, USPS, Utilties Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Main Stop, Marathon (East)

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ANTWERP HOST XC INVITATIONAL



Boys ran after the girls at the Antwerp Invitational on October 8, 2022. In team scores, Fairview took 1st place followed by Hicksville and Antwerp. More pictures at www.westbend-



Archer Leigha Doster ran a great race, finishing 4th in the Antwerp XC Invitational on Saturday, October 8, 2022. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports

On Saturday, October 8, the Archers invited nine area schools to their annual cross country invitational.

In the high school girl's competition Kiara Bahena had the best time for the county with a time of 20:23 just three seconds behind the winner, Andrea Pfau from Miller City. Antwerp's Leigha Doster clocked in with a time of 21:02 good for a fourth-place finish.

Fairview won as a team with a score of 45 followed by Columbus Grove (54), Wayne Trace (57), Antwerp (88) and Edgerton (92). Runners competing but not a full team were from Hicksville, Leipsic, Miller

City and Paulding.

Antwerp finishers: 2. Bahena (20:25), 7. Abby Moore (21:21), 11. Abby Elkens (22:21), 15. Aubree Miller (23:19), 29. Elizabeth Mohr (24:22), 39. Laura Thornell (26:01), 47. Libby Meraz (28:59) and 50. Kara Stoller (31:34).

Antwerp finishers: 4. Leigha Doster (21:02), 14. Aeriel Snyder (22:36), 20. Isabelle Graham (23:24), 28. Makenna Smith (24:24), 33. Sara Farr (25:00).

Paulding runners finished: 43. Adrianna Carwile (27:30) and 46. Cassie Weller

Columbus Grove (28 points) took first place in the boys' event followed by Fairview (51), Hicksville

(82), Antwerp (83), 5. Pauld-

Trent Koch from Columbus Grove captured the championship with a winning time of 17:23 followed closely behind by Antwerp's Kamren Johnson time of

Antwerp team score (83): 2. K. Johnson (17:29), 11. A. Johnson (18:31), 16. Alex Zilstra (19:00), 40. John Bailey (21:55), 46. Levi Shelton (23:29), 48. Skyler Octaviano (24:04).

Paulding team score (125): 28. Cully Thompson (20:16), 37. Eli Jones (21:19), 41. Jeremiah Koenig (22:14), 43. Garrett McClure (22:17), 44. Greyson Harder (22:35), 45. Sheridan Matty (23:02), 46. Levi Shelton (23:29) and 49. Wesley Ludwig (24:22).

The Raiders did not have a complete team but four runners represented their school: 14. Gage Ogle (18:53), 22. Prestyn Schnepp (19:33), 36. Seth Rosswurm (21:15) and 38. Riley Manz

ALTIMUS, ARCHERS TAKE CONTROL OF GMC RACE

Carson Altimus ran for 116 yards and threw for 234 more to lead the Antwerp Archers to a 35-24 win over Ayersville Friday night in Green Meadows Conference football action.

The blue and white takes control of the league title race with the win, improving to 8-0 overall and 5-0 in the conference with a chance to clinch at least a share next Friday when Antwerp hosts county rival Paulding.

Ayersville drops to 6-2 in

all games and 4-1 in the league with the loss as the Pilots are tied for second with Edgerton (7-1 overall, 4-1 GMC).

Altimus opened the scoring with a two-yard plunge that put Antwerp on top 6-0 before the Antwerp quarterback connected with Camden Fuller for a 30-yard touchdown toss that made it 13-0.

Blake Hauenstein got the Pilots on the scoreboard with a four-yard touchdown run but the blue and white quickly responded.

Altimus hooked up with Landon Brewer for a six-yard scoring strike in pushing the Archer lead as Antwerp widened the margin back to two scores at 21-8.

Abe Delano hauled in a 24-yard touchdown pass from Hauenstein to bring the Pilots back within 21-16 before Reid Lichty rumbled nine-yards for an Antwerp touchdown that put the Archers in front 27-16 at the intermission.

Following a scoreless third quarter, Altimus put the game away by scooting 76 yards for a touchdown that gave Antwerp a 35-16 lead. Ayersville recorded its fi-

nal touchdown of the night midway through the period when Delano was on the receiving end of a 35-yard scoring strike from Hauenstein.

Owen Berner totaled 101 rushing yards on 12 carries for Ayersville with Hauenstein adding 62 yards overall 17 attempts. Hauenstein ended the night 4 of 13 for 62 yards for the Ayersville squad with Delano picking up two catches.

Lichty finished the night with 76 yards on 18 attempts for Antwerp and Fuller topped the Archer receivers with six receptions for 75 yards. Brewer and Parker Moore each had four receptions while Lichty picked up three.

VOLLEYBALL SECTIONAL MATCHUPS ANNOUNCED

Area volleyball squads found out their tournament opponents on Sunday as sectional/district draws were held around northwest Ohio.

In Division IV, Hicksville garnered the top seed at the Defiance district with Hilltop taking the second seed.

In opening round play, eighth seeded North Central will host 11th seeded Fayette on October 18 with the winner advancing to play second seeded Hilltop on October 20.

Also on October 20, third seeded Edgerton will host seventh seeded Antwerp in a sectional final matchup.

The bottom of the bracket has fifth seeded Stryker playing sixth seeded Ayersville on October 18 with that victory advancing to play at fourth seeded Pettisville on October

Lastly, ninth seeded Montpelier hosts tenth seeded Edon in a semifinal on October 18 with that survivor moving on to play at top seeded Hicksville October 20.

