

PAULDING VFW DONATES TO KIWANIS



The John Paulding VFW Post 587 donated \$2,000 to the Kiwanis Club of Paulding County playground project at the Lela McGuire Jeffery Park.

The Kiwanis needs to raise \$25,000 to complete the project. If you would like to donate, checks can be sent to the Paulding County Area Foundation.

WEHRKAMP STEPS DOWN AS JUDGE - COMMITTEE SEEKS REPLACEMENT



The Ohio Supreme Court and the Governor's office have received Judge Michael Wehrkamp's retirement letter stepping down as Probate/Ju-

venile Judge of Paulding County Ohio. Judge Wehrkamp has served Paulding County for nearly six years after being elected in 2016. Wehrkamp stated to the West Bend News, "This was a very difficult decision for my wife, Laura, and me, but after a great deal of prayerful thought, we felt that me retiring from the position of judge was best for our young, growing family. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as judge and thank the people of Paulding County for their support over the past six years."

The Probate Court stated they would be continuing as

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GRANT FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER



Paulding County Prosecutor Joe Burkard

Jury selection took place October 18, 2022, for the case of State of Ohio VS Heidi L. Grant, who is charged with the murder of her husband, Christopher Franklin.

Ms. Grant was present in court with her attorneys, William Kluge and Robert Grzybowski. Prosecutor Joseph Burkard was present for the state along with Assistant Prosecutor Matthew Miller and Antwerp Police Chief George Clemens.

Twelve individuals were seated to begin selection, six of which were dismissed. Then fill-in placement selection began and two were dismissed immediately.



William Kluge, defense attorney for Heidi Grant

Next, selection for an alternate juror began and the state dismissed the first one.

After almost two hours, twelve jurors and an alternate were selected.

Opening statements were given Wednesday morning, October 19, 2022 by Prosecutor Joseph Burkard and De-

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WATER RATES INCREASE PROPOSED AT ANTWERP VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING



Brian Davis explains the grant denial to the Village Council, but a rate increase may allow the grant to be accepted.

The Village of Antwerp met in Regular session on October 17 to discuss items of concern for the residents. Regular business included the previous meeting's minutes and the financial reports. Ashley McDougall mentioned an agreement that needs to be resolved by the village in order to have Sheriff Deputies help fulfill the role of EMS run personnel.

The central part of the meeting revolved around the Water Plant, infrastructure and meter improvements that will be an ongoing upgrade item in the future. The utility committee met prior and recommended changes to council for water rate increases, not only to support the existing infrastructure costs, but also to anticipate a new water facility, in ordinance 2022-24. Councilman Brian Smith stated that with the water rates as low as they are the village cannot get grants.

Village Administrator Brian Davis laid out the need for the village to have a new water meter reading system. The existing reading system has become outdated (put into service originally in 2015) and the company no longer supports the software. Cost to re-

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CARVE - CREATE - CELEBRATE

Come check out the decorated pumpkins created by Woodburn's business community. Each participant will have their masterpiece displayed in their business. This year there are 20 participants. The top two businesses will receive a cash prize. Pictures are also on "Woodburn Main Street" Facebook Page where you can vote for your favorite. Voting begins Monday, October 24 and ends Friday, October 28 at noon. Winners will be announced Saturday, October 29th, at 12:30 at the Clock Tower Plaza. Pumpkins were donated by the Chop Shop Meat Market and the event is hosted by Woodburn Main Street, member of Indiana OCRA.

LATTY SETS TRICK OR TREAT; RECEIVES LOCAL KUDOS

The Latty Village council established the village Trick or Treat date at their October meeting. The event will take place on Thursday, October 27 from 5:30-7pm. Council members will distribute candy at the town hall office during this time.

The monthly council meeting was attended by long-time village resident Jane Gray. Gray asked to address the council. She complimented and recognized the council in appreciation of the many new projects being completed around the community, including the new repaving of Lewis Street.

Council members Beth

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

October 25

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

October 26

- Woodburn Comm. Historical Soc. Meeting @ Woodburn Comm. Center, 7p.m

October 29

- Woodburn Lions Club Halloween Events
- GH Ball Assoc. Fundraiser @ Welcome Park
- Battle Rattle 5K Walk/Run @ St. John Luth. Church, FW

November 1

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

November 4

- Wine Tasting @ the Huber, 7-10pm

November 5

- Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K, St. Henry, 9am
- USA Army Band & Choir concert @ Niswonger, VW, 7pm

November 12

- Craft Bazaar @ Martini Luth. Church, NH, 9a-2p
- Pie Auction @ Payne NAZ, 11a-1p
- HVFD Feather Party @ Hicksville FD, 4pm



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OBITUARIES

NEW HAVEN, IN:
Stevia Webster, 86, of New Haven, Indiana died Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
Do you believe in the pre-tribulation rapture of the church?

There are two aspects of Christ's return. First, He will come in the clouds with those who are with Him in heaven. Their earthly bodies will rise and be transformed into an eternal body like the resurrected body of Christ. At that moment, believers here will also receive a new eternal body and be "caught up" (raptured) together with them in the clouds and go with Christ back to heaven. I Corinthians 15:51-53 - "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." I Thessalonians 4:16-17 - "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (See also John 14:13; Acts 1:11)

The second part of Christ's return will take place after the seven-year tribulation when Christ will return with the believers and set up His king-

dom on earth for 1,000 years, also called the Millennium (Revelation 20:1-4). It is obvious this part of the second coming is after the seven years of tribulation.

God promises not to take the church through the tribulation. I Thessalonians 1:10 - "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." (See also I Thessalonians 5:9; Romans 5:9; II Peter 2:9; Revelation 3:10).

Though we do not know the exact time of the rapture (Matthew 24:36-42; Mark 3:32; Acts 1:7), it appears to be near (James 5:9; I Peter 4:7).

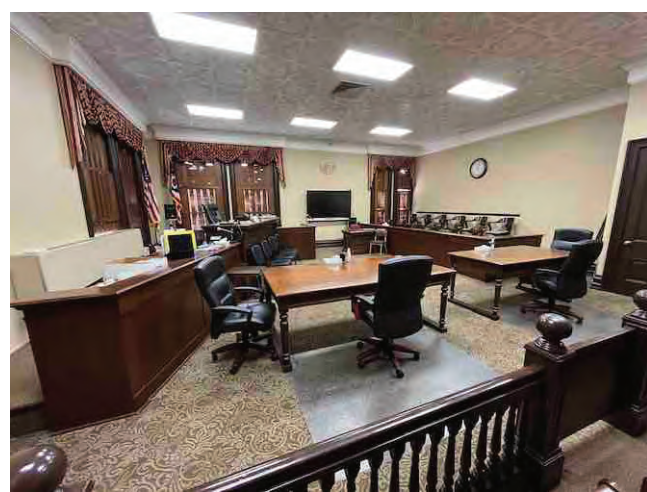
We should be ready (Matthew 24:44) by being saved, walking with God, and being right with others. If the rapture was not before the tribulation, the whole clear doctrine of the imminent return of Christ would be destroyed.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCES TRUNK OR TREAT

First United Methodist Church, corner of Central and Jefferson Street in Van Wert, Ohio, will host their yearly Trunk or Treat event Saturday, October 29th from 10am - 12pm in the city parking lot across from the church. Vehicles will need to be in place by 9:30am. Plan for 500+ children to visit you and your treats! Join us for a morning of fun, food and fellowship. This event will be held in conjunction with the Main Street Van Wert Trick or Treat.

Families: Bring your children in costume for some fun and as always, treats. For more information about the morning fun please contact Teresa Shaffer at 419/238-0631 ext 307.



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defense Attorney William Kluge beginning the trial.

By 12:30 p.m. the state had called nine witnesses and presented evidence which included a 911 call made early morning, January 13, 2022 by Christopher Franklin alleging his wife, Heidi L. Grant, had woken him up by hitting him in the face/head with a table leg, baseball bat or something of the sort. A local sales clerk testified she had seen Franklin in the store moments after the alleged attack with a bloody and swollen face.

After a break for lunch, the state called Thomas M. Blomquist M.D., PHD, Deputy Coroner, Lucas County who testified the deceased had blunt force trauma to the head and face area and had been shot ten times.

After calling one more witness to testify on ballistic testing performed on the weapon the State rested.

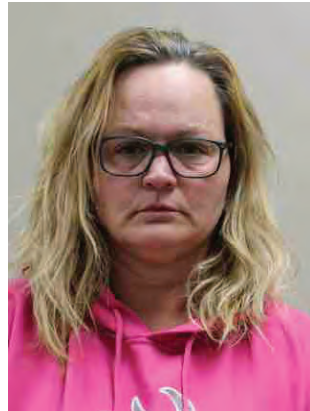
The trial resumed Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Defense called, who would be their first and only witness, Ms. Heidi Grant. After an emotional testimony, the defense rested and the state called Police Chief George Clemens back to the stand as a rebuttal witness. When that testimony was complete, the state rested.

The court then took a recess for both sides to prepare for closing arguments. When closing arguments were complete (around 1:00 p.m.) the jury was given their instructions and then dismissed to begin deliberations.

Case recap: During the course of the trial, the state showed that at 7:27 a.m. on January 13, 2022 a 911 call had been received by Christopher Franklin stating that his wife, Heidi L. Grant, had struck him at least twice in the head with a table leg or something of the sort. Ms. Grant had left the residence, contacted a friend in Hicksville and met him to borrow his gun, traveled back to Antwerp, returned to her home and shot her husband just moments before an officer arrived. She then met

with officer on the porch and assured him that everything was fine, no violence had occurred and her husband was passed out drunk. Convinced, the officer left. She then moved her husband's body to the basement, wrapped him in plastic, then made a crypt of cinder blocks and cement and placed boards over top of it. A welfare check (which turned into a missing person's report) was made on January 21, 2022. Grant told the officer that she had last seen her husband on January 15, 2022. During questioning on January 22, 2022, Grant proceeded to confess to shooting her husband and burying him in cement in the basement of their home and hiding the gun. Autopsy report shows that Franklin was shot 10 times, one occurring in his back, presumably while lying face down on a hard surface. The report also showed blunt force trauma to the face and head and showed facial



Heidi L. Grant

abrasions. Toxicology reports showed Franklin's blood alcohol content of .07.

By 4:45 p.m. October 20, 2022, it was announced that jury had reached a verdict.

Jury was given the options of Aggravated Murder, Murder, Voluntary Manslaughter and Tampering with Evidence.

