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SYDNEE SINN SIGNS W/MICHIGAN STATE TO RUN TRACK



Wayne Trace senior track standout Sydnee Sinn recently signed to run track at Division I Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. Shown in the picture at the signing are

Chrissy Sinn (mother), Sydnee Sinn and Josh Sinn (father). Sydnee will be furthering her education in biology/pre med at the home of the Spartans starting in the fall of 2023.

GROVER HILL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - IT'S CHRISTMAS, CAROL!



Tradition is what so much of the holidays are all about.

Very few traditions are as widely enjoyed as Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol!

With that in mind, we offer up a modern setting of the wonderful story in this musical, *It's Christmas, Carol!* In this instance, Ebenezer Scrooge is replaced by his elfin understudy, Carol, the grumpiest elf in the North Pole. The Cratchetts are replaced with a family of overworked elves and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future reap-

OH SEN. M'COLLEY HONORS NORTHWEST OHIO TRACK CHAMPIONS



State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) honored track champions from two Northwest Ohio high schools at the State Capitol today.

Wayne Trace High School junior Sydnee Sinn, winner of the state title in the Division III girls 400-meter, was joined by her teammates on the 1,600-meter relay team, also winners of a state Championship in June.

Sinn finished her race 1.7 seconds ahead of her nearest competitor during the state championships in June. Sinn and teammates Rachel Stoller, Kiara Bahena, and Gracie Shepherd captured the first girls' 1600 relay state title in Wayne Trace history, winning by 2.4 seconds.

The triumph was a rewarding payoff for members of the relay team after a second place

finish a year ago. Sinn's victory was especially sweet after finishing fourth last year.

Also honored was Ottawa-Glandorf junior Alexa Fortman, who won two state titles at the Division II Track and Field Championships in June. Alexa won the 400-meter dash nearly a full second ahead of her nearest competitor. She also won the 800 me-

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pear to play their role as reflectors of a grumpy person's life, with the end result being a festive change of heart and an abundance of Yuletide cheer.

The 4th, 5th, 6th grade musical will be December 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. And 7:00 p.m. at Grover Hill Elementary School, 101 North Monroe St. Grover Hill, OH.

PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2023 INVESTMENT MEMBERSHIP

Your Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office has started to distribute the 2022 annual report and 2023 investment membership information.

2022 was an outstanding year of growth in Paulding County. Businesses reported \$65,302,241 of capital investment, with many additional businesses already committing to investment and growth in 2023.

The Pioneer Line railroad improvements were enough that the line sold to Patriot Rail. Patriot has made a commitment to continue future improvements and growth

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

November 21

• Christmas For Kids Live Drive @ West Bend News parking lot, 9-11am

November 26

• Outdoor Kids Movie @ Grounded CC, Paulding
• Shop the Village, Paulding
• Small Business Saturday, Antwerp
• Joy of Crafting @ Antwerp Methodist Church, 9a-2p

November 28

• Merry & Bright Festival, Paulding, 6pm
• Paulding Holiday Window Decorating Contest Begins

November 30

• Antwerp Business Holiday Lighting Contest Begins

December 2-4

• Shrek by CC Banks @ Huber

December 3

• Holiday Fantasies Bazaar @ NH UMC, 9a-3p
• Christmas Open House @ Oakwood Elem gym, 10a-2p
• Holiday vendors @ Grounded, Paulding, 9a-3p

December 7

• Craft Bazaar @ Martini Luth. Church, NH, 9a-2p

December 9

• Hicksville School Music Concert @ Huber, 7pm
• VW Council On Aging Bus Trip & Dinner, LaComedia



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OBITUARIES

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

St John Lutheran , 812 East High Street, Hicksville, Ohio announces their upcoming services. On November 23 the ladies of the church will lead a Thanksgiving Eve service. There will be special music and a pie fellowship following the service. On Sunday November 27 will be the first Sunday of Advent. The church will offer a 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. mid-week Advent Service. This will provide opportunities for those who do not like to drive after dark or have work schedules. Questions can be directed to the church office 419-542-6269. ALL ARE WELCOME!

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
I have been a Christian for some time now, but one thing I have not been able to conquer is my smoking. I have tried to quit but without success. Do you have any suggestions?

I am not a medical doctor, a scientist, nor a psychologist, so the advice I give you will be primarily how a Christian should go about getting off tobacco.

First, Examine your motives. If you want God's help you should be sure beyond a shadow of a doubt that Christ is dwelling in you. II Corinthians 13:5 says, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates (counterfeits)?"

Second, give yourself completely to God. Romans 12:1-2 indicates we should continually turn over complete control of our body to the Lord. Once we become a true Christian, our body no longer belongs to us. I Corinthians 6:19-20 says, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's." This is why God expects us to let Him control our body.

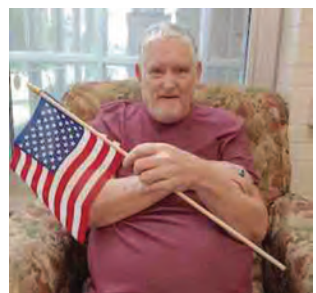
Third, you must learn to hate tobacco. Proverbs 8:13, "The fear of the Lord is to HATE evil..." The reason most people cannot quit smoking is that they just plain do not hate it enough. For the Christian it is not only slowly committing suicide with a body, but it is also giving Satan ground in your life whereby he can work in other areas and rob you of the blessings of full surrender. I have seen many Christians

GREG CRAMER SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Greg Cramer (Creekside Solar) as a guest speaker at the November 17, 2022 club meeting. Greg came at the invitation of Richard Kipp. Greg told the Kiwanians about the basics of solar energy: the parts, places and prices.

HAPPENINGS AT ANTWERP MANOR ASSISTED LIVING



Jim Shull



Walt Womack



George Underwood



Al Daeger

Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living located at 204 Archer Drive in Antwerp, Ohio. We are welcoming new residents at this time.

October and November have been very fun filled month for us. We opened up our facility to the local Trick



Ken Rau



Harry Terwilliger

or Treaters and it was an experience that many of our new residents enjoyed for the first time. Many thanks to the generous friends and family who helped by donating candy.



Roger Temple

Friday, November 11, we honored our seven Veterans. We shared the years they served as well as their branch of service. Each Veteran re-

off their life. The 40-year, two pack a day smoker will not only pay for cigarettes and medical costs, but will forfeit active income years, throwing away or burning up over \$200,000 they could have earned, so that they can suffer pain and bad nerves.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

Scripture of the Week

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

— John 17:17

MATT'S MISHAPS



The attic of the lodging, a late 1800s mansion, was filled with heirlooms and junk from one hundred years of my organization's history. I am not sure if the donated clothes go back one hundred years, but it seemed pretty close.

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

—Matt

decades that often had seen better days (threadbare, faded, and of a different style than I was used to). I made the journey up the windy creaky stairs to the lodging house's attic above the third floor, where the clothes were stored. In the dim light of the narrow attic, I began to find clothes I could wear the next day. Despite the clothes being from a different era and ill fitting, I had clothes to wear. I returned back down to my bedroom and was quickly asleep.



Moth Ball Cologne

Do you try to make a statement by your clothes? As we live and travel overseas, one of the easiest ways to guess where a person lives on the planet is by the clothes they wear and how they wear them. Colors of choice, worn form fitting or floppy, or even the types of fabric help me to play Sherlock Holmes and guess where people are coming from. I am in Texas as I write and the cowboy hats confirm my geography. However, with this said, my main factor in picking what I wear is whether it is clean or not.

I was up early the next morning, now showered and began to put on the clothes. What I didn't notice in my fatigued state the night before was that the clothes smelled very strongly of moth balls. I had no options and put on my clothes and off to meetings I went. My luggage did not arrive as the airline promised the next day, nor the next day, and on-and-on. Each evening I would make the journey up to the attic for more clothes for the next day. I felt like explaining to people that I met each day, "I don't normally dress this way, nor smell this way", but that seemed an even more awkward way to introduce myself to people. When the week of meetings were completed, my luggage had still not arrived. I hand washed my original clothes and wore them back overseas, and my luggage arrived back to me some time later.