Division III district action will be hosted by Kalida where Coldwater and Parkway picked up the top two seeds.

The top seeded Cavaliers will welcome in 11th seeded Riverdale for a sectional semifinal match on October 17 with the winner playing Delphos Jefferson on October

Eighth seeded Van Buren plays host to ninth seeded

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net **WOODLAN RACES AT CROSS** COUNTRY SECTIONALS



Warrior cross country team finished 4th at sectionals!



Lady Warrior cross country team finished 5th at sectionals!

On to Regionals for Woodlan Warriors Cross Country Teams! Lady Warriors finished in 5th place and Men Warriors finished in 4th place. The cooler weather helped with fast times by all the warrior runners. Leading the lady warriors was Katy Niles taking 3rd place with a time of 19:50, followed by Mae Emenhiser in 10th place with a time of 20:30, Cara Chen in 23rd place with a time of 21:31, Riley Zent in 41st place with a time of 23:03, Breanna Lake in 45th place with a time of 23:25, Morgan Miller in 54th place with a time of 23:52 and

Bethany Lockridge in 65th place with a time of 24:47.

Leading the men warriors was Carter Hohenbrink in 15th place with a time of 17:40, followed by Nate Lockridge in 19th place with a time of 17:55, Brady Garrison in 26th place with a time of 18:04, Ryan Hubbart in 32nd place with a time of 18:16, Ĵohnathan Baxter in 40th place with a time of 18:34, Collin Klepper in 48th place with a time of 19:02 and Cooper McDaniel in 65th place with a time of 20:10. Regionals take place at Indiana Wesleyan University, October 15, 2022.

Bluffton in a semifinal contest on October 17 with the victor advancing to take on fourth seeded Ottawa Glandorf.

Also in the Division III bracket, sixth seeded Allen East welcomes in tenth seeded Paulding as third seeded St. Henry awaits the winner while fifth seeded Wayne Trace hosts seventh seeded Fort Recovery with second seeded Parkway slated to play the survivor.

RAIDERS SHOOT DOWN AYERSVILLE IN THREE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Lady Raiders continued their winning ways on the road with a key conference battle with Ayersville last Tuesday. Wayne Trace needed just three sets to put away the

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Pilots 25-12, 25-15, 25-17. With the win the Raiders stand 5-1 in league play and 16-5 overall while their opponent falls to 2-4 and 8-13 overall. With one conference match remaining on the schedule Fairview holds down the top spot in the GMC with an undefeated mark of 6-0 with the Raiders on their heels at 5-1 followed by Hicksville

and Tinora both at 4-2.

Leading the Raiders were Sydnee Sinn with 13 digs along with 12 kills and two aces while team mate Gracie Shepherd contributed 12 digs and 12 kills. Also playing well for the red, white and blue: Kaitlin Slade with a team high 16 digs, Macy Doster totaling 12 digs, Elise Miller with six digs, Lexi Moore adding five kills and Harper Myers with three kills along with three



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Scores:

In JV action, the Paulding Lady Panthers won: 25-22, 25-13. Paulding Freshmen won on this night: 25-12,

Marley Parrett led with 14 kills, 4 blocking assists, 15

Katie Beckman ended her last home game as a Panther with 11 kills, 29 assists, a solo block, 12 digs, and an ace. Carlea Kuckuck was big in her offense for her last home game as a Panther with 7 kills, a solo block, 2 blocking assists, 6 digs, and 4 aces.

Elli Barton ended the night with 5 kills, 9 digs, and

Brooklynn Bakle also had 5 kills, a solo block, and a

Jocelynn Parrett finished with 4 kills, 3 aces, and 22

Maci Kauser had 15 digs

"Had a rough start again

tonight, but the girls found a

way to stay in it and play to

their potential! Earlier in the

season, we would not have

been able to come back from

that. They are learning and

growing together. Sadly we

are nearing the end of our

season, but it's all coming to-

gether in time for tourna-

ment! I am very proud of how

the team played tonight! We

Paulding Coach, Sydney

WOODLAN SPLITS PAIR OF

The Woodlan volleyball

Barons,

team took on a pair of Indiana

squads last week with the Lady Warriors defeating DeKalb before falling at

Woodlan recorded a straight set victory over the Barons by scores of 25-19, 25-19 and 25-

Avah Smith led the way for the Lady Warriors with 11 kills while Lauren Snyder

posted eight and Taylor Kneubuhler chipped in seven.

aces with Snyder getting two

for Woodlan and Kyra Parker

recorded six blocks. Makenna

Smith picked up 24 digs for

the Lady Warriors while Avah

Smith and Lauren Snyder

both chipped in seven digs.

Alyssa Harvey and Reagan

Snyder also finished with six

dished out 19 and 12 assists,

respectively, for the Lady

Audra Smith and Harvey

The Lady Spartans of

Iomestead picked up a fourset win over Woodlan despite

the Warriors winning game one 26-24. Homestead then

answered with three consecutive game victories, taking the

second game 25-23 before fol-

lowing that up with victories

kills for the Lady Warriors

and Marissa Smith totaled

five slams. Parker, Kneubuh-

ler and Avah Smith all fin-

nine aces for Woodlan and

Alyssa Harvey posted five

with Kneubuhler recording three blocks. Makenna Smith

picked up 15 digs with Lauren

Snyder having eight and

Alyssa Harvey dished out 14

assists while Audra Smith to-

taled nine.