Heidi L. Grant was found not guilty of aggravated murder and voluntary manslaughter, but was found guilty of Tampering with Evidence and Murder with Gun Specifications.

Sentencing will be set for a later date.

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scheduled and no disruptions will take place as the Supreme Court of Ohio has judges ready to stand in cases of absence.

The replacement process has begun with the Paulding County Republican Central Committee reviewing the governor's notes by selecting attorneys from the county applications and nominations. A small committee will be assembled to accept and review application submissions, putting forth their recommendations to the committee. Up to three submissions will be approved and forwarded to the Governor's Office to make the final decisions and ap-

pointment.

Michael Wehrkamp will continue to be on the ballot unopposed for this election cycle while the process is being handled. The timeline is not set, but could take several months or more for a replacement to be appointed.

According to Jerry Zielke, Republican Chairman, stated they have begun the process and are working with the state to make this as quick and transparent as possible while filling the vacancy with the most qualified person available. If you are qualified and would like to be nominated for this position, contact Zielke at 260-312-2081 for an appointment.

Scripture of the Week

"I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

— Psalm 40:8

MATT'S MISHAPS



Because of their slow growth from lack of water and good soil, and extreme weather, these "wind trees" show a life hard-lived.

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

Tree Troubles

After finishing up in college, I took a job as an urban forester in Chicago to pay off college and save money to get



married. I had many unusual experiences moving from Indiana to work in big-city Chicago. One of the odd experiences was working for the company that cleaned up after Mr. T's workout. Mr. T was the muscled Hollywood and TV personality with a mohawk haircut from the 80s who starred in Rocky III and the A-Team. He grew up poor in Chicago and then moved to the suburbs after making his fortune. Mr. T decided to chop down trees with an axe on his property for a workout. He didn't realize that the trees were protected by local government, so he not only paid for us to remove the trees, but also very hefty fines.

We now live overseas where there are some bizarre trees. We have a tree called the Dragon Tree whose sap is red-brown and was used to varnish stringed instrument instruments. We have a "well tree." Locals suffered lack of drinkable water. They realized that planting a tree in ravine that had constant heavy fog would catch the moisture on the leaves and they could collect water from the dripping leaves to survive. We have "wind trees" located on mountain cliffs that look like gnarled up bonsai trees believed to be thousands of years old as their slow growth is imperceptible.

We also have "colony trees." It doesn't matter the species of tree, but the large rats are smart and know to avoid sewers and buildings where they are more easily trapped and killed. Rats climb the trees and live, breed, and nest above the ground. Newly arrived clueless people (like I was) assume that scurrying sounds right above their heads are birds and not aggressive rats that will even attack humans.

Give me an old scraggly



Local officials are now putting "rat guards" on trees (strip of broad metal) to make it harder for rats to climb up and colonize the trees.

oak or a shagbark hickory tree with a bushy tailed squirrel from Indiana any time.

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

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 Matt's Mishaps, PO BOX 114, Grabill, IN 46741

POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER IN VAN WERT

Sunday, October 30th First United Methodist Church Youth Group, located at 113 W Central Avenue in Van Wert, will be hosting a Potato Bar Fundraiser from 11:15 am - 1:00 pm. This will be located in our church basement. Consider this an open invitation to come support First United Methodist Youth Missions. Proceeds from the meal will be used to help fund the Youth Mission trip. For more information, please phone 419-238-0631 ext 307.

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HIDDEN TALENTS

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

Have you ever noticed that there is one in every crowd?

There is always the one person who either knows it all or "thinks he knows it all." Who knows?

However, God created us



and blessed all of us with some type of talent.

I think as I look back at my own life, I noticed the excellence in others talent throughout my school years, in church, in places I have worked and even serving on committees.

And yes, I know there is always someone who is bigger, better, smarter, richer, craftier and better cooks than me. Plus better looking, skinnier and taller than I am.

Even though I have been involved in music since age 5, there are better musicians than me and there is such wonderful talent in playing instruments and singing that I feel good if I can maybe just learn from those people.

I have never claimed to be a musician, but just consider myself an entertainer. My grandma taught me years ago not to brag on myself and to be humble.

Things that we excel at in life is usually something we love doing. I love to cook, write and play old fashion music.

I have learned that if I don't like doing something I try and avoid it.

For instance, I don't like to knit, sew or crochet. I don't like needles, thread, yarn or patterns.

But, I do highly respect those that are good at the skill. I never really learned how to thread a sewing machine or use a crochet needle.

Years ago, my Grandma would crochet lace around pretty handkerchiefs and she would usually give them to someone as a gift. Not me! I tried to learn how to chain stitch but got bored and quit.

Some of us are good gardeners and have that special gift for growing plants and flowers. I never had a so called green thumb, but I am thankful for all the ones that can grow the fruits, vegetables,

and crops today.

There is wonderful garden produce in the summer at roadside stands and Farmers Markets. And you can bet, I didn't grow it.

Some people's gifts lie in their attitudes. We have kind, generous ones who gives to and helps the sick and needy. There are some who love and care for the handicapped and those who have an ability to teach.

There is the talent of some to care for animals. I know a lady who takes feral cats to be neutered and gives them a home.

To me, these are natural gifts that either we are given or grow up with.

I have always said I would have never made a good pioneer lady. I can't sew, plant, skin an animal, defeather a chicken or build a fire.

I guess I am glad to be who I am, where I am and how I am. Whether you believe it or not, our gifts, talents and attitudes makes us special and unique.

Are you a good seamstress? Can you grow flowers and gardens? What gifts and talent do you have that makes you you? Let me know and I'll Give You a Penny for Your Thoughts.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Baby girl Everleigh Rose Danney was welcomed into the world by her parents, Isaiah Danney and Sasha Kistner, on October 11, 2022. She weighed 8lbs 15oz and was 20 ¼ inches.

Everleigh has a brother, Elijah. Grandparents are: Eric Kistner and Ashley Kistner, Napoleon, OH and Fernando Gonzales III and Robin Gonzalez, Antwerp, OH. Great-grandparents are Eric Danney and Sandra Danney.

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS TO HOST "FIRST RESPONDER FRIDAYS"

East Allen County Schools is bringing back First Responder Friday for this school year! First responders are always welcome to join our students for lunch, but the groups have settled on a few days to have a THEMED event. First Responders are invited to all schools however, the themed days will be more in the elementary schools.

The Food Service department will have options based

TRINITY EVANGELICAL DONATED TO FIRST UMC



Pictured above are two representatives: Lynn Oechsle (L) and Beth Conn (R) of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Convoy, presenting a check to Sandy Knight, Office Manager of First UMC Church in Van Wert. Trinity Church recently closed its doors and sold the building. They are disbursing remain-

ing funds to charity organizations throughout the area. Proceeds with this check will assist Operation Back to School and the Community Food Pantry housed at First UMC. First United Methodist Church thanks Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and its members for the donation.

on the theme for that day. Below are the 5 themed First Responder Fridays for this school year:

Friday, October 28: A First Responder Friday Spooktacular

Elementary students will make First Responder themed Halloween decorations - Pumpkin Police Cars, Ghostly Firefighters, etc - and are encouraged to dress as their favorite first responder.

Friday, December 9: Tis the Season for First Responder Friday

Hybrid Thanksgiving Christmas event. Elemen-

taries will make decorations like Fire Fighter Turkeys or Police Light Christmas Trees or Happy Holidays cards for the first responders.

Friday, February 10: Be My First Responder Valentine

Students will make Valentine "Thank You" cards

Friday, March 24: First Responder Fun in the Sun Friday

Spring Break theme. Leaning towards tropical/beach.

Friday, May 12: First Responder Summer Break-out Cookout and/or vacation theme.

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place the meters for remote reading would have a price tag of (best case scenario) \$165,000. New meters for residents will be included in the monthly fees, but for commercial meters greater than 5/8", the cost will be for businesses/organizations to bear and could be significant depending on size. It was stated there is a 20-year warranty on the replacement meters.

Davis also explained the existing water processing facility needs replaced which has an estimated cost of \$5.3 million. He mentioned that today's needs are not being met at the current rates of the water bill.

If approved, rates would increase for an average household by \$280 per year. This should generate the additional \$262,000 needed per year.

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Stoller and Shawn Gerber made council aware that they were beginning work on the process of writing a competitive grant within the State of Ohio Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) program. An upcoming meeting was set with Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) for further discussion.

In other monthly business the council:

- Discussed with guest Gray about drainage issues on her property and what the future looks like with this. Council member Kirk Stoller has been researching subcontracting services and hiring of services for those times when drainage and sewer line issues arise. This research will con-

Davis was hopeful the village could secure a 0% interest loan for 25 years. The required annual increase amount would be \$212,000 to be able to pay the loan back in the 25 years. The details are in the ordinance below.

The eventual plan, after the new water plant is in place, is to replace the current water lines with plastic.

Councilman Steve Jordan brought up in new business that he believes the recycle facility/compost site is being abused with people dumping asphalt, logs and more at the site. Suggestions were made and Davis is working to pursue the questions. It was also stated that wood more than 4" in diameter cannot be accepted at the site.

The video of the entire meeting is located here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfDxm2Ff6dw>

tinue to be reviewed until a resolution is found.

• Solicitor Harvey Hyman continues attempts to work with Norfolk Southern railroad about properly closing the crossing on Alexander Street.

• Council was made aware that a committee has been formed to begin looking into improving the parks and recreation within the village. More information will be shared as this develops.

• Council member Darlene Knapp received approval from council to continue the annual tradition of distributing candy to village residents during the Christmas season.

The Village of Latty council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm at Village Hall.