I once traveled back to the States for meetings on the East Coast. My suitcase was lost in route along with all my clothes, except what I was wearing. I arrived to my lodging house late at night and wearing the wrinkled and smelly clothes of two days travel. The meetings started first thing the next morning and there was no time to go shopping, nor was there a store nearby.

To this day, I still prefer having moths to the smell of moth balls.

The organization I work for received donation clothes over the course of several

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

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ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: TIES & BOWS



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for November is Ties and Bows Craft and Novelty Shop in Antwerp, Ohio.

Marilyn Graft is the proud owner of one of the newest business establishments in Antwerp. Ties And Bows is located at 410. E. River Street in Antwerp, Ohio, which is most recently the site of Bragg's chiropractic office. Marilyn has enjoyed crafting since she was very young and it has been a part of her adult life off and on between other jobs.

She started making stuffed elephants about 5 years ago when her granddaughter was expecting and the nursery theme was elephants. She made blankets and burp towels and then decided it was time for toys. She started with flannel and then decided to try ties. She would deconstruct the tie, quilt it and make the elephant. Each quilted seam is hand knotted. No two are alike. Even if the elephants are made from the same fabric, they are still different. Each one has its own personality. One animal led to another as customers asked for dogs, cats, pigs, sharks, and dinosaurs.

Marilyn was doing craft shows until COVID hit. When it was slowing down, she saw an ad in The West Bend paper to join an outside show and rummage sale at the home of Krazy Krafters on Canal Street. It was so much fun and the Krazy Krafters adopted her into their group. She rented a room so that she could do inside shows as the weather was getting cold. Tonya Walker of Krazy Krafters took it over and we expanded. Each time it was time to end, Marilyn and the Krazy Krafters were saying, "If we just didn't have to pack up the heavy displays and store them until the next show". In August of this year, Marilyn took the plunge and pur-

chased the old chiropractor office to sell crafts and projects that she could not do at home because of space.

Krazy Krafters and Ties & Bows will continue to collaborate on sale dates and special events. Tonya, Vicki, Michelle, Uncle Larry, and Diane have been a great help to Marilyn and her husband, Ralph, in getting the shop up and running. Thank you does not go far enough to express their gratitude. It is an ever-changing shop with several rooms to explore. You never quite know what you might find. As you enter the front door you will see a variety of unique, inexpensive displays, including bags of locally roasted coffee beans. While best known for the elephants, Marilyn also does hats, bags, floral, and soon will return to making glass art. She is especially proud when she sees a child (or adult) hug an animal and smile. Her passion is making someone happy with that unique one of a kind item that she was able to create for them.

For a special occasion or 'just because', she will try to make what you want in a one-of-a-kind reasonably priced item. She can use ties or fabric that belonged to a loved one to make beautiful keepsakes.

Marilyn is happy to be a part of Antwerp and hopes people will stop in to see the shop and let her assist them with what they may need. She can also work with vintage baskets to make unusual floral pieces.

The Christmas shop is open and snowmen and snow-ladies are ready for a new home. The room will feature nativity scenes to help us remember the reason for the season. She hopes to see everyone in the shop especially during this holiday season.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to partner with Ties and Bows in the

growth of Antwerp and the surrounding community.

THREE MERCY HEALTH HOSPITALS RANKED IN BEST PLACES TO WORK IN HEALTHCARE IN 2022

Mercy Health is proud to announce that three Mercy Health hospitals have earned rankings among healthcare providers and insurers in Modern Healthcare's 2022 Best Places to Work award program.

Mercy Health - Willard Hospital was ranked number 15, which is up from last year's 39th place; Mercy Health - Tiffin Hospital was ranked number 50, which is up from the 2021 ranking of 60; and Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital made its debut on the Best Places to Work list at 75. This is the fourth consecutive year that Mercy Health's hospitals in Tiffin and Willard were named on this list.

"The associates at these three hospitals not only remain committed to providing the highest quality of care to our community but prove time and again that they are extremely proud of where they work. I am grateful for all of these hard-working team members and all Mercy Health associates who live the mission of our ministry every day," said Bob Baxter, president, Mercy Health - Toledo. "Once again, I want to congratulate the leaders, physicians, and all associates at our rural hospitals who together made this honor possible."

The complete list of this year's winner rankings is available at ModernHealthcare.com/bestplacestowork (digital subscription is required). Modern Healthcare will publish a special supplement featuring the ranked list of all winners published with the Oct. 3 issue of Modern Healthcare magazine.

"For the past four years, and during some of the most difficult times in healthcare, the teams at Mercy Health - Tiffin Hospital and Mercy Health - Willard Hospital have been recognized with this national distinction," said Andrew Morgan, interim president, Mercy Health - Tiffin and Mercy Health - Willard. "Being on this list and rising in the ranking is such an honor for all at both Tiffin and Willard hospitals."

"Being named for the first time on the Best Places to Work is incredibly meaningful for Mercy Health - Defi-

ance Hospital because it reflects the pride our teams feel for the work they do," said Sonya Selhorst, interim president, Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital. "Caring for our patients remains at the heart of what we do, and we continue to love where we work because we love the communities we serve."

Modern Healthcare partnered with the Best Companies Group on the assessment process, which includes an extensive employee survey. While this program has evolved over the years, its mission remains the same: recognizing workplaces that empower employees to provide patients and customers the best possible care, products and services.

As the healthcare industry sits squarely on the frontlines of global health issues, the mission of the Best Places to Work program has only become more important. Healthcare leaders have proven that creating nurturing, supportive workplaces for their most valuable asset, their employees, is vital.

"The healthcare workforce has undergone a true test in the past year and a half, oftentimes pitting employees against employers. So how best to keep harmony in a workplace that is inherently stressful? This year's winners have an easy tip to incorporate: show respect. In high-performing and successful teams, regard for employees' well-being, acknowledgment of their contributions, and deference to their experience and dedication all helped maintain professionalism and productivity," said Aurora Aguilar, editor of Modern Healthcare. "We congratulate all of the Best Places to Work in Healthcare for emphasizing that compassion and respect are essential to an engaged and productive workforce."

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throughout the line. The fact that the line has class one lines (CSX & NS) on each end makes this one of the most competitive short line tracks in the Midwest.

Public-private partnership investment and collaboration provided 191.92 new miles of fiber-optic cable in the ground, with additional projects still being submitted. The hope is to use this new, dependable high-speed internet as a draw to keep young people in the county. This can also provide an opportunity to bring "work from home" employees into the county.

This year, your PCED office continued to develop and facilitate opportunities for villages, townships and local community groups; work with potential investors in buildings and property; and established new programs to support small business through marketing grants and low interest loans.

We work directly with our OhioMeansJobs office, and many other supporting sources, to offer best options for new, existing, and expanding businesses. We share related workforce opportunities through a variety of events including Career Day Business Showcase and Teacher Boot Camp. We developed new Community Reinvestment Areas (CRA) in Oakwood and on the County Road 424 (Vagabond area) to add to our

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Basil M. Wooton was a young man born in Latty, Ohio, March 30, 1897. The son of Levi W. and Ruby E. (Hamilton) Wooton.

This couple was married, August 16, 1890 in Celina, Mercer County, Ohio. They had four children: Jesse Raymond born 1893, Cora L. born 1895, Basil M. born 1897 and Gladys Grace born in 1907. The family was living in Latty in 1900 with Levi working as a liveryman. The family moved to Paulding by 1910, living on Chicago Street.

On June 29, 1916 at Columbus Barracks Ohio, Basil joined the Military. He served with Company K. 34th Infantry until May 30, 1917.