Makenna Smith recorded

Lauren Snyder had nine

of 25-16 and 25-12.

ished with four kills.

digs apiece.

Warriors.

Audra Smith totaled three

ready!" commented

and was 23/24 receiving!

15 - 10

25-15

Paulding Stats:

digs, and an ace.

blocking assist.

digs.

Collins.

MATCHES

Homestead.

Against the

LADY WARRIORS FALL IN SECTIONAL OPENER TO HERITAGE



Woodlan's Marissa Smith spikes the ball to Heritage side of the court in the first set of the sectional match up. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Leo High School hosted the opening round of 3A sectional volleyball. The excitement of the evening palpitated from the stands and on the court as these county rivals bumped, served, spiked and tipped back and forth. Lady Patriots led the match by winning the first set, 23-25, but the Lady Warriors were there to play and won the second match,

25-17. The volley continued in the same fashion for the remaining 3 sets: Heritage in the 3rd, 16-25; Woodlan in the 4th, 25-14. The final set was the decision maker for this Sectional opener. Heritage took the match with this final win, 6-15, and they moved on in sectional play while the Lady Warriors bowed out for the 2022 sea-

TIGHT MATCH TAKES PAULDING

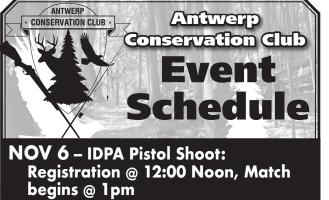


Paulding's Aeylah Hitzeman spikes the ball back to the Archers in the second set of Tuesday night's game.



Antwerp's Addyson Hormann digs the ball for a save for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

What an exciting night! A triple, conference win for the our Lady Panthers against Antwerp! Paulding varsity kept it interesting with a 5-set comeback victory, yet again tonight!



NOV 10 - Monthly meeting @ 7pm; we will be nominating officers at this meeting.

NOV 13 - Trap Shoot: Registration @ 12:45pm, Shoot begins @ 1pm.

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Celebrations take place after Paulding Junior Kobe Foor picks up the fumble for the Panthers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Tinora kept host Paulding off the scoreboard until the final quarter as the Rams cruised to a 27-8 win over the Panthers in Green Meadows Conference football action Friday night. Tonight's game was Military Appreciation Night at Keysor Field. Panthers - athletes and spectators alike - showed their military pride and veterans were recognized before the game.

Jacob Bishop hit a pair of field goals and the Rams used a blocked field goal return for a touchdown to get the victory, improving to 5-3 overall

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and 3-2 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Tinora opened the scoring with a 31-yard field goal by Bishop for a 3-0 advantage before Dominic Graziani picked up a blocked Panther field goal attempt and returned it 87-yards for a Ram touchdown to break the game open.

The green and white went on to post a 10-0 halftime advantage.

Brandon Edwards extended the Defiance County squad's lead with a 42-yard touchdown scamper that widened the Ram lead to 17-0.

Bishop then hit his second field goal of the evening, a 34yarder that widened the Tinora margin to 20-0 at the end of three periods.

Cole Anders completed the green and white scoring with a 33-yard run that pushed the Ram lead to 27-0.

Paulding broke up the shutout with a 28-yard scoring strike from Colten Hunt to Caleb Larson that set the final margin at 27-8.

Tinora picked up 137 rushing yards from its top two (Continued on Page 8)

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THE LEFT TURN



onship. Photo Credit: Action Photos

By: Ron Burt

On Friday night Tyler Courtney wrapped up the 2022 Tezos All Star Circuit of Champions title with his first ever Fremont Speedway win Friday, Oct. 7 to open the 15th Annual Jim and Joanne Ford Classic.

Courtney, from Indianapolis, Indiana, led all 35 laps for his eighth All Star 410 Sprint win of 2022 and the 16th series win of his career. He also picked up \$6000.00 for the victory. After the race Courtney said, "I just kept moving the wing back and trying to get traction. The track stayed better tonight than it normally does and early in the night we were a little too tight but we didn't want to free it up because this place just gets slicker as the night goes on. So just trying to stay a step ahead of it is tough. I think before this year and speedweek one of our best finishes here was like eighth or ninth so to come in here at speedweek and run two top fives and then show up here on finale weekend and get a win is just awesome".

Second place finisher Justin Peck came on strong the last half of the race, but it was a real battle as he tried to find the right racing line and he had good drivers challenging him. Courtney built a sizeable lead until entering

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heavy lapped traffic on lap 10. That allowed Cap Henry and Cale Thomas to close. The feature's only caution flew on lap 20 and gave Courtney the clear track he needed as he pulled away to a nearly three second lead while Henry, Thomas and Justin Peck waged a great battle for sec-

When the checker finally waved it was Tyler Courtney, Justin Peck, Cap Henry, and Cole Duncan. Local fan favorites had a rough Friday night. Zeth Sabo took 6th, Travis Philo 10th, Greg Wilson 11th and Cole Macedo

The Dirt Trucks were on hand and ran two features. Each A-main had different drivers. The first feature went to the 2022 track champion, Iamie Miller. Shawn Valent was 2nd and Dan Hennig 3rd. Jeff Babcock won the second feature, with Chester Fitch, and Brad Mitten finishing 2nd and 3rd.