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

The story of Moses Edward Kerns (alias Edward D. Kerns) has a strange twist and not sure why. Moses was born May 15, 1875 in Indiana. The son of Mathew Allison and Margaret (Grosscross) Kerns. Mathew and Margaret were married February 26, 1868 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Mathew was born in 1844, Margaret was born in 1850. Mathew was a Civil War Veteran serving with Company A. 66th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. By 1880, the Kerns family, Mathew, Margaret and four children, had moved to Antwerp. Mathew was a laborer. By 1898, as war was looming with Spain, citizens from Paulding wanted to form a Company of men to serve in the Spanish American War. Company M. 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry was formed in Paulding. At the age of 23, Moses Edward Kerns enlisted with Company M. and was mustered into service, May 10, 1898. While the Company was in Georgia, Moses became ill on numerous occasions. He, along with the rest of the Company was mustered out of service, February 10, 1899. On September 18, 1899, Moses married a gal named Sarah Elizabeth Barnhart, also will be known as Lizzie. She

was born April 4, 1880 in Michigan. She was the daughter of George and Margaret (Flickinger) Barnhart. By 1900, the couple were living in Antwerp. Moses was working as a laborer. His illness had prompted him to file for a pension, October 23, 1900. A daughter, Luella Elizabeth, was born January 5, 1903. On March 23, 1908, a son Moses Edward Kerns Jr. was born. On August 28, 1909, Moses Sr. passed away in Antwerp. He was buried in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp. Old Section, Lot 107, Grave 2. On September 25, 1909, Sarah filed for widows pension. The word, (alias) appears on the pension form. Apparently, Moses went under the name Edward. His military tombstone reads Edward Kerns. By 1910, Sarah, Louella and little Eddie, (as he was called), was living on Perry Street in Antwerp. Sarah worked as a day laborer. Sarah passed away June 22, 1912. She was buried in Maumee Cemetery. Edward's father, Mathew, passed away, in 1914. He was buried in Maumee Cemetery. By 1920, Louella and Edward Jr. moved to River Street to live with their grandmother, Margaret Barnhart. Margaret passed away in 1929. Louella married and had children and lived in the Antwerp area. She passed away in 1980. She and her husband both are buried in Maumee Cemetery. Moses Edward Kerns Jr. registered for World War Two draft. He signed his name as Edward M. Kerns! He was not selected to serve, moved to the state of Oregon. Lived out his days until he died, August 15, 1978. He is buried in Oregon. A poor person doing research to locate someone, has a hair pulling nightmare when folks do not use their true first name.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
I write this letter in support of the Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy for the office of Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. Sharon Kennedy has served as a Justice on the Ohio Supreme Court for 10 years. First appointed to fill an unexpired term in 2012, then elected to her first full 6-year term in 2014 and again in 2020.

Many people believe that the Supreme Court has a responsibility to be fair and to be sensitive to the wishes of the public, but that is not the job of the Supreme Court. The Court's job is to interpret the law as it is written and within the context of the US Constitution and the Ohio Constitution as written and intended. It is the legislature's responsibility to be fair, to listen to their constituents, and write laws that reflect the interest and desires of the people. The Ohio Supreme Court ensures that these laws fit within the parameters of the Constitutions. Sharon is a strict textualist, which means that she uses only the text of a constitutional provision, statute, or contract to distil its meaning. She does not add any of her personal feelings or political leanings

to re-write the law. Over the next few years, the Ohio Supreme Court will be hearing and ruling on many very controversial issues- re-apportionment of voting districts, abortion, election security, and so many more. It is the legislature's responsibility to write those laws and be responsive to the voters. It will be the Ohio Supreme Court responsibility to ensure that these laws conform to the fundamental tenets of the US Constitution and the Ohio Constitution. Ohio needs Sharon Kennedy to be Chief Justice to ensure that this philosophy is followed, that our three branches of government- Executive, Legislative, and Judicial, are balanced and that they check each other. Remember that we are a nation of laws, that justice should be blind to all other parameters, and that our individual, human, and natural rights, as enumerated in the US Constitution, Bill of Rights and Ohio Constitution are protected. Sharon Kennedy clearly understands this.

Please elect Sharon Kennedy to the office of Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court on November 8, 2022.
Sincerely,
David Burtch Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This election we are voting for Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice and two Justices. This choice is so very important for our state. It will mean the Court will stay firmly Conservative or move in a liberal activist direction. We need to keep this Court a strictly Constitutional court that makes its decisions according to the Constitution and not try to rewrite the laws to conform to their ideology. Justice Sharon Kennedy, Pat Fischer and Pat DeWine are all judges that follow the Constitution as a basis for their decisions. I firmly believe that these Conservative candidates will enforce the laws and leave the legislation to the Ohio General Assembly where it belongs. The Progressive liberal candidates will want to use their position on the Court to rewrite the law, which is not the job of the Court.

Sharon Kennedy, a former police officer, has been endorsed by the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police, because of her strong support of law enforcement officers across the state. Ohio needs to stay strong on crime and not

adopt a "soft on crime" and judicial activism like New York, California, and other states that is shown to bring more high crime and less public safety to their states. We need a strong on crime court that will keep our state safe. In order to achieve these goals, we need to elect Sharon Kennedy for Chief Justice and reelect Pat Fischer and Pat DeWine as justices for the Ohio Supreme Court.

—Laurie Lucas,
Rural Defiance

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

VOTE - DO OR DIE
Voting day is fast approaching so I suggest you get your thoughts in order. I remember the \$1.89 I was paying for gas when Biden took office. One of Biden's first acts was to shut down our oil industry, forcing us to buy oil from enemy nations. He also cancelled many other of America's positives. I wonder about Biden's thoughts of lost oil jobs.

After Biden forced us into foreign oil 2 ½ times more, he then made a strictly political move by raiding our strategic emergency oil reserve. After depleting our critical reserve by over 1/3 he had the nerve to say that he lowered our gasoline bills. We still pay twice or more than we did under Trump and it is now rising again. I just can't stand this socialist hypocrite we have leading us.

We still can't afford to drive but that is only minor. What happens if we should get into another World War and don't even have enough oil to meet our military needs? We're only strong and able to stay tops in this world because we have faith in God and maintain a strong military.

Don't think that war can't happen. Russia and China are two potential communist threats, and as of late, have been talking. Just suppose they build up enough courage to attack us. We need that reserve oil but replacing it will be considerably more costly. If another war like this takes place, you can bet it will be on our shores. Look at 9/11 and today's booming crime.

I don't believe America can survive as free people under this inept president and his radical anti-God socialist party leaders. Biden, Harris, Pelosi, Schumer and others need removed.

Look at Democrats war on Christians. They took God out of schools and who knows how many anti-moral, anti-God rulings. Starting with Obama, they started eliminating Christians in our military. They even gave them dishonorable discharges for declaring Jesus or God. Our military is down 40%.

Don't kid yourself thinking Obama is out of it. I believe he is a die-hard radical Muslim who would do anything to bring America down. I also think he may have brainwashed Biden into being his puppet.

I also believe removing and discouraging Christians from being in the service might be a move to make it easier to turn our military against us, much like Russia does. Just because America has had it so good for so long, don't think this can't happen to us. It's happened in Russia, China, North Korea and oth-

ers. That's what happens when you leave God out of your life. You may not be aware of it but every anti-moral, anti-God move you make is a bonus for Satan. Once Satan gets a hold on you he doesn't want to let go. Just living together without marriage tells Satan that you are His. Satan has his grip on millions world-wide.

Consider all the wreckage Biden-Harris have guided us in to. To me, it looks like they want to finish Obama's goal and convert us to captives under communism. Obama said he wanted to change America. Our biggest problem with Obama's statement was the die-hard Democrats who voted didn't bother to ask, "What change?" They just vote Democrat no matter what. That's ok, because he wouldn't be truthful anyways. I believe a lie is in his blood.

I just watched V.P. Harris on TV say "If you see a wrong, you should correct it." To me that says that both she and Biden are two of the blind the Bible speaks of for the end times of mankind. All America knows Biden put V.P. Harris in charge of protecting our southern border. Neither one of them can see the death to America that they are bringing. That is, unless, that is what they want.

Consider a couple of facts. Crime is rampant in America, but it's plain over-whelming in Democrat controlled cities, counties and states. I believe much of that is because they care less (if any at all) about God and morality. They can't distinguish right from wrong.

More are dying from the huge influx of killer drugs. So far, I have not heard anything from our Democrat leaders about how the drugs are entering America.

Why did our liberal controlled FBI keep secret in the 2020 election all of the corrupt goings-on that were found in Hunter Biden's laptop? Could it have been because they wanted Obama's puppet as president?

Any vote for a Democrat in any race is saying you don't want conditions in America to improve. That seemingly harmless vote just builds their foundation, so why trust your life to their corrupt foundation? Your party has been taken over by radical socialists that can only bring communism.

My only request is, Open your mind to all taking place today and in previous years. Why is standing up for good teaching, high morality, God and country in America so controversial to Democrats? Democrats have driven us to the point of "Do or die." Think about it.

—Richard Mastin,
Hicksville, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ohioans will be voting on 2 issues on election day this November. Both should illicit a yes vote from any informed voter. Issue 1 is a Constitutional amendment concerning bail reform. It requires courts to consider public safety when determining bail. Obviously, any normal person would agree with this amendment. This issue requires courts to take into account the seriousness of the crime, the defendant's criminal record and the

CONGRESSWOMAN MARCY KAPTUR VISITS NORTHWEST STATE



Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09) recently visited Northwest State Community College to meet with NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez and campus representatives. In the meeting, they discussed how NSCC continues to make great strides in workforce development throughout the region, and how the College strives to keep education affordable and attainable for all. For more information on Northwest State Community College, please visit <https://northweststate.edu> or call 419.267.5511.

chances he or she will show up for their court date.

Ohio's Attorney General, Dave Yost, said, "Ohioans will now decide if the safety of the public should be considered by judges when determining the monetary amount of bail. I expect many Ohioans will be shocked to learn that judges are not currently permitted to consider the threat an offender poses to a community when setting financial conditions of bail."

It is ridiculous to think we need a constitutional amendment to clarify the obvious. It should be a no-brainer. Vote yes on Issue 1.

I also believe a yes vote on Issue 2 is a no-brainer. Issue 2 would require that only a citizen of the United States, who is at least 18 years old and has been a registered voter in the state for at least 30 days be eligible to vote in any state or local election in Ohio.

The amendment also prohibits local governments from allowing a person to vote in local elections if they are not legally qualified to vote in state elections.

The amendment changes the language in the Ohio Constitution from "Every citizen of the United States is entitled to vote at all elections" to "Only a citizen of the United States is entitled to vote".

Secretary of State, Frank LaRose, who endorses a yes vote on Issue 2 said, "The right to vote is sacrosanct and fundamental to what citizenship means in America."

This amendment will close a weakness in Ohio election administration and provide clarity.

Please vote yes on Issue 1 and 2.