Basil was promoted to Private First Class, May 1, 1918. He was sent to France and served in the defensive sector.

On May 29, 1918, Basil was wounded in action, severely. He was wounded again, September 5, 1918. He served with Company K. 28th Infantry until he was honorably discharged July 21, 1919. He was listed 50% disabled with a Surgeons Certificate of Disability. I believe he was gassed.

By 1920, the family, Levi, Ruby, Basil and his sister Gladys moved to Marion, Osceola County, Michigan. His father, Levi, was engaged in farming. By 1922, Basil was living in Detroit, Michigan at 2222 Michigan Avenue as a tailor for Zander Brothers.

On December 10, 1923, at the age of 27, Basil passed away in Detroit, Michigan. The cause of death, after an autopsy, Potts Disease, caused by tuberculosis. This goes to my theory, that he was gassed.

Basil was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Marion, Michigan. His father Levi, passed in 1931, Ruby passed in 1959, his brother Jesse passed in 1971, followed by sisters Grace in 1974 and Cora in 1984. All are buried in the same lot in Greenwood Cemetery. Basil was never married.

Until Next Time!

already established areas of Payne, Antwerp, Haviland & Paulding, to provide tax abatement options, grant funding, and the ability to offer additional opportunities to county businesses.

Our hope that our county businesses and residents see and appreciate everything your PCED office offers and provides Paulding County and the surrounding region. We hope that you will show your support by investing in our 501c3, non-for-profit

business. Your investment will allow us to continue with all the aforementioned opportunities and support the opportunity for us to do even more.

If you have questions about the PCED office, business opportunities, or anything we provide, please review our website www.pced.net or reach out to us at any time.

We sincerely thank you for your support,

—Tim Copey, Director PCED

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ANTWERP SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE THEY ARE DEBT FREE!



Antwerp School Board Treasurer, Kristine Stuart, seen here shredding the bond levy - they are now debt free!

The Antwerp Local School board meeting was held on November 17, 2022. Dennis Recker gave the Vantage Report and stated that Vantage has quite a few positions open for instructors at the school.

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

Income: 923,791.32
Expenses: 862,658.15
INTEREST: 18406.70

The School is 32% through the fiscal year and right on track with the fiscal responsibility of the school.

Principal Lichty stated there was a great turnout for the Parent-Teacher Conference nights.

Winter sports started this week. Findlay is the destination for the football regional finals game on Saturday, November 19, 2022. The fall concerts went well this past week. Lichty stated there would be awards at the state level for

some of the football players.

There was a great turnout for the Veterans Day Program. Thanksgiving Break is coming up too. The choir concert is scheduled for December 19, 2022 just before Winter Break.

Elementary principal Tracey Stokes:

The elementary students were able to talk with the veterans before the concert and that was a good experience for the kids. The third grade testing has finished and results should be in before Winter Break. The elementary concert is December 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The PTO fundraiser was rewarded with donuts and orange juice.

Dr. Miller stated they had the Building and Grounds committee meeting. AEP will be upgrading power lines on Water Plant Drive. They will be upgraded in Summer '23. That powers the whole football complex. Both gym roofs will also be replaced next year, as long as the materials can

come in. Cyber security is one thing that Harold Gottke, Kristine Stuart, and Dr. Miller are examining for the school.

Antwerp won a "Build Your Future" \$5000 grant. The EPC gave a grant for the Wellness program for \$3050. A \$2000 grant was received from PPEC Roundup grant fund.

The School nutrition standards update reported that Antwerp has met and exceeded those standards. 29 people came in for the Seniors breakfast. Dr. Miller spoke at the Paulding County Economic Development banquet and was well-received. Miller is going to be a featured speaker in New York City at an education summit concerning the new Innovation Center.

Stuart stated the final bond payment for the Antwerp School debt for the "new" school has been paid. The school is now debt free. She shredded the bond in front of the school board. The original bond levy was \$3.2 million.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR TO SUPPORT THE ANTWERP CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

Most everyone knows of the Advent tradition of an Advent Calendar. These calendars are filled with hidden cubbies filled with treats for each day of Advent leading up to the celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas Day. These are meant to build anticipation and excitement as Christmas approaches.

Here is a new take on the Advent Calendar - a Reverse Advent Calendar. Rather than getting a treat each day, we give a gift of food to someone in need. To participate in this act of giving, simply get a box, decorate it if you desire, and add a food item each day of Advent beginning December 1. Once you have filled the box, bring the box to Antwerp Methodist Church, the home of the Antwerp Christian Food Pantry. This will help us stock our shelves with much needed food to help those in our community who need assistance.

To help you know what to give each day, look at the list below. Each day is listed with the item that is needed. You do not need to stick this list, but this list does include the most used and needed items. We hope you have a blessed Advent and Christmas as you give back to the community this Christmas season.

- December 1: can of soup
- December 2: peanut butter
- December 3: jar of jelly /jam
- December 4: boxed potatoes
- December 5: cake mix
- December 6: cake frosting
- December 7: toothpaste
- December 8: shampoo
- December 9: deodorant
- December 10: hand soap
- December 11: dish soap
- December 12: laundry soap
- December 13: toilet paper
- December 14: paper towel
- December 15: can of condensed soup
- December 16: package of oatmeal
- December 17: can of tomatoes
- December 18: can of meat
- December 19: Jello/pudding mix
- December 20: can of beans
- December 21: package of popcorn
- December 22: stuffing mix

MINDSET MARVELS FOR PAULDING ELEMENTARY



Paulding Elementary School October 2022 Mindset Marvels: (l-r, front row) Emma Walz, Meela Jones, Vinnie Grinnell, Leon Steele, Wyatt Turner, Rylee Sexton-Scott, Brantley Michel, and Tobias Bolter; (l-r, middle row) Wyatt Wilhelm, Rebeka Mericle, Addison Griffiths, Nora Gochenour, Miracle Eutsler, Mallory Coressel, and Graeson Heller; (l-r, back row) Jaxton Lindsey, Beth Antigo, Grayson VanVlerah, Carlos Lechuga, Alexandria Manz, and Lila Bryant. Missing from picture: Georgie Arend.

December 23: can of broth
December 24: can of mixed vegetables

WHEN YOUR FRIENDS DO NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR MENTAL HEALTH SITUATION

By: Stan Popovich

Do you struggle with your mental health and have a difficult time in getting the people you know to be more understanding?

In some cases, your colleagues might give you a hard time regarding your anxieties and depression.

As a result, here are seven suggestions on how to deal with the people you know regarding your mental health issues.

1. Listen to the professionals and not your friends: Your peers may mean well, but when it comes down to it, the professionals are aware of your circumstances more than anyone. A counselor knows what you are going through and can help you deal with your problems. When you have questions about your mental health, consult with a therapist.
2. Don't argue with others: It is important that you do not get into arguments with those who are giving you a rough time. Your number one priority is to get relief from your anxieties. It is not your job to worry about how others may view your circumstances. Your health is more important than what other people may think.
3. Your goal is to get better: Concentrate on how you can face your fears and anxieties. Don't waste your time arguing with your colleagues who are giving you a difficult time. This isn't a public relations event where you need to get approval from everyone. This is your life and you are the one suffering. Your main focus is to get better.
4. Tell your friends to learn about your situation: Explain to your peers that the best way for them to help you is to learn about your mental health issues. They could talk to a counselor, read some good books, or join a support group to better understand your situation. If your friends won't make an effort, then stay away from them because they will only make things worse.
5. Distance yourself from those who give you a difficult time: Distance yourself from those who won't make an effort to help understand what

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT SHAPES



Shown here from our Tuesday/Thursday class of 3 and young 4 year olds are Lakelynn Sauber, Van Snyder, Baxlyn Schweinsberg, Lillian Wehrkamp and Mateo Ash.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers are celebrating shapes at preschool by making gumball machines! They gumbled a big circle, then used

dobbers to make many smaller circles for the gumballs! Give us a call at 419-399-5437 for more information about our programs.

you are going through. You need to surround yourself with positive and supportive people. If you have problems or issues with a particular person, you can always ask a counselor for advice.