The area still has some good racing left and next week I'll try to cover and recap the Winchester 400 weekend. Some of you have messaged me and plan on camping out during the fourday festival of speed with several classes in action. Lorain Raceway Park will the running their Halloween Festival of Speed this weekend. Gas City I-69 Speedway will close

ANTWERP STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NHS & NJHS



National Honor Society: Back Row: Connar Shiple, Landon Brewer, Reid Lichty, Cohen Hitzeman, Camden Fuller. 3rd Row: Emma Townley, Addyson Hormann. 2nd Row: Hannah Molitor, Leila Spyker. Front Row: Brooke Molitor, Kahlea Shook. Not Pictured: Myranda Brooks, Aewyn McMichael



National Junior Honor Society: Brooklynn Lawson, Brayden Fuller, Annabelle Mowery



Quill & Scroll: Makenna Lawson, Allison Carnes, Brooke Hounshell, Gracie Stoller, Derek Hines, Lydia Krouse. Not Pictured: Aewyn McMichael, Madisyn Peters

On Sunday, October 9, 2022, Antwerp High School inducted new members into

the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, and Quill and Scroll.

out their season October 21st and 22nd with the annual Fall Festival of Speed. Non-Wing 410 Sprints will headline the two-night event. Friday will also feature the USAC Thunder Midgets and Micors. Sat-

urday the Sprints will be racing for \$3000.00 to win and Modifieds and Sportsman Stocks will be on the show. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

IHSAA SETS FOOTBALL MATCHUPS

The Indiana High School Athletic Association released the 2022 sectional matchups for high school football on Sunday with some intriguing local contests early in the tournament.

In Class 4A, Sectional 19, New Haven and Leo both fall into this sectional with the Lions getting a first-round home game.

Opening round action in the sectional includes Angola (6-2) hosting East Noble (3-5), Leo (5-3) welcomes in Fort Wayne South Side (0-8),

New Haven (4-4) visits DeKalb (3-5) and Columbia City (7-1) travels to Fort

Wayne Wayne (2-6). Heritage will take part in Class 3A, Sectional 27, as the Patriots (5-3) host Norwell (8-0) in opening round play. Other first round games in the sectional include Fort Wayne Concordia (3-5) at Woodlan (4-4), Bellmont (0-8) at Garrett (1-7) and Yorktown (6-2) at Delta (3-5).

All first-round games will be played October 21 with the semifinals slated for October 28 and the championship is scheduled for November 4.

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runners in the contest as Dallas Dachenhaus posted 70 yards and Edwards added 67 more.

Dawson Lamb topped the Paulding running attack with 26 yards on a dozen carries while Jesse Shaffer added 23 yards over six attempts.

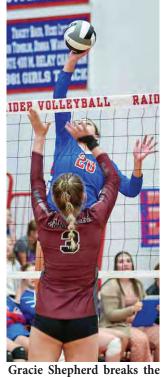
Hunt ended the night 14 of 28 passing for 153 yards with Larson posting a team high six receptions for 56 yards. Brayden Sanders also added four catches for Paulding.

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Wayne Trace Kills record in tonights game against the Panthers. With nine kills in tonight's victory, Shepherd set a new school record for kills in a season with 287. This breaks the old record of 285 set by Sarah Feasby in 2011. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

In their final regular season match the Lady Raiders hosted conference and county foe Paulding. The Raiders we looking to close out the season with momentum that would carry them into tournament play, For the Lady Panthers they were hoping for an upset that



Paulding's Maci Kauser is under the ball ready to tap it back to the Raiders. More pictures at westbendnews

would keep them out of the conference cellar. The Raiders had their way throughout the contest while setting the tone early. The Raiders took the first set 25-8 and then coasted in the following two sets with wins of 25-18, 25-13.

Not only did the red, white and blue secure the win, their fourth in a row, senior veteran Gracie Shepherd managed to set a season school record in kills -287. The previous record was held by Sarah Feasby (285) for the past 11 years. On the night Shepherd produced nine kills to set the new mark.

With the win the Raiders finish regular season play with an impressive record of 17-5 and 6-1 in the GMC.

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annual Wayne Trace Band Bash Saturday night at Raider Field. The four bands each put on their individual band shows before joining together in the finale of an entertaining and wellattended evening.

The WT Marching Band held their first annual Band Bash on Saturday, October 8, 2022. Antwerp, Lincolnview and Ottoville joined Wayne Trace to showcase their shows on the field and then everyone played "Heartache Tonight" as a finale. The fans in the stands also had a friendly competition where they had to complete tasks for points. The Lancer fans won the coveted "Band Bash

The Fine Arts Festival is coming back with the meal this year on October 22,

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2022. The menu will consist of pasta with meat marinara or chicken alfredo, salad, breadstick, apple/dip and a variety of desserts. The supper is at 5:30 p.m. and is by reservation. Please go to bit .ly/WTFineArtsMeal22 to reserve your spot.

Then, at 6:30 p.m., a concert featuring the last performance for the marching band season and the high school choir's first performance will be featured along with art displays by some of our elementary and JR/SR high school students!

WOODBURN LEAF PICKUP/ **HALLOWEEN**

The City of Woodburn will begin leaf pickup on October 17th for City residents and will continue as needed for approximately a month. On Mondays and Wednesdays throughout pickup, the East/West roads will be priority and on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout pickup, the North/South roads will be priority. Given the number of locations to consider, please understand that you may not be collected on the day that you expect. If you have questions or concerns, call City Hall at 260-632-

The City of Woodburn will be participating in Trickor-Treating for Halloween this year on Saturday October 29th, 2022, from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The Lion's Club will be hosting a costume contest immediately following City-Wide Trick-or-Treating at the Woodburn Lutheran School gymnasium. All ages are welcome to attend.