—Cliff Lucas,
Defiance, OH

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Event Schedule

OCT 29 - Airsoft: 9am - 2pm
NOV 6 - IDPA Pistol Shoot: Registration @ 12:00 Noon, Match begins @ 1pm
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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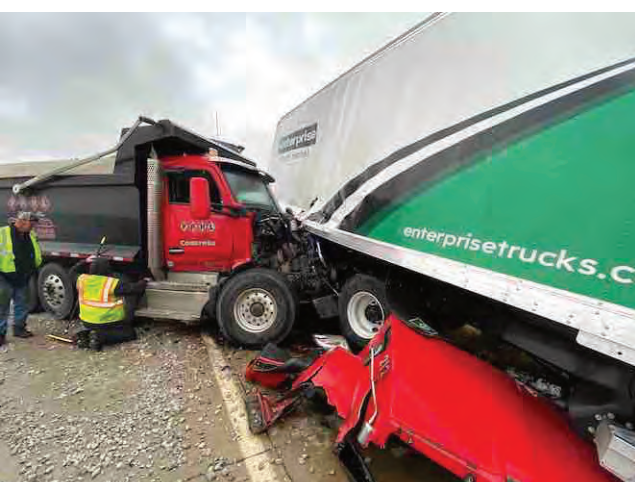
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ACCIDENT AT US 127 OVERPASS & US 24



Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at, 3:19 p.m. a three vehicle accident occurred on the north bound side of the US 127 & US 24 overpass. Involved were a dump truck loaded with stone traveling north bound when it struck a large paneled truck. The impact of the accident also involved an automobile that was pushed up against the guardrail on US 127. The drivers of the automobile and paneled truck were

transported to area hospitals, by Paulding EMS, their conditions are unknown. The driver of the dump truck refused treatment. First responders from Cecil-Crane Twp. Vol. Fire Department, Paulding Fire Department, Paulding EMS, Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Patrol, Paulding County EMA and ODOT were on scene. The US 127 over pass was closed down for a period of time

until the accident was cleared and the crash site cleaned up.

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The good thing, if you happen to find one under that pile left on your desk for months — they don't expire!! So go ahead and trek to an Antwerp business today and use your free money!

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF PAULDING COUNTY SET OCTOBER MEETING

Please save the date for the next Young Professionals event on Thursday, October 27th at 6:00 pm at Grounded Coffee & Crumbs. Pizza and drinks will be provided and Bowling Green State University Center for Regional Development will be our program speaker discussing "Reimagining Rural Regions". Paulding County was selected for this program to help small communities plan for projects and potentially find funding for future projects BUT they want to hear from the "Young Professionals" on what it is we want, value, and see for our communities.

Here's a link to the event on Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/2TBVY9VG0>. Help spread the word! Bring a friend, co-worker, or two!

NORTHWEST STATE INVITES PUBLIC TO "DISCOVER NSCC" OPEN HOUSE ON NOVEMBER 5

Northwest State Community College has proudly served northwest Ohio for over 50 years, and continues to evolve and develop to this day. Area employers continue to count on NSCC to help de-

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VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS EARNS HEART SAFE DESIGNATION DISTRICT-WIDE



Van Wert Elementary Staff members.

Van Wert City Schools is proud to announce that all five buildings that make up the district have been designated as Heart Safe Schools by Project ADAM. Van Wert Elementary was the first to earn the Heart Safe Designation in March 2022.

A Heart Safe School designation increases the likelihood that students, staff, and visitors will survive sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) while on campus. SCA is the abrupt, unexpected loss of heart function, usually resulting from an electrical problem within the heart. SCA is often fatal if not treated quickly. However, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can save a life is

used in time. An AED provides an electrical shock to the heart and is the only known treatment to stop chaotic electrical activity within the heart. For every minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival decreases by 10%.

Project ADAM works with schools to ensure they are prepared to handle a cardiac emergency through assessments and training. A school becomes designated as a Heart Safe School after completing a thorough list of requirements, including ensuring AEDs are available and accessible, having a written plan and team of CPR/AED-trained staff ready to act in an emergency, and conducting

emergency response practice drills.

Van Wert Early Childhood Center, Van Wert Middle School, and Van Wert School at the Goedde completed their training and earned their designations in April 2022, while Van Wert High School earned their designation in October 2022.

During the 2021-2022 school year, VWCS increased its number of AEDs throughout the district to a total of 33, eight of which are portable and can be used for extra-curricular activities off-campus.

VWCS is actively working to train all staff members so they are CPR and AED certified.

velop and train a skilled workforce for the region. Learners choose NSCC for its high-quality and affordable education, training and services. Discover NSCC Day on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. provides a great way for everyone to explore how the College can help connect students to education, training, and ultimately access to career and/or further education opportunities.

"A GREAT DAY TO DISCOVER NSCC"

Austin Flores, NSCC Admissions Director, said "Discover NSCC provides the perfect opportunity for prospective students and community members to explore all that the college has to offer. From tours to informational sessions, the entire college will be alive and ready to

assist with any questions or next steps that future students want to take. The day is designed as a 'choose your own adventure' open house where prospective students and their family members can attend and experience everything they need to in order to make a decision about attending NSCC."

SO MUCH TO DO!

Discover NSCC Day has activities for all ages, including informational sessions on various topics, interactive workshops and games, campus tours and more! Learners of all ages can connect with

student service groups such as Admissions, Academic Advising, Financial Aid and many others. Our student service groups can help answer your questions about getting started, developing your plan, and achieving your goals. During the event, guests can enter to win prizes, as well as one of two \$500 NSCC scholarships.

Discover NSCC Day is a free event, and is open to the public. For more information on the event, visit NorthwestState.edu/discover-nssc or call the NSCC Admissions Office at 419.267.1320.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows

Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General

Cecil: 127 Maramart

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid

Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)

Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library

Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center

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INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living

Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar Exchange, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General

New Haven: ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's

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LADY RAIDERS OPEN TOURNAMENT WITH WIN



Wayne Trace Junior Kaitlin Slade picks up a dig for the Raiders in the second set of the varsity match of sectionals against Fort Recovery. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Wayne Trace opened their bid for a long volleyball tournament run with a home win over Fort Recovery. In the Division III sectional showdown the two teams went back and forth with the Lady Raiders capping off the win with a fourth set win 27-25.

The first three games ended with identical scores with Wayne Trace winning the first 25-20, the Indians taking the second set 25-20 and the red, white and blue taking the third by the same score 25-20.

With the win the Raiders improve their season record to 18-5 while Fort Recovery ends their season at 8-15. Wayne Trace will move on to play Parkway at Parkway on Wednesday, October 19.

The Raiders had several step up with solid, aggressive play. Leading the Lady Raiders, as she has done all season, Gracie Shepherd came up with a team high 22 digs, 16 kills and four aces. Kacy Hornish was in double digits with 19 assists and 17 digs. Paige Alber finished the night with 24 assists along with nine digs and four aces. Sydnee Sinn totaled 14 kills and five digs with team mate Kaitlin

Slade adding 16 digs and two aces. Harper Myers had a good outing with ten kills, three blocks and two digs. Macy Doster added 11 digs, Lexi Moore three kills, two digs and two blocks, Torree Sinn adding four kills, two digs and two blocks along with Elise Miller with three digs.

WOODLAN XC LADIES MOVE ON TO SEMI-STATE!

On to Semi-State for Katy Niles and Mae Emehiser. Katy Niles was the #3 individual qualifier and Mae Emehiser was the #8 individual qualifier.

Ladies Warriors finished 8th at regionals with Katy Niles leading the team finishing 4th with a time of 19:56. Mae Emehiser finished 20th with a time of 20:55, Cara Chen finished 31st with a time of 21:24, Riley Zent finished 66th with a time 23:17, Brenna Lake finished 71st with a time of 23:38, Bethany Lockridge finished 79th with a time of 24:39 and Morgan Miller finished 80th with a time of 24:44.

Men Warriors finished 7th at regionals with Carter Hohenbrink finishing 26th with a



Katy Niles and Mae Emehiser will move on to Semi-State in High School Cross Country.

time of 17:33.5. Nate Lockridge finished 28th with a time of 17:33.9, Ryan Hubbart finished 51st with a time of 18:13, Johnathan Baxter finished 60th with a time of

18:36, Brady Garrison finished 72nd with a time of 19:10, Collin Klepper finished 84th with a time of 20:25 and Cooper McDaniel finished 85th with a time of 20:45.

VAN WERT GRAD DONATES TO THE CEO PROGRAM



Dalton Heppard, pictured with Kerry Koontz, CEO Program Coordinator.

Dalton Heppard, a 2018 graduate of Van Wert High School, spent this past weekend behind a booth, satisfying the sweet tooth of many Apple Festival goers.

For the fourth consecutive year, Dalton chose to donate a portion of his proceeds to the CEO Program. His experiences throughout Van Wert High School, including participating in the CEO Program his senior year, continue

to leave a positive impact on him today. "Once again, I am honored and humbled with Dalton's generosity. The money Dalton donates to the CEO Program sponsors our quarterly breakfast meetings for the CEO students," stated Koontz.

Although he resides in the Columbus area, Dalton remains loyal and committed to help area students with his generous contributions.

VOLLEYBALL IN REVIEW

Wayne Trace improves to 16-5 overall and 5-1 in the Green Meadows Conference with the victory.

Ayersville falls to 8-13 overall and 2-4 in the Green

Meadows Conference with the loss.

Final Regular Season Match vs. Fairview at Ayersville on Thursday

Wayne Trace Statistical Leaders:

- E Miller - one ace, six digs
- G Shepherd - 12 kills, one assist, one ace, 12 digs
- H Myers - three kills, one ace, three digs, one block
- K Slade - one assist, one ace, 16 digs
- L Moore - five kills, one block
- M Doster - 1 assist, 12 digs
- Sydnee Sinn - 12 kills, one assist, two aces, 13 digs
- Torree Sinn - one kill
- JV - Wayne Trace over Ayersville 29-27, 25-19

ARCHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER PANTHERS



Near the end of the 2nd quarter Paulding senior Dawson Lamb drives into the north endzone for the first Panther touchdown!



Antwerp's Landon Brewer is at the five yard line receiving the ball from the punt kick. Brewer runs though the defense to score the touchdown and break the school record! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Antwerp Archers scored 20 points in each of the first two quarters and cruised to a 47-28 win over visiting Paulding Friday night in Green Meadows Conference football action.

With the win, the blue and white captures its first GMC title in football in school history as Antwerp improves to 9-0 overall and 6-0 in the league. Edgerton, Ayersville and Tinora all stand two games back from the Archers with one week remaining in the season.

Reid Lichty led the way for Antwerp with 108 rushing yards on nine carries, including touchdown runs of seven, eight and 43 yards. Carson Altimus added touchdown runs of two and 15 yards for the Archers, totaling 49 yards over eight carries.

Altimus also completed 11 of 24 passes for 186 yards as Antwerp totaled 342 yards of total offense overall.

