

## PAJAMA DRIVE HELD AT DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL



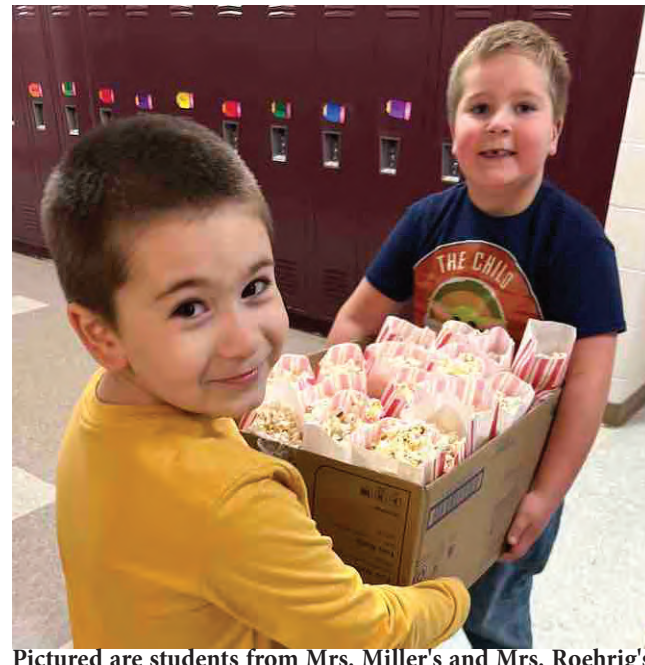
Now more than ever, it's so important for all children to have a comforting bedtime. For more than a decade, Scholastic Book Clubs and Pajama Program have come together to help make bedtime better for kids in need by donating more than 850,000 pairs of pajamas and 1.25 million books. For every pair of

pajamas donated, Scholastic donates a brand-new book to children in need in Paulding County.

Divine Mercy students and staff partnered with the Paulding County libraries and Mrs. Kylie Miller's Oakwood kindergarten class and PTO and collected 289 pairs of pajamas for the Scholastic Pa-

jama Program. We appreciate everyone who donated to help children in need in Paulding County. A shout out to Ms. Amie Ashworth and Mrs. Kucera Thomas for organizing this effort, and to Mrs. Julie Stuart and Eli Stuart for sorting and organizing the donations. God bless you all and have a blessed Christmas!

## POPCORN WITH A PURPOSE AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Pictured are students from Mrs. Miller's and Mrs. Roehrig's Kindergarten classes making their rounds and distributing popcorn.

Oakwood Elementary Kindergarten and PTO recently teamed up to bring back Popcorn With a Purpose! Students were able to

purchase a bag of freshly popped popcorn to enjoy.

Money raised was used to purchase pajamas for the

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tential grant/funding opportunities.

Come to the Cooper Community Library on December 12th at 6:30pm to help us generate a list of improvements needed in the Village. All Oakwood residents are encouraged to attend!

### PATROL CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON IMPAIRED DRIVING ARRESTS

As part of the Patrol's ongoing efforts to make Ohio

roadways safe, troopers continue to focus on impaired driving this month and throughout the holiday season.

"When you drive impaired, you're putting the lives of everyone on the road at risk," said Governor Mike DeWine. "Plan ahead, make responsible decisions, and drive sober when heading out this season."

Since 2019 there have been 49,785 impaired driving-related crashes on Ohio roadways, killing 2,497 people and injuring 30,280 others. Alcohol and drugs played a role in more than 50 percent of fatal crashes in Ohio. During that same period, troopers removed more than 71,000 impaired drivers from Ohio roadways. "The worst part of being on the scene of a fatal crash involving alcohol is knowing you will have to tell family that their loved ones will not

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## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

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

### December 6

- PCRTA meeting @ Cooper Comm. Library, 9:30am

### December 7

- Craft Bazaar @ Martini Luth. Church, NH, 9a-2p
- OPERS meeting @ PC Senior Ctr, 10am

### December 8

- Merry Grinchmas @ Paulding Library, 5:30-6:30p

### December 9

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

### December 10

- 5th Annual Craft Show @ Mandale Church, 9a-2p
- Holiday vendors/cookie decorating/live music @ Grounded, Paulding
- Craft Show @ Mandale Church, 9a-2p

### December 11

- The Craguns in Concert @ West Milford Church of Christ, 10:30am
- Dedication Ceremony @ The Huber, 2:30pm

### December 12

- Holiday Make, Take & Sip @ Fuel Good Energy, Paulding, 6p
- ACDC Annual Meeting @ Antwerp VFW, 7pm
- MVPO Public Input Meeting @ Cooper Library, 6:30pm



Add your event to the calendar  
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### Good News doesn't just happen. It's made!

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

### PUBLIC INPUT WANTED FOR VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Maumee Valley Planning Organization, in collaboration with the Village of Oakwood, is seeking public input regarding improvements needed in the Village of Oakwood. Your input will inform a project list that will be used to help identify po-

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**OBITUARIES**

FORT WAYNE, IN:  
**Donald R. Hissong**, 96, of Fort Wayne, Indiana passed away Sunday, November 27, 2022 at Parkview Regional Medical Center. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W River St., Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

**PARSON TO PERSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**  
**Note: This is a continuation from the last two weeks concerning steps for a Christian to take to stop smoking.**  
*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. Have you any suggestions?*

At the point of repentance concerning your smoking, turn completely away. Get rid of the cigarettes, lighters, ashtrays, etc. God's Word says, "...make not provision for the flesh" (Romans 13:14). Cutting down is not the answer, physically or spiritually. **MAKE A COMMITMENT!** Say, "Lord, with your help, I promise never to smoke again." Then set up an extra incentive to back up your commitment. You may say you will not eat for days each time you should slip on your promise and smoke a cigarette, or that you will burn a \$100 bill. That is cheap compared to continuing the smoking habit.