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,

JESUS ORONA, ET AL., ET AL., Defendants,

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

302 East Harmon Street, Oakwood Parcel Number: 10-22S-017-00

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 Forty-nine Hundred Eighty-three and 53/100 (\$4,983.53) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and

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 on Thursday, November 3, 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 on November 17, 2022 for the

Bidding begins on scheduled Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. An auction will be conducted for each individual property/court case. After a property is sold, the next

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.

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> Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

aces with team mate Kaitlin Slade adding 11 digs. Sydnee Sinn finished the night with eight kills and three digs and sophomore Harper Myers adding six kills, five aces and three digs. Lexi Moore finished with four kills and two blocks and Macy Doster adding four digs. **NEW DEGREE PROGRAM IN**

EDUCATION AT OHIO STATE LIMA LEADS TO DUAL LICENSES FOR GRADUATES

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The dual licensure program will launch for new students on the Lima and Columbus campuses spring semester 2023 and at Marion, Mansfield and Newark autumn semester 2023. Current students can transition into the program this semes-

Graduates of this program will be prepared to teach in preschool and elementary classrooms, providing instruction to children with and without disabilities. They will complete

kills along with two aces. Miller contributed eight digs along with four

OF REAL ESTATE Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

CODY D. KING, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 077.

Wayne Trace senior band

member Elizabeth Mohr per-

forms a solo during the

Raider band performance

October 8th at the first an-

nual Wayne Trace Band

Bash. Bands from Antwerp,

Lincolnview and Ottoville

joined the Wayne Trace band

in a well-attended and enjoy-

able performance Saturday

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Paulding ends their 2022

campaign at 6-16 overall and

1-6 in the GMC. Final stand-

ings: 1. Fairview 7-0; 2.

Wayne Trace 6-1; 3. Tinora

5-2; 4. Hicksville 4-3; 5.

Edgerton and Ayersville 2-5;

7. Antwerp and Paulding

setter Kacy Hornish finished

with 24 assists, four kills,

four aces and three digs to

help led the Raiders to vic-

tory. Shepherd accounted for

14 digs, a record setting nine

For the Raiders junior

evening at Raider Field.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

8097 Road 151, Oakwood Parcel Number: 20-25S-009-09

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse or at:

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Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the November 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

https://paulding.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov.

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on December 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

Purchasers 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

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000) Dollars will be due at the time of the sale. Balance of the purchase price shall be paid before

The successful bidder will have Thirty (30) days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has Thirty (30) days to file a written motion requesting the sale be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed Ninety (90) days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

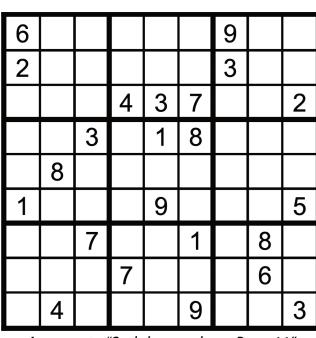
Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com

Douglas A. Haessig, Attorney for Plaintiff

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Sudoku Puzzle



Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

coursework toward two teaching licenses: primary education (P-5) and primary intervention specialist (P-5). Significant field experi-

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff,

SCOT D. BLANKENSHIP, EL.AL. DEFENDANTS.

Case No. CI-22-165 Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Scot D. Blankenship and Unknown Spouse of Scot D. Blankenship

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 5788 Road Y, Leipsic, Ohio 45856

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against Scot D. Blankenship and Blankenship seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Scot D. Blankenship and Unknown Spouse of Scot D. Blankenship to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate.

The real property in question is situated as follows:

A parcel of land lying North of United States Route No. 24 (now County Road 424), in the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 12, Town 3 North, Range 2 East, Crane Township, Paulding County, Ohio, and which is more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the center of said Section 12; thence North 1°12' East on the North-South Half (1/2) Section line of said Section 12, Five hundred sixty-one and zero hundredths (561.00) feet to a point in the centerline of United States Route No. 24 (now County Road 424) and the BEGINNING: North 1°12' East on the said North-South Half (1/2) Section line of Section 12, Two hundred twenty-nine and eighty-nine hundredths (229.89) feet to an iron pin; thence South 77°13'40" East, Four hundred and sixty-eight hundredths (400.68) feet to an iron pin; thence South 88°30'40" East, Six hundred nineteen and ten hundredths (619.10) feet to the low water line of the Maumee River; thence on and along the low water line of said River, the following bearings and distances:

South 61°44'40" East, One hundred and forty-six hundredths (100.46)

North 75°30'20" East, Two hundred fifty-three and zero hundredths (253,00) feet

North 58°20'21" East, Two hundred sixty-five and zero hundredths (265.00) feet:

Thence leaving said River and bearing South 35°28'45" East, One hundred forty-six and zero hundredths (146.00) feet to a point in the centerline of United States Route No. 24 (now County Road 424) (said PAULDING COUNTY ANN E. PEASE CLERK OF COURTS

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point established by a previous survey dated 1950, surveyed by Charles H. Dunakin, Registered Surveyor); thence Westerly on and along the centerline of said Highway (as established by a previous survey dated 1950, surveyed by Charles H. Dunakin, Registered Surveyor) and 5° curve to the right having a central angle of 36°14'59", a chord bearing South 73°58'30" West, and a chord length of Seven hundred twelve and ninety-seven hundredths (712.97) feet to a point; thence North 87°54 West on the centerline of said Highway (as established by a survey dated 1950, previous surveyed by Charles H. Dunakin, Registered Surveyor), Nine hundred seventy-three and sixty hundredths (973.60) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 5.945 acres of land, more or less, but subject to all legal highways and easements of record.