Lichty hauled in four re-

ceptions for 58 yards and Landon Brewer picked up a pair of catches for 89 yards. Kayden Winslow also caught two balls for 22 yards and Tavin Sholl added two receptions for 13 yards, including a touchdown pass from Altimus.

Camden Fuller and Dayne Sholl had the other two receptions for Antwerp.

Brewer recorded a 94-yard punt return for a score for the blue and white and picking up a two-point conversion as well (this breaks the school record of 93 yards set in 2000 by Justin Wise!). Fuller added a two-point conversion for the Archers and Ty Jackson split the uprights for an extra point.

The Archers led 20-0 at the end of one period and took a 40-8 lead into the locker room at the intermission. After expanding the margin to 47-8 at the end of three quarters, Paulding scored 20 fourth quarter points to complete the scoring.

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RAIDERS SNEAK PAST PILOTS ON SENIOR NIGHT



WT Senior Race Price receiving a pass to go for a 6 yard touchdown at Friday night's game (10/14/22) against the Pilots. Photo by Seth Yenser.

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

On a night when the Wayne Trace Raiders needed to put it all together they did just that in securing a much-needed football win on senior night. Playing before their home crowd for the last time this season the Raiders were looking for a win, something they had not done on their home turf all season. Also on the line was the possibility of a play-off appearance in a couple of weeks - but a win would be necessary. Not looking ahead, the present task at hand was that of shooting down the Ayersville Pilots

who entered the contest with an impressive 4-1 league record while the Raiders were 2-3 and looking to even their GMC record. When the final play ended at Raider field it would be the red, white and blue with a huge win 28-26.

Both teams played even in the first half with the score at 14-14 at the break but the second would see both teams find the end zone with the Raiders doing just a little extra to prevail. However, the third quarter looked as though the Pilots would have an answer after a so-so first half of play. Ayersville established themselves offensively

on their first possession of the second half when quarterback Owen Berner scored on a four-play run capping off a four-yard drive and a Pilot lead 20-14 with 9:54 remaining in the third.

With the quick Pilot score the Raiders didn't flinch - using a 59-yard scoring drive of their own that would not only produce a touchdown but an extra point that would put the Raiders on top to stay 21-20 with 7:31 showing on the clock. The go-ahead touchdown came on the efforts of Dylan Hildebrand who teamed up with junior QB Kyle Stoller for an eight-yard strike.

Following an Ayersville drive that stalled the Raiders took advantage from their own 42-yard line. Using a mix of rushing and passing plays Stoller guided his troops down the field. With the ball resting at the 19-yard line Stoller would make his way through the Pilot defense for a key touchdown to increase the Raider advantage 28-20. However, like most good teams, Ayersville continued to battle back and managed to put another score on the board midway through the final quarter. Blake Hauenstein galloped into the end zone from the six-yard line to pull the Pilots within two 28-26. Electing to go for the tie with a two-point conversion attempt the Raiders rose to the occasion to stop the Pilot run to secure the two-point lead which would become the final score.

In the first half the Raiders would strike first when Stoller connected with Jude Stoller on a pass covering 85-yards on real estate. The Raiders would be up 7-0 after the initial quarter of play. The Pilots would respond in the second frame on a drive covering 58-yards. Hauenstein would spot Abe DeLano on a touchdown pass connection covering six-yards. The two-point conversion was good to put Ayersville in the lead 8-7 with 8:57 remaining in the first half.

Wayne Trace would waste little time with another successful scoring drive. Needing just six plays, again, Stoller would go to the air and team up with Race Price on a 6-yard TD. The Raiders regained the lead 14-8 with 7:00 remaining in the first half. In a half that went back-and-forth the Pilots would add six more to the board. Berner clawed his way through the Raider defense to pay dirt on a six-yard run to even the score at the break 14-14.

Kyle Slade was the leading rusher for the Raiders with 66 yards on 18 attempts. Kyle Stoller collected 30 yards on the ground on five carries while hitting 11-20 through the air for 269 yards. Price collected 4 passes for 82 yards with team mate Tucker Antoine reeling in 85 yards on four grabs. For Ayersville, Hauenstein finished with 6-12 passing for 58 yards with Berner racking up 135 yards rushing on 21 totes.

PATRIOTS OUTLAST WARRIORS FOR TOURNEY WIN

East Allen County School rivals Heritage and Woodlan opened Class 3A, Sectional volleyball action against each other with the Lady Patriots outlasting the Warriors for the opening round

BROWN BETTY'S AND BUSTER BROWN'S 4-H CLUB REPORT



On October 9th, 2022 the Oakwood 4-H club Brown Betty's and Buster Brown's met to start off their 4-H season. Officers were elected for the upcoming year. The club

made 8 fleece blankets as a community project. 4 of the blankets will go to the Ronald McDonald house and 4 will be donated to the Oakwood Fire Department. The 2023 4-H

enrollment will begin November 1st to January 1st. The club will meet again on November 13th from 4-5 at the Oakwood Library.

PAULDING MENTORING PROGRAM



Paulding High School's mentors met this month with their fourth grade mentees and got in the Halloween spirit with a pumpkin painting project. The pumpkins were generously donated by Chief Supermarket. Pictured below are the mentors with their mentees and the pumpkins they painted.

victory.

Heritage recorded a 25-23 win in the opening set before Woodlan responded by posting a 25-17 victory in the second set to even the match. After the Lady Patriots picked up a 25-16 decision in game three, the Lady Warriors again tied the match at two sets by taking game four 25-14.

In the decisive fifth set, it was Heritage that controlled the game and went on to take a 15-6 victory.

Lauren Snyder topped Woodlan with 16 kills and Avah Smith added 14 for the Lady Warriors. Audra Smith, Marissa Smith and Avah Smith had an ace each for Woodlan with Kyra Parker posting seven blocks.

Makenna Smith led four Warriors players in double figures with 20 digs while Snyder added 16 and Avah Smith picked up 15. Alyssa Harvey picked up 11 digs and had 16 assists as well for Woodlan, which got 18 assists from Audra Smith.

Heritage was paced by Claire Bickel with 23 kills and Lainey Simmons picked up 13 with Alyson Stinson recording eight. Bickel and Lucy Buock both finished with three aces for the Lady Patriots while Kate Zellers and Kendall Zelt picked up two apiece.

Zellers and Simmons ended the night with two blocks each with Carley Bonar chipping in 18 digs and Buock had 14. Zellers also recorded 26 assists and Zelt chipped in 19.

Woodlan closes the season with a record of 19-11 overall and 4-2 in the ACAC while Heritage, which is now 29-2, advances to play Angola.

PAULDING WINS GMC EIGHTH GRADE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Paulding Lady Panthers captured the Green Meadows Conference eighth grade volleyball championship on Saturday at Antwerp as the Panthers defeated Antwerp, Hicksville and Fairview in route to the title.

This class is now back-to-back GMC champions as Paulding was undefeated

and league title winners both as seventh graders and eighth graders. Members of the team included Tori Schlatter, Jayla Griffith, Destiny Aldred, Libby Breier, Estie Pease, Darcy Taylor, Myrriah Manz, Kate Manz, Vivi Myers, Kayleigh Dunham, Hadassa Cantu and Mariah Klopfenstein. Coach of the squad is Emily Taylor.

COVID UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY

This week there were 5 New Cases; 0 New Hospitalizations and our ranking is 85th in the state of Ohio.

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THE LEFT TURN



The new 305 Crate Asphalt Modified for 2023. Photo Credit Jim Davidson

By: Ron Burt

A new breed of asphalt modified took to the half mile track last week at Lorain Raceway Park. Currently there are 11-cars, and more being built for 2023. All the cars will have a 350-crate motors. Cars allowed in the class include Outlaw Sprints, rear engine Supermodifieds and Supermodifieds. The car builders are already changing designs on the cars. This is also set up to be an affordable class. Two words that really don't go together, affordable and racing. It does sound like the class will be competitive and fun to watch. See the picture above this column. I have more pictures on my Facebook page, Ohio Sports Blitz.

With the fall chill in the air, it's hard to believe tracks are still racing in the Tri-state, but they are, and race fans love it. You just wear a warm jacket, put down a blanket on the bleachers and hope the afternoon sun helps keep you warm.

USAC this week had a big announcement. The historic

Hoosier Hundred for Silver Crown cars is coming to Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park in 2023 with a \$25K check for the winner. Mark the date, Sunday, April 23rd for this Silver Crown special event, featuring 100 miles of action in a unique format at IRP! There's also a good chance one of the many online streams will broadcast the race.

The Midwest Modifieds Tour (UMP asphalt type) wrapped up their season last week on the high banks of Winchester Speedway. The 2022 Midwest Modifieds Tour Rookie of the Year is Aron Taylor. The 26-year-old from Jackson, MI recorded a career best 4th place finish in the 17th Annual Run For The Gun 50 on Saturday, October 15th to secure the freshman crown over 19-year-old Sam Bigham by just 6 points (265-259). Walt Obrinske Jr. is the 2022 season champion. The 42-year-old from Albion, MI secured his first career MMT title by taking the Green Flag. During his cham-

ampionship season, the driver scored one feature win, at Plymouth Speedway June 10th, to go with an impressive 5 top 5 finishes and 7 top 10 showings in the 8 races held in 2022. For good measure, Obrinske Jr., also collected a Fast Qualifier Award, at Kalamazoo Speedway on May 13th.

The 51st Winchester 400 didn't disappoint the race fans that turned out and braved the chill in the fall air. The CRA Late Models put on a great show on the worlds fastest half mile track. Twenty-six drivers started the 400-lap event. Stephen Nasse won the feature and took home the big payday and the coveted Winchester Rifle trophy. The top 5 drivers all finished on lap 400. Rounding out the top 5, Sammy Smith, William Sawlich, Jake Garcia, and Casey Roderick. CRA Late Models will now travel to Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway for the All American 400, October 28th-30th.

Racing fans are very giving. Hats off to the fans at Fremont Speedway. They recently shared how much they raised for the Cancer Connection of Northwest Ohio. Nate Dussel gave an extremely generous donation of his helmet! Nate's helmet alone raised \$530! Over the course of the season, Fremont Speedway fans raised a total of \$3,368 that has all been donated to their non-profit organization that helps cancer patients and their families. Job well done Fremont Speedway fans!

Next week I will cover the Final race of the season at Gas City I-69 Speedway. The Fall Festival of Speed will close out the tracks 2022 season. The two-day show will feature the Non-Winged 410 USAC type Sprints Friday and Saturday. The USAC Thunder Midgits and Non-Winged Micros will race Friday and Saturday Modifieds, Sportsman Stocks and Hornets will race. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out! ohioSPORTS-blitz@yahoo.com/.