6. You are not alone: It can be very frustrating to manage your fear related issues when the people you know are on your case. Remember, you are not alone. There are millions of people around the world who struggle with their fears, anxieties, and depression. The key is to find those people who can relate to you through various organizations in your area.

7. Join a local mental health support group: There are many mental health

awareness support groups in your area. Many hospitals, churches, and counselors in your area will be able to provide you with a list of these organizations. These groups will be aware of your situation and can give you additional advice regarding your problems.

In addition, talk to a professional who can help relieve your depression and anxieties. They will be able to provide you with suggestions and insights on how to deal with your current problem.

For more information about Stan's book and to get some more free mental health advice, please visit Stan's website at <http://www.managingfear.com>

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NSCC HOSTS VETERANS LUNCHEON



Northwest State Community College hosted a special Veterans Luncheon on November 10th on the Archbold Campus. Kerry Patrick Clark provided some beautiful music and entertainment, and James Creager shared a powerful presentation titled "Freedom Is Not Free". Pictured are the veterans in attendance. NSCC offers its gratitude to all veterans for their brave service to our country.

WAYNE TRACE GIRLS BASKETBALL 2022/23 PRESEASON INFORMATION

GENERAL TEAM INFORMATION

School: Wayne Trace
 Nickname: Lady Raiders
 Last Year's Record: 8-14
 Division: III
 Green Meadows Conference Record: 1-6

Tournament Results: Lost in Sectional to Hicksville

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Bethany DeJarnett
 School Phone: 419-263-2415
 Email: dejarnettb@wayne-trace.org

Years Coaching: 14
 Years as Head Coach: Entering 10th

Current Record at School as Head Coach: 155-63

2022-2023 TEAM INFORMATION

Letterman Lost To Graduation

Rachel Stoller: PPG 10.1; RPG 5.8; 59 steals

Christina Graham: PPG 5.3; RPG 3.7; 33 assists, 46 steals, 16 3-pt FG

Rylee Troth: PPG 4.2; RPG 3.7; 27 assists, 31 steals, 11 3-pt FG

Returning Letterman
 Abby Moore (Sr.), 5'7", Guard, 6.4 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 38 steals

Harper Myers (So.), 5'9", Guard/Forward, 2.0 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 26 steals

Elise Miller (Sr.), 5'5", Guard, 1.5 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 24 steals

Top Prospects/Newcomers

Gracie Shepherd (Sr.), 6'0", Forward, 8.5 ppg, 6.6 rpg as sophomore

Caroline Winans (Fr.), 5'2", Guard

Caeren Winans (Fr.), 5'2", Guard

Lexi Moore (Fr.) 6'0", Forward
 Ava Zartman (Jr.), 5'5", Guard

Torree Sinn (Fr.), 5'8", Forward

Strengths for the Season

We have some good size inside but we will also be young in a lot of areas at the same time. We will need to use our size to our advantage and do a good job of defending as well as rebounding. Our returnees will be counted upon to provide veteran leadership and help our younger players develop.

Concerns for the Season

While we do have some experience back, we will still be inexperienced in many ways as well. We need to learn how to play at the varsity level and what it takes to have success. The girls are working hard but it is going to take time to adjust to a quicker game. Taking care of the basketball is always important and we need to become more consistent offensively.

Conference Outlook

The league race should be very interesting this year. I don't know that there is a dominant favorite in the league but there are going to be some quality teams as well. Any team is going to be capable of beating another on a given night and we are going to have to be ready to play for each conference game.

Overall Outlook

We want to get better each day, each week and each game. We have some experience back but we also have to get some quality time from some new faces. Developing the chemistry with those two groups is going to be a key for us. We also need to continue to learn the game and as well as learning and accepting each individual's roles.

2022-2023 Schedule (All games with * are GMC games)
 Tuesday, November 22: vs. Defiance, 6:00

Saturday, November 26: at Delphos St. John's, 11:00

Tuesday, November 29: vs. Bryan, 6:00

Thursday, December 1: at Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian (IN), 6:00

Tuesday, December 6: vs. Heritage (IN), 6:00

Tuesday, December 13: vs. Van Wert, 6:00

*Thursday, December 15: at Ayersville, 6:00

Saturday, December 17: vs. Ottoville, 12:00

Monday, December 19: at Lincolnview, 6:00

Wednesday, December 21: at Fort Jennings, 6:00

Tuesday, December 27: at Woodlan (IN), 6:00

*Thursday, January 5: vs. Hicksville, 6:00

Monday, January 9: at Lima Central Catholic, 6:00

*Thursday, January 12: at Tinora, 6:00

Tuesday, January 17: vs. Delphos Jefferson, 6:00

*Thursday, January 19, vs. Antwerp, 6:00

*Thursday, January 26: at Edgerton, 6:00

Saturday, January 28: vs. Miller City, 12:00

Tuesday, January 31: vs. Continental, 6:00

*Thursday, February 2: vs. Fairview, 6:00

Monday, February 6: at Crestview, 6:00

*Thursday, February 9: vs. Paulding, 6:00

WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY OHIO SALUTES NIGHT SHIFT NURSES

As clocks moved back to end daylight savings time on Nov. 6, healthcare workers to experience an extra hour on duty.

To honor the service and professionalism of nurses who face extra pressures from work on the night shift, Western Governors University Ohio (WGU Ohio) is delivering Night Shift Nurse Appreciation Kits this week to a number of hospitals and healthcare facilities across the state.

WGU Ohio's salute recognizes nurses' service in the early hours of November 6, when clocks are set back to end daylight savings time and night shift nurses will have an extra hour of work. Each Night Shift Nurse Appreciation Kit contains a handwritten note of thanks from WGU Ohio faculty and staff along with items such as

COOPER'S DONATIONS HELP PAULDING 8th GRADE EXPENSE FIELD TRIP



Pictured from left to right: Landon Dasher, Jose Gonzales, Dianne Cooper, Tori Schlatter, Camdyn Manz, Candence Schwab and Justice Thompson.

Through a generous donation from the Cooper Family Foundation, the Paulding 8th grade class took a field trip to Auglaize Canoe & Kayak located in Oakwood. While there, students had the opportunity to kayak the beautiful river while enjoying the changing leaves, pick a pump-

kin to take home, play outdoor yard games, take a hayride, explore the corn maze, and even roast hot dogs and s'mores on the campfire. It was a fun-packed day, full of team bonding and laughs. Every student and teacher is very grateful for the experience and left with many memories.

snacks, hot chocolate, pens, breath mints, lip balm, and post-it notes. This is the fourth straight year that WGU Ohio has delivered this special recognition.

"Healthcare professionals deserve our praise every day of the year, especially at a time when we are seeing healthcare staffing shortages in communities across our state. An extra hour of duty on November 6 gives us one more reason to recognize their service," said Dr. K.L. Allen, Chancellor of WGU Ohio.

"As educators who help so many Ohioans prepare for a nursing career or upgrade their skills, all of us at WGU Ohio understand the extra pressures felt by healthcare workers on night-shift duty," Allen said. "Quite a number of the students in our nursing degree programs are also night shift nurses, so we understand the challenges they face."

In addition to its Night Nurse Appreciation Kits, WGU Ohio is again offering WGU Night Shift Scholarships of up to \$4,000 to for night shift workers in any profession. The university is also offering nurses the opportunity a win a spa day for themselves and four co-workers.