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Auditor's Parcel #13-12S-016-00 Property Address: Road 424

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of you real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse. 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk Court of Common Pleas Paulding, County, Ohio

By: Kalletuxelly

Respectively submitted,

Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106) Paulding County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney 120 S. Walnut Street

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FAIRVIEW FFA CHAPTER PREPARES FOR AND COMPETES IN THE SOIL JUDGING CONTEST



Carter Hill and James Smith examine the soil structure in the



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William Zeedyk studies his soil analysis.

By: Elizabeth Bok

The Ag 1 and 2 students spent weeks learning about soil properties and how to best use them, to prepare for the Urban and Rural Soil Judging Contest. The Ag 1 students learned about Urban Soils and Ag 2 students studied Rural Soils. The students learned about soil texture and structure, soil horizons, water tables, slope of the land, landforms, and other essential information to judge a soil pit. The students learned how to judge soil texture in the field by

ribboning, and how to find slope with a slope card. During class the students started by learning about properties of the soil. They learned about the different soil structure and texture types. They determined what all of the different soils looked and felt like. Using their knowledge of the soil texture, they learned how to ribbon. Ribboning is used to easily find the soil texture when judging a soil pit. To ribbon, they took a handful of soil, and ran water over the soil to get a muddy ball. This allows

them to see how the soil sticks together and breaks apart along with what the texture feels like. They also learned how to read a judging card for a soil pit.

Sixteen total students attended the soil contest.Monday September, 26, which was held at the Defiance County Extension Office. The contest consisted of a general soil knowledge test, a test on using a Soil Survery Book, and 3 soil pits to judge. The students did very well as the Urban team placed 7th out of 16 teams, and the Rural team placed 9th out of 23 teams.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Nathan Meglich, Antwerp, OH; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed at defendant's cost; No tail lights, Case dismissed; Loud exhaust, Case dismissed; OVI/ urn/drgs, Count A dismissed; OVI/urn/drgs, Pled no contest, found guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance not provided, Pay all fines, 90 days jai, 87 suspended, Operator license suspension from 10/21/22 to 10/21/23; OVI/ urn/drgs, Count C dismissed

Ramon Gonzalez, Houston, TX; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Avery J. Douglas, Rensselaer, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension

Markee L. Green, Toledo, OH; OVI/under influence, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant and counsel appeared via Zoom, May attend DIP in lieu fo 3 days jail, Pay all fines and costs, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, Operator license suspension from 10/22/22 to 10/22/23; No operator's license, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count D dismissed

Mark G. Henderson, Stow, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bradley Simon, Cecil, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed

course Johnny S. Reed, Toledo, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant appeared via video from Paulding County Jail; Pay all fines and costs; Warrant and war-

rant block shall be recalled Amy L. Moses, Decatur, IN; Endanger child, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed, Costs

Vantage seniors were inducted as members of the Vantage chapter of the National Technical Honor Society during the banquet held on October 4, 2022. In addition to the guests of honor, parents, Vantage and home school administrators were able to attend the event to rec-

ognize this elite group of stu-

Thirty-four outstanding

tumn Zuber)

NTHS membership is the highest award for excellence in career technical education and is a reliable indicator of performance and leadership in the workplace. Not only do NTHS inductees embody all the attributes and talents in demand today, they also embrace a clear vision for tomorrow's workforce and their role in it.

Vantage students who achieved a 3.5 grade point av-

to defendant, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Physical control, Guilty, ALS vacated, Proof of insurance provided, 30 days jail, 29 suspended, Operator license suspension 12/16/21 to 06/16/22

Samantha J. Garcia, Lafayette, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Binyaile M. Wilson, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Summer R. Green, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Barry S. Colpetzer, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Richard D. Phillips, Lima, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christopher C. Conley, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/ drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Travis A. Baity, Hamptonville, NC; Over length; Guilty; Case was waived by

Wyatt L. Hale, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

erage or better, while maintaining a 95% attendance rate, both their junior and senior year, were eligible to apply for membership. In addition to submitting a resume and writing an essay stating why they would like to be a part of the NTHS, the students were also required to obtain three teacher recommendations.

Vantage would like to congratulate our newly inducted members of the Vantage 2022-23 Na-

tional Technical Honor Society. (Not pictured: Madelyn O'Donnell, Jillian Treece, and Au-

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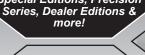


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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill September Student of the Month are: Front L-R: Sadie Noffsinger, Tessa Stoller, Aliyah Duer, Clara Laukhuf, Kinsley Sinn and Kollin Reichert. Kneeling: Jayde Sinn, Jennifer Lopez, Gracelyn Miller, Brianna McClure and Gracelyn Elkins. Standing: Abigail Tarlton, Aylan Stoller and Abigail Baker. Absent Lane Noffsinger.