WT GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM CLAIMS GMC TITLE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

EDGERTON - Held at Miller Park in Edgerton the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders eased past Fairview and the rest of the Green Meadow Conference teams to capture the 2022 GMC girl's cross country championship. The Raiders finished with a team score of 41 followed by Fairview (44), Antwerp (78), Edgerton (81), and Tinora (112). Ayersville, Paulding and Hicksville participated but did not have enough runners to compete as a team.

The red, white and blue placed four in the top eleven. Paced by Kiara Bhena, the senior finished second with a time of 20:14 followed by team mate Abby Moore who snagged a third place finish with a time of 20:28. Abby Elkins crossed the tape with a time of 21:37, good for tenth and close behind in the eleventh position was Aubree Miller with a time of 21:46. Rounding out the Raider scoring was Anna Meraz with a time of 22:39, finishing 16th. Also, running for Wayne Trace was Elizabeth Mohr taking the 23rd spot with a time of 23:17 and in 39th Libby Manz with a time of 27:27.

Antwerp, who had a solid

VWCS EMPHASIZES SAFETY DURING NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK



As National School Bus Safety week comes to an end, the Van Wert City School District would not only like to emphasize the importance of bus safety, but also take the time to recognize and honor the drivers who often transport more than 900 students on a daily basis.

The national theme this year is "1 Bus + 1 Driver = A Big Impact on Education," and the focus is on reminding that safety is the first priority for all students. Ohio law requires that on a road with fewer than

four lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped school bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the bus driver signals motorists to proceed.

The Van Wert City School Transportation Department would like to remind drivers that the speed limit of the school zone on State Route 118 South (between Van Wert Middle / High School and Van Wert Element-

tary School) is reduced to 20 MPH during the following times:

7:35 AM - 8:15 AM
2:35 PM - 3:30 PM

The speed limit of the school zone on E. Ervin Rd. (in front of the Van Wert Early Childhood Center) is reduced to 20 MPH during the following times:

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
2:15 PM. - 3:15 PM

*Restricted hours will be adjusted to accommodate school delays

performance in finishing third was led by the fourth-place finish by Leigha Doster with a time of 20:32. Aerial Snyder also completed a top-10 run with a time of 21:34, good for eighth. Rounding out the Archers scoring included 22. Isabelle Graham (23:12), 26. Sara Farr (23:37). also running for the blue and white were: 28. Lyla Clem (23:51) and 30. Makenna Smith (24:20).

The Lady Panthers from Paulding had four runners on the course with Claire Miller having a very competitive run for the maroon and white. Miller was clocked with a time of 23:00 for 19th. Adrianna Carwile finished in 36th. with a time of 26:27 followed by a 40th. place run by Cassie Weller and a time of 27:50. Rounding out the Panther participants was Moriah Griffiths with a time of 30:02 for 43rd.

Tinora's Lauren Sattler took individual honors finishing first with a time of 18:59.

In the boy's competition Paulding County representatives were led by Antwerp (113) finishing fourth, Wayne Trace (130) fifth and Paulding seventh (160). Fairview took the team title with 42 points followed by Tinora (58), and Hicksville third with (73). Ayersville (157) slipped in at number six with host Edgerton (183) picking up the eighth spot.

From Paulding County, Antwerp's Kamren Johnson led all local runners with a third-place finish and time of 17:03. Rounding out the individual Archer's making up their team score were: 15. Alex Zilstra (18:23), 18. Avin Johnson (18:28), 33. John Bailey (20:24); and 44. Skyler Octaviano (22:41). Alos running for the Panthers was Levi Shelton with a time of 23:32 for 47th. place.

For the red, white and blue Gage Ogle led Wayne Trace with a tenth-place finish and a time of 17:49. Following Ogle was 21. Prestyn Schnepf (18:41), 30. Seth Rosswurm (20:21), 32. Riley Manz (20:24) and Aiden in 37th. with a time of 21:27.

Paulding was paced by Jack Schweller with a time of 19:01 and 23rd. followed close be-

hind by Cully Thompson in 25 with a time of 19:26. Rounding out the maroon and white scoring: 34. Eli Jones (21:02); 36. Jeremiah Koenig (21:22); and 42. Garrett McClure (21:56). Also, running for the Panthers were: 45. Sheridan Matty (23:05) and 50. Wesley Ludwig (24:06).

Jaxen Durfey from Tinora won the boys event scorching the course with a winning time 15:46.

JR. HIGH GMC CROSS COUNTRY: ANTWERP GIRLS TAKE SECOND

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Both boys and girls participated in the Green Meadows Conference junior high cross country meet recently. In the girl's race Tinora ran away with the team competition with a score of 23 followed by second place Antwerp (77), Hicksville (91), Fairview (99), Edgerton (105), Paulding (106) and Wayne Trace (117). The individual winner for the girls was India Okuley from Tinora with a time of 13:13.

The following were members of the top 50 finishers: Antwerp - 10. Chloe Evilsizor (14:58), 12. Jennifer Lawhorn (15:19), 14. Alia Clem (15:42), 20. Maclaren Ehrhart (16:15), and 21. Anneliese Zijkstra (16:40).

Paulding: 3. Kyler Foor (13:51), and 19. Esther Lemieux (16:12).

Wayne Trace: 9. Ellie Kurtz (14:30), and 24. Cayla Noggle (17:16).

In the boy's race Tinora won the event followed by Ayersville, Edgerton and Fairview. Paulding, Wayne Trace and Antwerp did not qualify for a team score due to not having a minimum of five runners. The following results is based on the top 50 finishers.

Wayne Trace: 4. Eli Treece (12:05), 16. Colton Kimmel (13:52), 29. Jeremiah Johnson (15:51), and 31. Damon Rosswurm (14:07).

Antwerp: 22. Tucker Doster (13:09), 24. Gage Barker (13:24), and 35. Aiden Hook (14:25).

Paulding: 9. Achilles Mead (12:36), 14. Graham Grinnell (12:47), 19. Graham Miller (13:04), and 46. Quinton Laker 18:23.



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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

QUILT RESTORATION STUDIO CELEBRATES 10 YEARS THIS WEEK



Born Again Quilts, a quilt restoration studio and textile store is celebrating their 10th Anniversary on Oct 20. In celebration, this Thurs-Saturday, October 20-22, Born Again Quilts will be open from 10-5 with sales, freebies and a quilt autopsy or two for those interested in the unique trade at 4005 South Wayne Ave in Fort Wayne. Guests love the selection of vintage quilts and fabrics, vintage patterns and sewing accessories.

"Every quilt is unique. It silently relates the story of its maker and the time period of its creation. Many families cherish and pass them to the next generation. Others are relegated to the auction, the garage sale, or simply thrown away." Lois Levihn, Owner of Born Again Quilts continues, "I used to collect quilts in pristine condition, but I felt sorry for those looked upon with disfavor because they weren't in "perfect" condition. I have the patience and the talent to take them back to their former glory-thus "Born Again"."

Orphaned quilt tops are a different story. They never really had a life. Perhaps grandma didn't have the space for a quilt frame, or arthritis took its toll, or simply she just loved to piece and didn't care to quilt. Whatever the reason many of these tops are in great condition- they never saw the light of day-just tucked away in a bureau drawer or cedar chest to be discovered after grandma passed away. The

beauty of the quilt tops is you can take what grandma started and add your own creativity to the project. A time span quilt can either honor grandma's original plan or be dramatically changed to fit your decor and preferences.

Levihn received a façade grant from the City of Fort Wayne in 2013 and she is proud to state, "I restore quilts in a restored building with its original wooden floors intact."

Born Again Quilts is located just 2.5 miles from downtown Fort Wayne and is located next door to the Friendly Fox the neighborhood hangout for soups, sandwiches, dessert and coffee. For more information, please see www.bornagainquilts.com or on Facebook.

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



On September 24th, an officer was called to a local business for an individual there that wouldn't leave.

On September 25th, an

officer was called to Dollar General for an individual that allegedly stole items. Officer went to the location, investigated and prepared a report.

On September 26th, Officers were called to a resident on Harrmann for an individual that was deceased.

On September 29th a resident on Woodland Dr. reported what looked like a salesman going door to door selling. The officer checked and no permit had been issued. The officer went to the location, located the individual and explained that he needed a permit prior to selling. A warning was issued.

On September 30th, an officer was requested on Washington St. for parents to exchange custody.

On September 30th, a resident of Payne reported he had lost his wallet, he believed in the Village of Antwerp at a local business. The officer attempted to locate the wallet. On October 1st the individual called and said he had located the wallet.

On October 1st, a vehicle was stopped on S. Erie St. The driver was sited for driving under suspension and fictitious registration and the vehicle was towed.

On October 1st, Antwerp Police Department received an alarm at a downtown business. Officer responded and secured the building.

On October 2nd, an officer was called to a residence for possible overdose. Officer responded, then contacted Antwerp EMS. Antwerp EMS transported the individual to the hospital.

On October 3rd, a resident of the village requested a golf cart inspection. Inspection was performed.

On October 4th, a former resident of the village called and said she and her husband were going through a divorce and requested an officer go with her so she could have visitation with her dog. She was advised to contact her attorney and have the attorney go with her.

On October 7th, an incident of child abuse was reported. Antwerp Police Department investigated and a report was prepared.

On October 7th, a resident of Hicksville reported being harassed by a resident of the Village of Antwerp. The case was investigated.

On October 7th, a report was received that the person received documentation from IRS and believed it was a scam. The case was investigated and it was indeed a scam.

On October 11th, a welfare check requested for an individual in the village. Officer located the individ-

ual and determined everything was okay.

On October 12th, an officer assisted Antwerp EMS at a residence.

On October 12th, a resident reported suspected child sex abuse. The call was investigated and it was determined it was an incident that happened years prior, the case had been investigated and the individual prosecuted.

On October 13th, a resident of the village requested a vehicle unlock. The car was unlocked.

On October 13th, a resident of Main St called to complain about the downtown speakers.

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

PANTHERS RECORD SENIOR NIGHT WIN OVER ANTWERP

Paulding closed out the home careers of Katie Beckman and Carlea Kuckuck with a five-set victory over county rival Antwerp Tuesday night at the 'Jungle.'

Antwerp captured the first two sets by scores of 25-21 and 25-23 before the Panthers rallied for consecutive victories of 25-17, 25-15 and 15-10 to pick up the match win.