WGU Ohio offers a wide

range of accredited, online health programs and nursing school courses to help nurses and other health professionals earn additional credentials so they can improve patient care while they advance their careers. The university also has a new prelicensure program that prepares students to earn both their registered nurse license and their bachelor's degree in nursing in just two and one-half years. The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Western Governors University was founded in 1997 by a coalition of 19 U.S. state governors as a way to offer their citizens - particularly adult learners - the chance to go to college from home, at their own pace, while holding jobs and caring for their families. In 2018, Ohio became the eighth additional state to partner with WGU to offer its degree programs in health and nursing, business, teaching, and information technology. Since that time, WGU Ohio as an accredited, nonprofit university has helped 8,500 Ohio students receive the education and skills they need to pursue in-demand careers.

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

Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip

Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of

Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library
Payne: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
Scott: Scott Post Office

Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, 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

Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library

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PARATE FILE

FOUR CFAES PROFESSIONALS HONORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC & LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITIES



From left to right: David Benfield, Mary Rodriguez, Steve Neal, and Mary Kay Pohlschneider.

An agriculture communicator, a food scientist, a retired associate dean and a retired associate vice president of Agricultural Administration were honored this month for their research, teaching and service to The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU).

Mary Rodriguez, assistant professor of agricultural communication, education and leadership; Mary Kay Pohlschneider, senior lecturer in the CFAES Department of Food Science and Technology; Steve Neal, retired associate dean, and director of CFAES academic programs; and David Benfield, retired associate vice president of Agricultural Administration, director of the CFAES Wooster Campus, and associate director, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, were honored Nov. 6 by the Washington, D.C.-based research, policy, and advocacy organization.

Rodriguez was awarded the 2022 Excellence in College and University Teaching Awards for Food and Agricultural Sciences, receiving the best early-career teacher honors. The award also in-

cludes a \$2,000 cash award.

Pohlschneider was awarded the 2022 National Teaching and Student Engagement award, which "celebrates university faculty for their use of innovative teaching methods and service to students."

Neal was recognized with an Outstanding Service Recognition of Contribution to the Academic Programs plaque, for his "valuable leadership and distinguished service to the education of students in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences."

Benfield was awarded the 2022 Experiment Station Section Excellence in Leadership Award, given to, "those who have personified the highest level of excellence by enhancing the cause and performance of the Regional Associations and Experiment Station Section in achieving their missions and the land-grant ideal."

"Our college strives to advance industry, advance science, advance knowledge, and most importantly advance people," said Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State's vice president for agricultural administration and dean of CFAES. "We strive to address grand challenges facing humanity and our world through discovery and re-

search, education, partnership— but mostly— at CFAES, we sustain life through the persistent efforts of each one of our people.

"The persistent efforts of Drs. Rodriguez, Pohlschneider, Neal and Benfield showcase our college's commitment to scholarship across our three mission areas of teaching, research, and Extension. On behalf of the college, I want to congratulate them on these well-deserved honors, and thank them for their service, dedication, and ability to not only build solutions but also relationships that help us fulfill our purpose: we sustain life."

The awards were presented during the APLU annual meeting this month.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Shontel S. Owens, Lima, OH; Theft, Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by the defendant; Criminal trespassing, Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

Kacie B. Karlstadt, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs to be paid by the defendant

Juan J. Torres, Paulding, OH; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed, Costs to defendant; OVI/under influence, Guilty; Show proof of insurance by 11/17/22, Shall have IID installed for 6 full months, Commencing November 2022, Operator license suspension from 3/12/22 to 3/12/23, May petition the court after the 6 months to review the license suspension; Seat belt/drive, dismissed

Bonita Y. Dashkovitz, Paulding, OH; Weapon while intoxicated, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, No unlawful contact with victims, 20hrs community service, Mental evaluation, Risk assessment, No alcohol, No bars, Med compliant, Remove SCRAM today, 90 days jail, 87 days suspended; Aggravated menacing (4 counts), Dismissed; Disorderly conduct, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Alexandria K. Reinhart, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bridget J. Murphy, Defiance, OH; Failure to yield from private drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Donkeia O. Blue, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Defendant appeared with counsel, pled guilty to an amended charge; No unlawful contact with victim; Pay fine and costs

Elizabeth D. Morales, Wauseon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel W. Grody, Auburn, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gerald W. Elliott, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive;

PHS STUDENTS HELP HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



L-R: Riley Stork, Trinity Salazar, Tytus Manz, Eli Jones, Tyler Schlatter, Josh Funez, Kobe Floor. Missing is Makayla Suffel.

Paulding High School students from Mr. Kennedy's Woods 3 class helped put sid-

ing on the Habitat for Humanity house that is being constructed in Paulding. The

students also helped with the interior & exterior wall stud construction last year.

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua M. Miller, Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Blaine T. Guy, Troy, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James A. Stahl, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Randi M. Barnett, Clyde, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amanda M. Wagner, Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Terrence L. Bullock Jr., Napoleon, OH; FRA suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty; Seat belt/drive, Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Courtney T. Shelton, Fort Wayne, IN; Distracted driving; Case dismissed

Rachel R. Newsome, Oakwood, OH; Driving under suspension, Guilty; Display plates, Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Cara L. Davis, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Andrew C. Egbert, Fremont, OH; Possession of marijuana, Guilty; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Raymond E. Yackley, Janesville, WI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Trevor R. Toman, West Unity, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James R. Ludwig, Defiance, OH; Left of center, Guilty; Distracted driving, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PAULDING COUNTY LAND BANK RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR BUILDING DEMOLITIONS

The Paulding County Land Reutilization Committee (aka Land Bank) recently met for their monthly meeting in the Paulding County Commissioners office.

The group received word from Tetra Tech representative Matt Wagner that formal application approvals have been received from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). The approvals, for second round

brownfield remediation funding, allow the Land Bank to move forward and prepare the bid packets for demolition and remediation of submitted projects. The funding comes from the \$1 million dollar allocation to each Ohio county. The Paulding County projects include: Paulding Theatre building; former Western Auto store building (graciously donated to the project by Bob & Gretchen Noneman); Park Station located on 303 E River Street in Antwerp; and assessing the building located just north of the fire station in Grover Hill. The good news ended months of waiting as these applications were submitted by the May 2022 deadline. Tetra Tech is the environmental group designated by Paulding County to work on the brownfield projects.

Christina Deehr, with Maumee Valley Planning Organization, provided an update on the ODOD Residential Blight clean-up program. Deehr shared that communication continues

in regard to the \$500,000 allocated to Paulding County by the State of Ohio for this program. She also shared that all projects in the county have been bid and awards provided. Site meetings are now taking place with property owners, contractors and MVPO representatives. Any change of plans or issues are being discussed and ironed out on site prior to demolition bid winners moving equipment to sites. All but two of the sites now have the asbestos abatements completed. Those two sites should be completed shortly.

Open discussion took place with the committee about a variety of small projects related to these and other Land Bank programs and properties around the county. The Land Bank will meet for their final monthly meeting of 2022 on December 14.

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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY HOSTS VETERANS DAY PROGRAM



Shown are the sixth graders after the program.



Shown with Veteran Garry Pack is his wife Janice and two of their grandchildren, Kaylee and Bentley Pack. Both students attend Oakwood Elementary.

Oakwood Elementary graders presented a wonderful program to the Veterans and family members who attended on Friday, November 11th.

ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Paulding Counties the week of November 21, 2022. All outlined work is weather permitting.

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, no work is planned for ODOT crews on Thursday, Nov. 24.

DEFIANCE COUNTY: U.S. 24 will have lane restrictions and ramp closures between U.S. 127 and the city of Defiance for a pavement repair project. Current and pending traffic impacts are detailed below.

PAULDING COUNTY: U.S. 24 will have lane restrictions and ramp closures between U.S. 127 and the city of Defiance, the right/driving lane is closed.

PUTNAM COUNTY: State Route 12 in the community of Vaughnsville will have lane restrictions for drainage work.