Landin (Ottoville), Network Systems; Emily Luersman (Fort Jennings), Interactive Media; Astrid Martinez Sandoval (Wayne Trace), Health Information Management; Juliana McClure (Van Wert), Sports Exercise Therapy; Parker Mckenzie (Lincolnview), Criminal Justice; Brooke Miller (Van Wert), Sports Exercise Therapy; Makya Miller (Delphos Jefferson), Carpentry; Madelyn O'Donnell (Antwerp), Sports Exercise Therapy; Andrew Peck (Kalida) Industrial Mechanics; Jared Pierce (Wayne Trace), Precision Machining; Lillian Price (Lincolnview), Health Technology; Elijah Reinhart (Antwerp), Industrial Mechanics; Sonya Roeder (Delphos Jefferson), Auto Collision Repair; Ezra Sinn (Wayne Trace), Precision Machining; Serenity Sites (Delphos Jefferson) Criminal

Justice; Blake Stoller (Wayne Trace), Precision Machining; Jillian Treece (Antwerp), Health Technology; Herminie Williams (Parkway), Carpentry; Laura Wolf (Antwerp), Health Technology; Riona Workman (Van Wert), Carpentry; Autumn Zuber (Antwerp), Health Technol-

OH STATE HIGHWAY PATROL EXPANDS TATTOO **ACCEPTANCE FOR TROOPERS**

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been, a professional organization built upon serving the people of Ohio. With this change we will continue to do just that, while also recognizing the diversity of those who wish to serve," said Colonel Iones.

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member of the Patrol, log onto https://statepatrol.ohio

PAULDING COUNTY ALL CIC MEETINGS CONTINUE

A meeting including all three county Community Improvement Corporations (CIC) continued this month as the group again met to discuss future collaboration opportunities within Paulding County.

The agenda was shorter this month, but members from the Antwerp/Payne/ Paulding County CIC, Oakwood Development Corporation (ODC) and Paulding CIC continued previous discussions and questioned how the function of this group might look in the future.

Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copsey shared information from a recent meeting he attended in Columbus. In the meeting, it was noted by Ohio Director of Development Lydia Mahalik, that funding for the commercial brownfield, and residential blight projects, should be distributed before June 2023. The residential projects identified in multiple villages around the county,

have been sent out for contract bidding. Commercial brownfield projects, like the Paulding Theatre and Western Auto building in Paulding, and Park Station Bar in Antwerp, await funding allocation from the state before the demolition can be bid. Also from that meeting,

Copsey explained there was discussion about how CIC groups, Port Authorities and Land Banks all differ in what they can do per Ohio Revised Code. Following the meeting, Copsey met with a representative from Knox County. The county has recently been through a similar situation of combining entities to require less participating board members and meetings. Copsey will work with Knox County to try and understand best practices if the Paulding County groups were to move forward with further collaboration.

Discussion also followed in regard to feedback from the recent county mayors meeting and development of strategic planning. This is a new concept to many and will take far more discussions, with many individuals in each village, to help make this come to fruition.

A future meeting date was not set as the group waits for outcome from discussions with Knox County officials.

"Since I began in this role it has been a goal to get all three of these powerful entities to gether to possibly work collaboratively. They all do tremendous things in their own local areas and each are represented on the county Economic Development Board, but beyond those meetings there isn't any sharing of thoughts or discussion. There have been some obstacles in the past, but little by lit-

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GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Grover Hill Elementary honors all who served and continue to serve! They will be hosting a Veterans Day Program on November 11, 2022 in the Grover Hill Gym at 10:00 am with lunch following the program.

tle members have changed,

philosophy has changed, and

maybe even some old burned

bridges have been mended or

rebuilt. We would like to

think our office had a little to

do with that, but however it happened, we are excited for this positive meeting and momentum," stated Copsey. Copsey shared about how the Northwest Ohio Regional Economic Development (NORED) group works with area county economic development directors meeting and sharing ideas; shared the same about the Northeast Indiana Regional Growth Partnership; then updated the group on a recent meeting with eight area economic development directors from Steuben, Dekalb,

Allen and Adams Counties in Indiana and Williams, Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert Counties in Ohio. It was noted that if these collaborative meetings can work why not our three entities working together right here for the overall good of Paulding County? Lively discussion followed

about the possibilities but it was quickly noted that nothing would happen without funding. The discussion then turned to the Land Reutilization Committee and Paulding County Area Foundation Director being invited to see if there might be further collaboration involved to get projects rolling together. There was also in-depth discussion about establishing fundraising event opportunities to develop seed money.

excitement enough that there is already a follow-up meeting scheduled for the group to meet again in August to review initial thoughts and decide how to

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develop a collective plan forward. For more information or questions about any of the CIC groups in the county contact the PCED office at 419-399-8282.

NON-LEAGUE PLAY

WT VOLLEYS PAST DJ IN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

With the volleyball season quickly coming to a close the Raiders hosted Delphos Jefferson in a non-conference showdown. Last Monday the red, white, and blue handled DJ in three sets 25-22, 25-16, 25-17. With the win the Raiders improve their overall record to 15-5 will Delphos Jefferson falls to 5-17.

Setter Kacey Hornish had a strong showing with 41 assists, three digs, along with two kills and two aces to help lead Wayne Trace to the threeset win. Gracie Shepherd recorded double digit stats with 20 digs and 16 kills as did Sydnee Sinn who totaled 14 kills and 13 digs. Kaitlin Slade finished with 14 digs along with 13 digs from Macy Doster. Harper Myers finished with nine kills with Elise Miller with seven digs and Lexi Moore adding five kills.





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WCCH AUCTION - BEST YEAR YET!



Schrader Auction Company officiates the Live Auction at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home Benefit auction each year.