Kuckuck recorded seven kills, three blocks, six digs and four aces and Beckman finished with 11 kills, one block, one ace, 12 digs and 29 assists.

Others aiding the Panther cause in the victory included Marley Parrett (14 kills, 15 digs, four blocks, one ace), Elli Barton (nine digs, five kills, one ace), Maci Kauser (15 digs), Jocelynn Parrett (22 digs, four kills, three aces) and Brooklynn Bakle (two blocks, five kills).

Jillian Treece finished with two aces, eight kills, one assist, one block and 22 digs for Antwerp and Katryna Fish posted six kills and three digs. Hayleigh Jewell contributed three kills and two blocks with Ashlynn Hinkle adding five digs, one assist and one block.

Madelyn O'Donnell recorded eight digs, one assist and eight kills and Ratana Owen totaled two aces and a dozen digs.

Addyson Hormann aided the Archer cause with seven digs and two kills with Maddy Peters recording nine digs, two aces, two kills and 11 assists. Caroline Rohrs picked up 16 digs with one assist while Caydence Shull chipped in two digs, one assist and five kills. Emma Townley finished with two aces, one assist and seven digs.

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 260-632-5318.

The City of Woodburn will be participating in Trick-or-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.

The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Village of Oakwood is accepting bids for the purchase of vacant lots located at 306 Main St in Oakwood, OH 45873.

Parcel # 10-17S-019-00 and 10-17S-020-00

Lots will be sold as is with bids starting at no less \$7257.70. Bidder present at opening can increase bids.

Bids will be opened November 21st at 6:30pm and can be sent to: **Village of Oakwood, P.O. Box 457, Oakwood, OH 45873**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

Plaintiff,

vs.

SCOT D. BLANKENSHIP, ET 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 Unknown Spouse of Scot D. 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 POINT OF BEGINNING; - thence 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) feet;

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;

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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: *Karyn Burdick*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Burkard
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
120 S. Walnut Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8270

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:

CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

CODY D. KING, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 077.

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:

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Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the date of sale.

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 deed is recorded.

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

PAULDING ELEM AUG/SEPT MINDSET MARVELS



Paulding Elementary August/September Mindset Marvels 2022 left to right: Front row: Marshall Wilhelm, Andrea Manz, Jose Gutierrez-Santillan, Tucker Webster. Middle row: Rya Wirts, Avery Parrett, Jaxson Kline, Mackinlee Vance, Elizabeth Cortes-Becerra, Evelyn Dangler, Quynn Arend. Back row: Easton Gee, Piper Pease, Elijah Jackson, Jocelyn Molina, Mia Cameron, Alanna Bassler, Nolan Rosalez. Missing from picture: Christina Box, Rozalia Wagenhauser, Reese Lero.

HONKY TONK HISSY FIT



Pictured left to right: Kecia Pontius, Casey Lupkin, Tina Byrd, Chris Burkheimer, Emily Smith, Mary Weisman, Lisa Eichler, Ed Eichler and Daniel Sanderson".

Double Wide, Texas Howdy. My name is Earl. I'm going to introduce you to

THE vacation spot of West Texas, Double Wide. Now, why would anyone call this lit-

tle settlement Double Wide in a state that has a history as rich as Texas? Well, that will unravel itself as the story progresses.

The village of Double Wide is located in the garden spot of West Texas. We have sand, dirt, cactus, and Gila monsters, but we also have a dry climate that is a freezer at night and turns to an oven during the day. However, we also have a clean, uncluttered night sky. Nights are so quite you can hear your own heartbeat. I swear some nights you feel like you could reach up and pluck a star out of the sky and during the day you can watch the snakes and racoons playing soccer with the tumbleweeds. Now, you have to ask yourself, how could you possibly have a problem in a paradise like this? Let me introduce you to the problem.

First, there is Big Ethel Satterwhite (played by Lisa Eichler). She is a thorn in Caprice

Crumpler's side. Coming next is Georgia Dean Rudd (played by Tina Byrd). Georgia Dean is the owner of "Bronco Betty's Buffeteria". Then there is Nash Sloggett (played by Chris Burkheimer). Nash is Haywood Sloggett's son. Lark Barken (played by Casey Lupkin) is Nash Sloggett's daughter and the mother of Arden Rose, who is 3 months for only 10 more months! Caprice Crumpler (played by Mary Weisman) is the "star" of Double Wide, at least according to Caprice. Haywood Sloggett (played by Ed Eichler) is the president of the local Chamber of Commerce. Joveeta Crumpler (played by Kecia Pontius) is the mayor of Double Wide and the sister of Norwayne "Baby" Crumpler. Joveeta also manages the vacation rental. Norwayne "Baby" Crumpler (played by Daniel J. Sanderson) is the police and fire departments in Double Wide. He is also the town septitian. Harper Channing (played by Emily Smith) is the "mole" who has a secret plan that will change the lives of everyone in Double Wide forever. The last resident of Double Wide to note is Harley Dobbs (voiced by Matt Krol) and he is the TV announcer. I hear there is an actual, but unhappy, vacationer in Double Wide but it is said to be a surprise.

Watching the interaction between this cast of characters is like watching five tennis matches all being played on the same court caught in a brush fire and possibly in the path of a tornado. They will have you laughing and guessing as to who is who and what is what.

Earl Socrates Holt

Reservations for "Honky Tonk Hissy Fit" can be made by calling the box office number 419-605-6708 during business hours. Performance dates are October 21, 22,23,28,29 & 30. Friday evenings "Popcorn night" doors open at 7:00 PM and show at 7:30. Saturday evenings doors open at 6:00 PM, Buffet meal at 6:30 and shows at 7:30. Sunday Matinee doors open at 12:30 PM, Buffet meal at 1:00 and show at 2:00. Off Stage Productions, 211 S. Walnut St., Van Wert, OH.

RAIDERS SCORE ROAD WIN AT FAIRVIEW

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

SHERWOOD - In their last two football games, both conference games, Wayne Trace lost both while managing to score just six points in each contest. On Friday, October 7th, playing on the road, it had to get better for the red, white, and blue - and it did. Going up against winless Fairview the Raiders knew this was a game they had to win and when the final gun sounded the Raiders came out on top 28-6.

Both teams had success in the first quarter with both scoring a touchdown on their initial drives. Wayne Trace got it started after electing to receive the football. Needing just 11-plays covering 53-yards the Raiders lit up the scoreboard with junior quarterback Kyle Stoller engineering his team's first score of the night - a two-yard toss from Stoller to Race Price midway through the quarter.

Fairview, however, would

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT APPLE CRUNCH



Along with 413,889 other crunchers in Ohio, Ann's Bright Beginnings PreK kiddos participated in the Great Apple Crunch. Miss Erika from the SNAP-ED program visited with different kinds of apples to taste, and we learned the cycle of seed to apple. It was a very fun and crunchy day!

AN AFTERNOON OF ROOTS, ROCK & BLUES #2



The Village of Convoy Historical Society would like to invite you to join us for a fun Afternoon of Roots, Rock and Blues #2, an acoustic jam session, on Sunday November 6, 2022 from 2 till 4pm at the Convoy Opera House located at 111 South Main Street in Convoy, Ohio. Free admission to the 2-hour session. Featuring The Gonzo Band with Mike Bouillon, Tim Laukhuf, Ed Burwell, Jim Hyitt, Lynn Reinking and Jerry McIntosh. So come out for some music and take a look at the beautiful work the Historical Society has done up to this point on the Convoy Opera House and Annex Building. Handicap accessible.

answer with a successful drive of their own. An 11-play possession covering 63-yards of real estate capped off by a three-yard pass from Breaven Williams to D'Andre Hastings with 18-seconds showing on the clock. The first quarter Apache's touchdown would prove to be their only score in the contest. The Raiders and Apaches were knotted at 6-6 after one quarter of play.

With the ball in the first quarter as time expired the Raiders would continue to move the pigskin in the second period with the visitors from Paulding County finding pay dirt on a Stoller pass to Cale Winans covering nine-yards. The successful two-point conversion - a pass from Stoller to Price - would increase the Raiders advantage to 14-6 and a lead they would hold on to throughout the contest.


The Raider offense, which had been somewhat absent the previous couple of weeks would come alive again in the second period after the defense did their job holding their opponent from ad-

vancing the ball. A 10-play possession covering 62-yards turned into a positive scoring drive when Stoller worked his way into the end zone to put the Raiders in control 20-6. On the two-point conversion attempt the Raiders made good on a fumble that allowed an alert Caleb Mosier to pounce on in the end zone for two more Raider points and a 22-6 advantage at the break.

The only points coming in the second half came midway in the final stanza. With 6:59 remaining in the contest Stoller would spot Price on an eight-yard scoring toss to close out the scoring and giving the Raiders a much needed win. The red, white, and blue now stand at 3-5 overall and 2-3 in league play.

Wayne Trace totaled 221 yards of offense with a balance offensive attack. Stoller guided his team on 12-18 passing for 120 yards with receiver Race Price collecting six grabs for 79 yards. The team accumulated 101 rushing yards with senior Kyle Slade lead the attack

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PAULDING COUNTY TRIO HONORED WITH THE PATROL'S "SAVED BY THE BELT" AWARD



Paulding County – Paulding residents Faith Bauer, Lillian Bauer, and Evalynn Brooks joined Ohio’s “Saved by the Belt” Club after their safety restraints saved them from sustaining life-threatening injuries from a crash which occurred on County Road 144 at County Road 71 in Paulding County on August 4, 2022.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Kevin Krill presented the trio with the “Saved by the Belt” certificate signed by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent.

“These three young ladies are a living testimony to the effectiveness of safety belts and child safety seats,” Lieutenant Timothy P. Grigsby, Van Wert Post commander said. “Everyone needs to buckle up every trip, every time. A horrific tragedy was avoided because of the few precious seconds Ms. Bauer

took to ensure that everyone was properly buckled up before driving.”

Provisional data from 2021 shows 565 people in Ohio were killed in traffic crashes



where a safety belt was available, but not in use. For up-to-date statistics and information on seat belts, log onto the Patrol’s Seatbelt Dashboard at www.SeatBeltDashboard.ohio.gov.

The “Saved by the Belt” Club is a joint effort by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and more than 400 Ohio law enforcement agencies. This club is designed to recognize people who have benefited from their decision to wear safety belts.