VAN WERT COUNTY: Grill Road/Kear Road/Bonnewitz Avenue between John Brown and Washington Street in the city of Van Wert will have traffic impacts through October for a project which includes sanitary line replacement, resurfacing, and shoulder widening.

between U.S. 127 and the city of Defiance for a pavement repair project. Current and pending traffic impacts are detailed below.

TRAFFIC IMPACT
• U.S. 24 eastbound between U.S. 127 and the city of Defiance, the right/driving lane is closed.
• Work is expected to be complete by the end of the day, Friday, Nov. 18.

State Route 66 between Road M on the Putnam County line and Road 104 on the northern edge of the village of Oakwood will have lane restrictions for a resurfacing project. The project includes work to construct curb ramps in the village of Oakwood. Rumble strips and striping are expected to complete by Nov. 26.

State Route 613 between State Route 637 and Township Road 137 is open following a closure for a culvert replacement. Crews will be present for work off the roadway.

PUTNAM COUNTY: State Route 12 in the community of Vaughnsville will have lane restrictions for drainage work.

State Route 15 at Township Road 19 will have lane restrictions for drainage work.

VAN WERT COUNTY: Grill Road/Kear Road/Bonnewitz Avenue between John Brown and Washington Street in the city of Van Wert will have traffic impacts through October for a project which includes sanitary line replacement, resurfacing, and shoulder widening.

TRAFFIC UPDATES
• May have temporary traffic impacts for finish work.

DISTRICTWIDE LIGHTING UPGRADE PROJECT
U.S. 23, U.S. 30, State Route 15 - will have tempo-

The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

rary lane or shoulder closures for highway lighting upgrades. High-pressure sodium fixtures (HPS) will be replaced with light-emitting diode (LED) luminaires. Lighting will be added at 12 locations where drivers make key decisions. Nonessential lighting will be removed. Temporary lane or shoulder

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ZANE EDWARD POSEY GRANT
To: MEGAN R. POSEY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

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You are hereby notified that on the 15TH day of NOVEMBER, 2022, MARY H. GRANT AND TROY L. GRANT JR., filed in this Court a Petition for Adoption of ZANE EDWARD POSEY, a minor, whose date of birth is FEBRUARY 9, 2017, and for change of the name of the minor to ZANE EDWARD POSEY GRANT. This Court, located at 115 NORTH WILLIAMS STREET, ROOM 202, PAULDING, OHIO 45879 will hear the petition on the 25TH day of JANUARY, 2023, at 1:30 o'clock PM.

It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of MEGAN R. POSEY is not required due to the following:
That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than the de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.

It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of MEGAN R. POSEY is not required due to the following:
That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than the de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.

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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.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Benjamin N. Hoen, Attorney for Plaintiff

By: Dan W. Bratka, Probate Judge
SICING BY ASSIGNMENT
By: Sally D. Whinniman, Deputy Clerk

"A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED,

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

IN THE Probate COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Dan W. Bratka, Judge
Case No. 20225005

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IN THE MATTER OF:
RYLIE ROYCE POSEY GRANT
To: MEGAN R. POSEY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

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ARCHERS MOVE TO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!



Archer Junior Camden Fuller receives the ball and starts making yards as a Golden Bears bears down in attempts to block. Photo by Harlee Moore.

The Antwerp Archers pulled out a win against Gibsonburg in an intense "down to the wire" football game on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Players were evenly matched in this high octane game. The air was filled with adrenaline — not just the Archer players, but also by the Archer spectators as they were basking in the historical feat of being this far in the playoffs for the first time in school history! It came down to the final seconds of game till Antwerp knew if they were moving on in the playoffs. They secured that win with a final score of

35-27 as the clock ran out. The following are the Archer stats from the game:
 Passing:
 Altimus - 21-33, 367 yards, 2 TD
 Receiving:
 Fuller - 4 catches, 103 yards; Moore - 6 catches, 69 yards, 1 TD; Brewer - 5 catches, 121 yards, 1 TD; Winslow - 2 catches, 40 yards
 Rushing:
 Lichty - 10 carries, 52 yards, 3 TD; Altimus - 10 carries, 55 yards
 Defense:
 Gale - 16 tackles; Winslow - 8 tackles; Altimus - 6 tack-



Archer Senior Parker Moore runs with the ball with Junior Landon Brewer running behind to defend Moore's advance. Photo by Harlee Moore.

les; Lichty - 8 tackles; Moore - 2 tackles, 1 intercept; Smith - 5 tackles, 1 intercept
 The Antwerp community has rallied around these young athletes from the beginning. Thursday, November 17th, there was a Meet and Greet with the Archer football team at Oasis Bar & Grill. The Oasis and Jacob's Meats fed the team as well as Grant's Catering providing dessert. Join the team at the Oasis to wish them "Good Luck" from 6:45-8:00 p.m. There will be opportunity for autographs, so bring a hat, shirt, football or program to have signed. There will also be the opportunity to get your photo taken

ANTWERP HOLDS OFF BEARS FOR VICTORY

Another exciting finish. Another win for Antwerp. The Archers made things interesting again Saturday night at Rex Lingruen Stadium in Liberty Center as the blue and white scored late in the fourth quarter and held on for a 35-27 victory over Gibsonburg in Division VII regional semifinal action.

The victory moves Antwerp (13-0) into the regional championship game on Saturday, November 19, where the Archers will tangle with Lima Central Catholic (9-4) at Donnell Stadium in Findlay.

Antwerp and Gibsonburg were tied at 27-27 late in the final period before the blue and white put together a game winning drive that was capped with a one-yard Reid Lichty touchdown plunge. Quarterback Carson Altimus then hooked up with Landon Brewer for the two-point conversion, setting the final score at 35-27.

After rolling up 27 points in the opening half, it was the only Antwerp points of the second half but was enough to send the Archers to the regional championship.

The Archers totaled 479 yards of offense overall in the contest, outgaining Gibsonburg 479-336 overall.

Lichty recording 52 rushing yards on ten carries. Brewer hauled in five receptions for 121 yards and Fuller had four catches for 103 yards. Moore also posted six receptions for 69 yards.

Syris Gale paced the Antwerp defense with 16 tackles on the night while Lichty and Kayden Winslow both recorded eight. Derek Hines and Altimus each had six stops as well for the

with the players. Let the Oasis cook for you and your family Thursday night, and show your support for the Antwerp Archers football team too.
 The OHSAA Division VII Region 26 Regional Championship Football game is set for Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Donnell Stadium, Findlay High School. If you can't make it to the game in person, OHSAA will be live streaming it for a fee, WKSD, 99.7FM will be broadcasting live as well. Check the local eateries in Antwerp too — they may have a live stream set up to watch the game. Makin' history Archers!

Archers. Xander Smith and Parker Moore also recorded an interception each for the blue and white while Hines, Winslow and Altimus all finished with a tackle for a loss.

LADY WARRIORS GET THIRD WIN

Woodlan improved its record to 3-1 on the season as the Lady Warriors rolled to a 60-21 win over visiting Fort Wayne Canterbury Monday evening.

The Lady Warrior defense kept the Cavaliers in check all night long with sophomore Kiora Bell leading Canterbury with eight points.

Senior Isabelle Ellis added seven rebounds for the Lady Cavaliers while freshman Grace Chaille, senior Annalyse King and sophomore Simone Dikeolakos all had two points apiece.

Ellis and King both had seven rebounds for Canterbury with Bell grabbing five and Dikeolakos totaled four. Ellis also had three steals while Dikeolakos, Bell and senior Kate Royster dished out one assist apiece.

No individual information was available on Woodlan as of press time.

The Lady Warriors return to action on Friday, November 25, when Woodlan travels to Jay County to open ACAC action. Woodlan then hosts Eastside in a non-league battle on Tuesday, November 29.

BRAVES GIVE WARRIORS FIRST LOSS

The host Lady Braves of Belmont handed visiting Woodlan its first girls basketball loss of the season Friday night as Belmont recorded a 46-36 win over the Warriors.