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home has been blessed by the community with the annual fundraiser auction that took place on Saturday, October 8 at Woodlan High School. The 17th Annual Benefit Auction and dinner is the main fundraiser for the non-profit organization to ensure the best education and training for the children that have come from less than ideal circumstances.

The motto for WCCH is "WE DON'T RAISE VIC-TIMS, WE RAISE OVER-COMERS!" and that is so true with the focus on doing the will of God in taking care of orphans. Joe Heins, Executive Director, stated "Wow and Wow! The Benefit auction was a huge success!"

The support in the of doing God's work is a reflection on the community values. The children's home, located on Notestine Road, does not any government monies, meaning is entirely supported by those who believe in the work of doing

This year the auction, by Jerry Ehle and Schrader Auctioneers, raised a total of \$148,550, an increase of over 22% over the auction in 2021. Since 2016 (excluding 2020) has raised over \$600,000 for the continuation of service.

There were many people who made this possible. Churches and organizations alon gwith individuals from all over the tri-state region gave their time and money to make this possible and is very much appreciated. Heins thanked the volunteers and organizers by saying, "Your fervent prayer and tireless efforts resulted in a fun-filled experience that was blessed with generosity and goodwill."

If you would like to know more about the Woodburn Christian Children's Home, visit wcchonline.org for more information on how you can be part of this blessed ministry.



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PPEC CEO **SEARCH** CONTINUES

After much deliberation, Steve Kahle has rescinded his acceptance of the PPEC CEO position. The PPEC Board of Trustees thanks him for his consideration and 14 years of service to the co-op.

The board will host a special meeting next week to discuss next steps with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) search consultant. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

The Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees met last night (Oct. 11) at PPEC's office for a special meeting to discuss next steps for the CEO search process. National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Executive Search Consultant Leigh Taylor attended the meeting virtually to facilitate. The board decided to re-open the CEO search and expects it to take up to five months to complete. Current President and CEO George Carter has agreed to stay in his position until the search is completed.

The position application window will be open starting Oct. 14 and close Nov. 19,

2022.

Board Chairman Steve McMichael will address PPEC staff at the next regularly scheduled all-employee meeting on Oct. 17. More information will be provided as it becomes available on-

HONOR FLIGHT CELEBRATES 40th FLIGHT!

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana is slated for its 40th Honor Flight from Fort Wayne on October 26, 2022. Eighty-Six veterans from the Fort Wayne area are booked and confirmed for the flight.

Included will be 3 Korean War veterans, 6 Cold War veterans, 77 Vietnam veterans, and one Iraqi Freedom vet-

The Flight will include 5 female veterans. Participating in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be Cold War Air Force veteran Phillip DeBolt, and his daughter, Army Colonel Debra Chappel.

As of this date, 2952 veterans have traveled from Fort Wayne to Washington, D.C. on an Honor Flight to visit the Memorials that were built in their honor.

Due to construction at the airport, no welcome home festivities are permitted.

Cathy Berkshire, President of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, is determined that the third and final flight for the fall of 2022 will be just as memorable and special for the heroes that will be honored as the previous 5 flights this year.

Honor Flight NE Indiana, Inc. is a volunteer, nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net PAULDING FFA STARTS AG MENTOR PROGRAM AT OAKWOOD ELEM.



Pictured left to right back row: Paulding FFA Officers at Oakwood Elementary kicking of the Oakwood Youth for Ag Mentoring program: Mason Schlatter, Carter Manz, Kobe Foor, Tyler Schlatter. Front row left to right: Jalyn Klopfenstein, Caydence Rue, Brooke Kilgore and Jamy Hunt.

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Caydence Rue

On September 28th, the Paulding FFA Officer Team kicked off their youth program at Oakwood Elementary. Oakwood Youth for Ag (OYA) is a hands-on learning experience for the sixth graders that helps expand their views on agriculture.

There will be two FFA officers going over to Oakwood each month to teach the students about an agriculture topic each month. Some of the future topics they will be talking about include Livestock, Greenhouse, and Ag Mechanics. This program was started by Paulding FFA members Jamy Hunt and Brooke Kil-

Both being Oakwood Alumni, they wanted to create a program that gave opportu-

nities to the younger generations, deepen the kids' understanding of agriculture, and give back to their home school. This is a great opportunity for the sixth graders at Oakwood since most of them do not know or hear about FFA until they get to Paulding as seventh graders.

This program will help them get a better understanding of the FFA and Agriculture program at Paulding. The goal is that this program will encourage them to sign up for 8th Grade Ag class once they become eighth graders. They are super excited and grateful for the opportunity to host this program and can't wait for an awesome year!

The Paulding FFA Officer team want to recognize the Paulding FFA Alumni for the financial support of this program for our youth!

GROVER HILL SETS HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

The Village of Grover Hill will host a variety of Halloween activities on Saturday, October 29, 2022.

Trick or Treat in the village will be from 5:00-6:30 p.m. With the Grover Hill Ball Association hosting a Meal at Grover Hill VFW from 4:30-7:00 p.m. GHBA will also have other activities at the VFW such as a raffle for gift baskets. This is a fundraiser for the ball associ-

Kids Activities will be at the Grover Hill library from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Face painting and other kids activities will take place there sponsored by Friends of GH Library & GH Fire Dept.

Costume Judging will be in front of the GH Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. Costume entrants can then march in the parade which begins at 7:00 p.m. Line-up is at the school at 6:45 p.m.

For more information about the parade, contact Dave Volk at 419-771-9493.