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STUFFED ANIMALS that were sold at Bob's Restaurant in Woodburn are now at Ties & Bows, 410 E River St., Antwerp, Ohio. Closed Mondays. Open 10am. October 29, 9-2 @ St. James Bazaar in New Haven, IN. p

HIRING: Harrison Township will be hiring a new part-time zoning officer. Job includes monthly visual property inspections in Harrison Twp, issuing building permits as needed and working with property owners to resolve zoning complaints. This position receives a salary and mileage reimbursement. Please contact a Harrison Township Trustee: Kerry Hook, 419-910-0059; Bob Young, 419-572-1392; Chad Ben-schneider, 419-769-4708 or send resume to P.O. Box 103 Payne, Ohio 45880.

FORT DEFIANCE Antiques - 402 Clinton St. Downtown Defiance, OH. Hours M-Sat 10-5. Phone 419-782-6003 tf

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DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IN WEST BEND NEWS IS FRIDAYS AT 12 NOON!!!

ter.

The report card for Antwerp has been posted on the ODE website. Any school has all been posted now and you can compare the different schools across the state.

Dr. Miller showed the Performance gap that Antwerp is at the top for the price/performance in similar districts. Miller stated that they had the ALICE training and he appreciated the training by the Paulding County Sheriff’s Office.

There is an upcoming District Administrator Leadership Summit in California November 9-11. Dr. Miller has been invited there and will be participating in the event.

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (4) persons on Thursday, October 13, 2022

Kara Buzard (12/26/79), Van Wert, OH; Aggravated Possession of Drugs, F5

Kameron W. Forrer (2/27/00); Unknown address; Failure to Appear as Required by Recognizance, F4

Kobe B. Cutlip (6/8/04), Melrose, OH; Failure to Appear as Required by Recognizance, F4

Craig L. Wagenhauser (10/21/88), Paulding, OH; Domestic Violence, F4; Resisting Arrest, M2

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Richard T. Johnson Jr., Melrose, OH; Improper handling of a firearm; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

Ian M. Setili, Grover Hill, OH; Violating a protection order; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

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

Weston O. Good, Ke-wanna, IN; Open container, Case dismissed, Costs to be taken from bond; OVI/under the influence, Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, Show proof of insurance by 10/21/22, Fines to be taken from bond, Defendant shall provide info about 30 day in-patient treatment and may be given credit for DIP/jail by 11/18/22, Operator license suspension from 7/17/22 till 7/17/23

the 1st quarter is now finishing up and parent-teachers conferences are being scheduled. He also mentioned about “Friends of Rachel” presentation being welcomed at the school.

McCartney Lucas was recognized for her second time making it to the next round of golf tournament.

November 11th at 10:15 a.m. will begin the Veteran’s presentation and this is the first time since the COVID lockdowns.

Grades 8 and 9 will be going to Washington DC for their class trip.

Tracey Stokes – elementary principal report:

Elementary parties are coming for the fall on the 27 and 28. Fall testing and parent-teachers conferences are all coming up, along with the book fair.

PTO Movie Night will be on November 17. Be sure to check out all the scheduled events.

Western Buckeye will be hiring a new class coach at the school – Jordyn Wells.

Building and Grounds: there have been upgrades to the baseball and softball diamonds. AEP had met with the school officials about upgrading powerlines during the summer. It will improve the electrical flow somewhat to the school and the town. The roof replacement process has been on hold for a couple years and now it may become a possibility once again.

Harold Gottke stated that Kyle Zartman is working out well in the Innovation Cen-

one kill; Torree Sinn one kill, one block, one dig and Elise Miller with one assist and one dig.

Playing their last match wearing the red, white and blue were four seniors including Gracie Shepherd, Sydnee Sinn, Elise Miller and Macy Doster.

ANTWERP SCHOOL EXCELS ON GRADE CARD

The Antwerp Local School Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Kristine Stuart presented the financial report for the last month and the entire school year:

Income: \$826086.21

Interest: \$13,008.26

Expenses: \$999362.90

31.94% projected income received and 21% projected revenue spent. The next five years are expected to have a negative revenue impact of income/expenditure ratio.

Bob Herber gave an update for the state allowing loop holes for raffles, but it should be under a 501c3. The state has recommended to the school not to do them directly.

Dennis Recker gave an update for Vantage Career Center. There will be drone commercial license training for part 107. Thirty-four students earned the National Technical Honor Society and five students from Antwerp were included in that number. Vantage is increasing their number of credential classes as well.

Travis Lichty stated that

Sudoku solution from page 9

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

Danyale R. Stiltner, Latty, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rita K. Zorn, Sandusky, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeremy C. Duncan, Noblesville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tramayne D. Overton Jr., Toledo, OH; FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Warrant may be recalled; Warrant block shall remain in until paid in full

Michael O. Sigman, Hicksville, OH; Assault; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

David E. Font, Paulding, OH; Zoning violation (2 counts); Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to clean up property; Pay all fines and costs

Patrick A. Bell, Hicksville, OH; No motorcycle license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Provide proof of insurance by 10/20/22

Anthony E. Meyer, Sherwood, OH; Assault, Guilty, Fines to be taken from bond, Restitution in the amount of \$3.04, Placed on standard probation, 20 hours community service, Submit a drug and alcohol evaluation, Submit a mental health evaluation, Repay SCRAM, Letter of apology, Online classes, Risk assessment; Ethnic intimidation Count B dismissed

Craig L. Wagenhauser Jr., Paulding, OH; Resisting arrest; Domestic violence; Defendant has been indicted by the grand jury and case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

with 68-rushing yards on 18 totes.

Fairview struggle offensively with just 139 rushing yards and 20-yards in the air. The Apaches were also responsible for six fumbles - losing two.

V-TENNIS TOURNAMENT RUN ENDS WITH LOSS TO PARKWAY

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Wayne Trace tournament run came to an end last Wednesday with a sectional final volleyball loss to Parkway. Played on the Parkway floor the Lady Panthers easily got past the Lady Raiders in three sets 25-10, 25-20,

25-13. With the win Parkway improves their record to 18-5 and will move on to Division III district competition with a semi-final match-up against St. Henry. The Raiders end their season with a very respectable 18-6 record and a second-place finish in the Green Meadows Conference.

Statistical leaders in the final game for the Raiders: Gracie Shepherd six kills, five digs; Kasy Hornish 12 assists, nine digs, Sydnee Sinn four kills, seven digs, one ace; Harper Myers seven kills, two digs, one block Paige Alber six assists, two digs, one ace; Kaitlin Slade seven digs; Macy Doster five digs; Lexi Moore two blocks,

HELP WANTED

The Village of Oakwood is seeking a Water Superintendent, preferably possessing a Class 1 Water and Class 1 Wastewater License, or the willingness to obtain said licenses. This is a full time position. Any person interested in more information can call 419-594-3352 or to apply send resume to:

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Start Date: As Soon As Possible

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HICKSVILLE SPLASH PAD FUND IS ON THE RISE!



Hicksville Community Fund (HCF) members Sheryl Vetter and Karen Schmidt are shown updating the Splashpad Meter to almost \$500,000 in donations and pledges.

Hicksville Community Fund is spearheading efforts to raise the estimated \$800,000 needed to build a splash pad at the Hicksville village park. A number of very generous donations has quickly moved the dream even closer to reality.

HCF is asking other businesses, organizations and individuals to step forward with tax deductible donations to make this dream come true. Please contact Kirk Collins, Greg or Lisa Slattery, Jim or Karen Schmidt, Denny or Sheryl Vetter to make a donation. Every donation -small or large is important to this effort.

VETERANS DINNER AT ANTWERP VFW POST #5087

The Antwerp VFW Auxiliary will be having a Veterans Day dinner, Sunday, November 6th at noon. 105 Railroad St.

This is for all veterans only!

CREATING FUN IN WOODBURN

Show your creative talent and have fun by entering a carved pumpkin at the Woodburn Clock Tower Plaza on Saturday, October 29th. There are cash prizes and also face painting. Your masterpiece can be brought 9:30 to noon to enter.

AGE CATEGORY 4 year olds to 2nd grade; 3rd to 6th grade; 7th to 12th grade; All ages above 12th grade

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP IN PAULDING

The Paulding Cemetery Board of Trustees would like to announce Live Oak Cemetery and Memorial Cemetery fall clean-up dates. We ask that spring, summer and fall decorations be removed by November 12 to ready the cemeteries for the winter season and to allow for any new winter and Christmas decorations you would like to put on the graves of your loved ones. If any items are left on the graves after November 12, they will be removed. You will be able to put new decorations on the graves after November 22, 2022.

GET THE NEWS LOCALLY!

It may be time to reevaluate Facebook usage for area news media outlets. It has become apparent that local news is not getting distributed on the social media platforms since the algorithms were changed in early September, even if you have "followed" a page. Facebook has inserted itself to "connect" people with what the user likes instead of letting the newsfeed display as submitted by all other Facebook users. This has severely limited places like local news media getting community news to their local commu-

nity. Now news media outlets on social media are required to "boost" their posts before Facebook will allow it to be shown to the masses even to those who are already "subscribed" or "followed". This is a type of thought control sweeping the world at present and needs to be combatted — old school style to keep the community up-to-date on area news. Grab a local newspaper from the newspaper stands!

News at West Bend News has always been local focused to be most relevant to our readership; and such places as social media do not write, publish, or disseminate the news which they are determining you should see. Facebook believes that West Bend News should pay them for you to have access to what is already free. This is not economical since it sends money out of the county and into the hands of international corporations and those that want to further control the flow of news and speech.

Be sure to locate and read your local newspapers and websites such as the **West Bend News, Paulding County Progress, East Allen Courier, Village Reporter, and News Tribune** instead of expecting to get the news from social media. We are living in a time where we must be intentional in our thoughts and actions and seek out the truth in what is being portrayed as news.

With all of the above newspapers, you will get pertinent local news. Each person must make it a priority to live, shop, worship, and educate locally.

BGSU VISITS KIWANIS OF PAULDING



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Lisa Lawson (Project Coordinator) and Emma Durfee (Graduate Assistant) from the Center for Regional Development at Bowling Green State University as guest speakers at the October 20, 2022 club meeting. Lisa and Emma came at the invitation of David Burtch (Chair, Community Improvement Corp of Paulding). Lisa and Emma surveyed the Kiwanians for the R3 Project Grant that the Village of Paulding received.

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: AUGLAIZE CANOE & KAYAK



Tune in to My102.7 FM on Tuesday and Thursday at 8 am and 5 pm to hear from Troy and Liz Weller, owners of Auglaize Canoe & Kayak. Troy and Liz will share their background, and how their 100-year-old family farm outside of Oakwood, OH has be-

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