Taylor Kneubuhler scored 19 points to lead Woodlan in

the contest while Avah Smith and Brooke Kneubuhler both chipped in six markers apiece.

Kaitlin Crosby added three points and Gabby Klopfenstein had the remaining two for Woodlan.

Smith topped the Lady Warriors with six rebounds while Addie Goheen and Taylor Kneubuhler both recorded five boards. Briana Roney and Brooke Kneubuhler each grabbed two rebounds as well.

Taylor Kneubuhler, Crosby and Smith all dished out two assists for the Lady Warriors

with Smith and Brooke Kneubuhler both having two steals.

Klopfenstein finished with one assist and one steal while Crosby, Goheen and Taylor Kneubuhler all picked up one steal. Roney recorded an assist as well for the Lady Warriors.

Woodlan starts ACAC league play on Friday, November 25, with a road contest at Jay County before the Warriors host Eastside in a non-league battle on Tuesday, November 29.

TAY FOOD SAFE THIS THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Keep your stomach full of turkey and free from foodborne illness this Thanksgiving holiday. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds us all that it's important to remember the steps to food safety during America's biggest meal.

Clean and Sanitize

Handwashing is the first step to avoiding foodborne illness. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before, during, and after handling food. In a recent study, 97 percent of participants in a USDA test kitchen failed to wash their hands properly. Make sure to follow these handwashing steps:

- Wet your hands with clean, running water.
- Lather your fingers with soap.
- Scrub soapy hands and fingers thoroughly for at least 20 seconds. Rinse your hands under clean, running water.
- Dry hands off with a clean towel or air dry them.

Clean and sanitize any surfaces that have touched raw turkey and its juices and will later touch food such as kitchen counters, sinks, stoves, tabletops, etc.

Avoid Cross-Contamination

Cross-contamination is

the spread of bacteria from raw meat and poultry onto ready-to-eat food, surfaces, and utensils. One way to avoid this is by using separate cutting boards — one for raw meat and poultry, and another for fruits and vegetables. Our recent study found that sinks are the most contaminated areas of the kitchen. Clean and sanitize any areas that will come into contact with the turkey before and after cooking.

Thaw the Turkey Safely

Never thaw your turkey in hot water or leave it on a countertop. There are three ways to safely thaw a turkey:

- **Refrigerator thawing:** Turkey can be safely thawed in a refrigerator to allow for slow and safe thawing. When thawing in a refrigerator, allow roughly 24 hours for every 4-5 pounds of turkey. After thawing, a turkey is safe in a refrigerator for 1-2 days.

- **Cold water thawing:** The cold water thawing method will thaw your turkey faster but will require more attention. When thawing in a cold-water bath, allow 30 minutes per pound and submerge the turkey in its original wrapping to avoid cross-contamination. Change the water every 30 minutes until the turkey is thawed. The turkey must then be cooked immediately.

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PAULDING FFA CHAPTER COMPETES AT DISTRICT JOB INTERVIEW CONTEST, MEMBER ADVANCES ONTO STATE CONTEST!



Pictured here is the four Paulding FFA members who completed at the District Job Interview Contest: Left to right Jamy Hunt, Caydence Rue, Grace Goyings and Addy Hunt.

By: Caydence Rue, Paulding FFA Reporter

Recently, 4 Paulding FFA members headed to Seneca East High School for the District Job Interview CDE. They were able to compete at the district level after placing 1st or 2nd in the sub-district job interview at Crestview on November 1st.

Paulding had the following members compete at districts: Senior Caydence Rue, Junior Jamy Hunt, Sophomore Grace Goyings and Freshman Addy Hunt. These members prepared a formal cover letter, created their own resume and gathered references.

The students picked out a job position for which they wanted to apply. The students

had to fill out a job application, then had a formal interview and completed the contest by writing a follow-up letter. This contest prepares students for future job interviews.

The members did a great job at this competition with Freshman Addy Hunt in 2nd place, Sophomore Grace Goyings finishing in 1st place, Junior Jamy Hunt in 2nd place, and finally senior Caydence Rue placing 2nd. Great job representing the Paulding FFA Chapter and good luck to Grace Goings as she competes at the State Job Interview Prelim Contest on November 19th! The Paulding FFA Chapter very proud of you!

ANNIE JR AUDITIONS TO BE HELD AT VW CIVIC CENTER



Director Doug Grooms will be holding auditions for "Annie Jr" by appointment on Monday, November 28 and Tuesday, November 29 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Van Wert Civic Theatre located at 118 S Race Street in Van Wert, OH.

Youth interested in auditioning must complete an on-line form and select an audition time. The form is available at vwct.org

Youth ages 6 - 18 may audition. Children who audition should be able to read. Information about available roles and the songs in the show can be found at <https://www.mtishows.com/annie-jr>

Look for Cast and Songs down the right side of the website. Those auditioning should come prepared to move, read from the script, and sing a song. The director will be checking your vocal range. No need to prepare an elaborate song. The director may have you sing a song from the show. No need to prepare for that. Please wear shoes that will stay on your feet. Each audition will last 30 minutes. The adult with the youth will be asked to complete a permission form at the audition.

Rehearsals primarily will be 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays at the theatre until the week of January 16 when the show will move to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center which is located next to the Van Wert Middle/High School.

Performances are January 21 at 7:30 p.m. and January 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets go on sale in the fall at vanwertlive.com.

"Annie Jr" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)

HAPPY BUNCH 4-H CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING

By: Bradyn Miller

The Happy Bunch 4-H Club Had a meeting on November 15, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Youth Leadership building. Tori Schlatter called the meeting to order. There were 17 members and 8 clover buds present. No reports were given. New officers were elected: **President** - Tyson Manz; **Vice president**-Jason Manz; **Secretary** - Kate Brown; **Treasurer** - Tori Schlatter; **News Reporter** - Bradyn Miller. **Health Officer** - Lincoln Manz, Kate Manz; **Safety Officer** - Zoe Manz, Brielle Schlatter; **Recreation Officer** - Landon Manz, Trevor Manz, Madison Wiesehan, Isabelle Schlatter, Beka Mericle, Olivia Schlatter.

The next meeting will be December 13, 2022 at 4: 30 p.m. at the Youth Leadership Building.

MILLER INVITED TO LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Antwerp Local Schools Superintendent Dr. Martin Miller has been invited to the exclusive VIP Tech & Learning Leadership Summit on December 2, 2022, taking place just outside of New York City at the Liberty Science Museum.

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tics, and solutions to help to reshape and reimagine the future of education.

Highlights and takeaways from this event will be captured in an "Innovation in Action Playbook" that will be published in Tech & Learning magazine and shared with our audience of 72,000 district leaders.

Dr. Miller and two of his Directors, Elyse Boyer (Director of Curriculum & Technology Integration/Innovation), and Kyle Zartman (Director of the Innovation and Aquaponics Center) will share information at the Summit re-

garding Antwerp Local Schools award winning Innovation and Aquaponics Center.

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• **Microwave thawing:** Follow manufacturer's recommendations. Cook it immediately after thawing because some areas of the food may become warm and begin to cook during the thawing process, bringing the food to the "Danger Zone."

It's safe to cook a completely frozen turkey; however, it will take at least 50 percent longer to fully cook.

HELP WANTED

Vantage Career Center Adult Education Position Posting

Posting Date: Wed., October 26, 2022 – Wed., November 23, 2022
Position: Adult Education Welding Instructor
Start Date: As Soon As Possible

Job Objectives: Plans, implements, and assesses student learning experiences through course offerings and customized training in Vantage Career Center's Adult Education Department. Accommodates diverse learners in an environment conducive to learning. To view minimum qualifications and the full posting please visit www.vantagecareercenter.com, employment.

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Posting Date: Wed., October 26, 2022 – Wed., November 23, 2022
Position: Part Time STNA Instructor
Start Date: As Soon As Possible

Job Objective: The STNA Instructor is responsible for instructing adult students to perform successfully as State Tested Nurse Aides and to supervise clinical experiences according to Ohio Department of Health guidelines. To view minimum qualifications and the full posting please visit www.vantagecareercenter.com, employment.

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Vantage Career Center Position Posting

Posting Date: Wed., Nov. 9, 2022 – Wed., Dec. 7, 2022
Position: Part Time Cook (Non-Certified staff, 4 hours per day)
Start Date: As Soon As Possible

Job Objectives: Works in a team environment to prepare and serve meals for students and staff following regulations of the USDA National School Lunch Program and Department of Health. To view minimum qualifications and the full posting please visit: www.vantagecareercenter.com, employment.

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Vantage Career Center Adult Education Position Posting

Posting Date: Wed., October 26, 2022 – Wed., November 23, 2022
Position: CDL Instructor
Start Date: As Soon As Possible

Job Objectives: Instruct assigned CDL classes. Plans, implements and assesses student-learning experiences. Completes all required student reports in a timely manner. To view minimum qualifications and the full posting please visit www.vantagecareercenter.com, employment.

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Cook Thoroughly
 Your turkey is safe to eat once it reaches an internal temperature of 165 F. Insert a food thermometer into the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the wing and the innermost part of the thigh to check its internal temperature.

Stuffing your Turkey
 USDA recommends against stuffing your turkey since this often leads to bacteria growth. However, if you plan to stuff your turkey, follow these steps:

• Prepare the wet and dry ingredients for the stuffing separately from each other and refrigerate until ready to use. Mix wet and dry ingredients just before filling the bird's cavity.

• Do not stuff whole poultry and leave in the refrigerator before cooking.

• Stuff the turkey loosely — about 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound.

• Immediately place the stuffed, raw turkey in an oven set no lower than 325 F.

• A stuffed turkey will take longer to cook. Once it has finished cooking, check temperature for a safe internal temperature of 165 F.

• Let the cooked turkey stand 20 minutes before removing the stuffing.

The Two-Hour Rule

Don't leave your food sitting out too long! Refrigerate all perishable foods sitting out at room temperature within two hours of being cooked, or one hour if the temperature is 90 F or above. After two hours, perishable food will enter the "Danger Zone" (between 40 F and 140 F), which is where bacteria can multiply quickly and cause the food to become unsafe. Discard all foods that have been left out for more than two hours.

• Transporting hot foods — Wrap dishes in insulated containers to keep their temperature above 140 F.

• Transporting cold foods — Place items in a cooler with ice or gel packs to keep them at or below 40 F.

When serving food to groups, keep hot food hot and keep cold food cold by using

Sudoku solution from page 9

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

chafing dishes or crock pots and ice trays. Hot items above 140 F; cold items below 40 F.

Leftovers

Store leftovers in shallow containers and put them in the refrigerator. Thanksgiving leftovers are safe to eat up to four days in the refrigerator. In the freezer, leftovers are safely frozen indefinitely but will keep best quality from two to six months.

Resources

For Thanksgiving food safety questions, call the Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email MPHotline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov

Turkey Day Questions? The Meat and Poultry Hotline will be open on Thanksgiving Day from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST.

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ter dash state championship by breaking a record that stood for more than a decade.

"It is always a great honor to bring state champions to the statehouse for some well-deserved recognition," said McColley. "I wish each of these young ladies great success in their futures."

WATER DEPARTMENT • VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE

The Village of Hicksville is accepting applications and/or resumes for a **full-time water department laborer**. Applicants for the position should possess a valid OEPA Class 1 water license or receive the license within eighteen months of the date of hire, a class B CDL license must be obtained within six months of hire.

Responsibilities include maintenance and repair of lines, meter readings, operation and repair of equipment, monitoring plant gauges, feeders along with treatment process and laboratory procedures.

Applications are available at Village of Hicksville Municipal Building or download the application at www.villageofhicksville.com.

Completed application and resume can be sent to:
 Village Administrator • 111 South Main St. • Hicksville Ohio 43526

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Applications can be found under the 'Employment' tab on the website at www.pauldingschools.org, or can be picked up in the Administration Office at 405 N. Water St., Paulding.

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PPEC VETERANS DAY DONATION DRIVE, CLOTHES FOR JOES, A HUGE SUCCESS



Member Service Representative (MSR) Amy McCreery, System Software Analyst Tara Schlatter, MSR Laurie Ford, Accountant Nicole Gross, Dispatcher Amy Waters, and MSR Kathy Kuckuck after loading an SUV with donations to take to Clothes for Joes.

Donations from Putnam County, Ohio, all the way to New Haven, Indiana, flooded into the patriotic-themed PPEC office on Friday, Nov. 11. Employees collected donations from noon until 6 pm, filling several SUVs to capacity. The drive was held on Veterans Day to

support Clothes for Joes, a local Ft. Wayne-based non-profit that provides clothing and hygiene items to former and current service men and women in need throughout NE Indiana and NW Ohio.

Physical and monetary donations can still be dropped off at PPEC's office

(401 McDonald Pike, Paulding, OH), at the Clothes for Joes office (2202 S. Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, IN), or online at www.clothesforjoes.org. More information about Clothes for Joes is available on their Facebook page.

6th ANNUAL MERRY & BRIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE IN PAULDING

CoRP will be hosting the 6th annual Merry & Bright Christmas Parade on Monday, November 28, 2022 in downtown Paulding. The parade will begin forming at 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot behind St Paul Lutheran Church at

601 Flat Rock Drive and will step off at 6:00 p.m. The parade route will go from St Paul Lutheran Church west on Jackson St toward downtown, passing the Herb Monroe Park and the Paulding County Courthouse and finishing at the Post office on Jackson and Cherry St. The traditional Tree Lighting Ceremony will be conducted immediately

following the parade with some Christmas Caroling in Herb Monroe Park. Senior Center will be serving hot chocolate in the park.

Santa Clause will be in the parade and available to listen to children Christmas requests following the parade in Herb Monroe Park.

Come join us in ushering in the Christmas Season on Monday evening, November 28, 2022.

To enter the parade, contact Dave Burtch for a registration form or check the CoRP Facebook page to download the form.

FIVE GENERATIONS OF DAEGER'S GATHER FOR A RARE PHOTO



Pictured in front are Andrew, Levin and Al. In the rear are Nick and Bruce.

Five generations of one family gathered in Antwerp on November 12, so patriarch Al Daeger could meet his great-great grandson, four-week-old Levin. Coming from South Bend, Warsaw and Goshen, Indiana, the four generations wanted to be certain to spend time with the oldest member of the family. Pictured is Great-Great Grandpa Al, Great Grandpa Bruce, Grandpa Nick, Dad Andrew and Levin. Al grew up in Antwerp, moving away in the mid-80's and recently

returned. Al and Bruce are Antwerp HS alums, while Nick moved away as a child. Andrew recently returned to the Midwest with his wife Adrienne so they could raise their son around family.

Gathering for the first time at Antwerp Manor for a rare 5-generation photo opportunity. One-month old Levin

was looking forward to meeting his great-great grandfather and Al was certain not to disappoint. Also, Grandpa Nick is in the sweet spot of having a grandson, while spending time with his own grandfather.

"At the end of the day, having family is what matters most," stated Bruce.

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: UNITED WAY OF PAULDING COUNTY



Have you met Lora Lyons, Executive Director for United Way of Paulding County? Tune in to My102.7 FM on Tuesday and Thursday at 8 am and 5 pm to hear Lora's background, and how United Way focuses on improving the

health, education and the financial stability of our community through programs and community partnerships. United Way of Paulding County celebrates a 30-year milestone this year. We are blessed to have them serving in our community. Thank you to Tiffany Goings with Paulding County OhioMeansJobs for making this program possible. You can find all PCBW episodes on Spotify, Google and Apple Podcast.

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