Accept His forgiveness when you have confessed and repented. God says in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from ALL UN-RIGHTEOUSNESS." Take God at His word and thank Him for completely forgiving you. Also, claim by faith victory over the problem. You may or may not have a struggle from this point on (some do and some don't); however, you can still have the desire to smoke and not do it. Memorize and carry with you the following portions of Scripture and repeat them whenever you are tempted to smoke: I Corinthians 10:13; II Thessalonians 3:3; and Philippians 4:13. Put them on 3X5

cards and place them where you used to have your cigarettes. Pray daily for continual victory using Psalm 19:13.

Get a partner to pray for you daily and to check on you regularly to see how you are doing (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10). See your doctor for help and consider adopting a replacement such as gum or some healthful treat. Finally, turn your temptations into testimonies by responding to an offer for a smoke by saying, "No thanks, Christ has delivered me from smoking."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

**FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCES DECEMBER 11th CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**

You are cordially invited! First United Methodist Church, located at 113 W. Central Avenue in Van Wert, Ohio is thrilled to announce they will be offering a Children's Christmas Musical this year. "Arrest these Merry Gentlemen" will be presented December 11th at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 6:00pm.

Sergeant Joe Sabbath is charged with keeping the peace in the sleepy little town of Bethlehem, and he likes things QUIET! When word reaches him that a band of rowdy shepherds is inbound from the fields outside of town, boisterously celebrating with wild tales of angels and such, he is determined to get to the bottom of this case! Of course, what he discovers is no simple "disturbing the peace" beef. It seems he's stumbled upon the caper that changed the world!

If you are looking for a home church or haven't been to worship for a while, the loving congregation of First United Methodist and Pastor Chris Farmer invite you to join us on any Sunday as you are able. Casual worship is at 8:15am and traditional is at 10:45am. Weekly services are streamed live at vanwertfirst.net.

**PAULDING COUNTY COVID 19 UPDATE**

This week Paulding County had 20 New Cases; 0 Hospitalizations; 0 Deaths

Our ranking is 85th in the state of Ohio and in Paulding County our transmission level is currently High and community level remains Low.

Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots.

Call (419) 399-3921 to schedule your vaccination appointment.

**CHAPEL HART BRINGS GLORY DAYS TOUR TO VAN WERT**



Van Wert Live announces America's Got Talent sensation, Chapel Hart makes The Niswonger a stop on their first headlining Glory Days Tour on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Sisters Danica and Devynn Hart and cousin Trea Swindle won the hearts of America's Got Talent viewers earlier this year but have been steadily making their mark on country music for years. Over the past few months, the Poplarville, MS natives have earned praise from greats like Dolly Parton and Tanya Tucker. Their talents also drew the attention of Darius Rucker, who recruited them for the stellar collaboration, "O! Church Hymn."

As they continue to ride this much-deserved wave of success, Chapel Hart has plotted an extensive tour that kicks off Jan. 26 in Wichita, Kansas, and continues across the U.S. through mid-July, stopping in Van Wert on March 31, 2023.

The trek marks a significant milestone for the hard-working trio, who have been performing together since 2014.

"It feels really amazing to be going out on our first-ever headlining tour," Devynn Hart explains. "God has truly had his hands on us and our careers. We are forever grateful for every opportunity."

In 2021 Chapel Hart was inducted into CMT's Next Women of Country, the institution that has been known to help up-and-coming female country artists such as Kelsea Ballerini, Ashley McBride, &

Gabby Barrett, just to name a few. This Mississippi trio's music has reached fans around the globe earning them the title of "International Group of the Year" as well as "International Song of the Year" for the single "You Can Have Him Jolene" in Scotland. They were also nominated in multiple categories by the British CMA's including "Group of the Year" and "Album of the Year" for their sophomore release "The Girls Are Back In Town".

There is nothing quite like a Chapel Hart experience. The trio has a natural ability to make people join together in song and dance in their live performances. They often note music's incredible power to unite people of all nationalities, religions, and walks of life. The ladies will often treat the audience to three-part harmony A Capella arrangements that range from energetic and playful to emotional and chilling.

For more information about this concert or any concert of Van Wert Live, visit vanwertlive.com or call the box office, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Or call 419-238-6722.

The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation presenting VWLive events is powered by the Van Wert County Foundation. Annual sponsors helping keep ticket prices low are Central Insurance, Statewide Ford, and First Federal Bank of Van Wert. The Box Office is located within the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 SR 118 S, Van Wert.

Get tested if you have symptoms. PCHD has FREE COVID-19 Test Kits available at this time.

**DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL AWARDED OHIO SAFETY GRANT**

Divine Mercy Catholic School will receive \$99,500 in grant funding to enhance student and staff safety. Gov-

ernor DeWine is awarding the funds to 708 Ohio schools as part of his K-12 Schools Safety Grant Program, which helps schools with physical security expenses, such as new security cameras, public address systems, automatic door locks, access control systems, and other security upgrades.

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be coming home," said Lieutenant Evan Slates, Findlay Post commander. "These crashes are senseless and preventable."

Last year, troopers from the Findlay Post removed 173 impaired drivers from

our roadways. The public is encouraged to call #677 to report reckless or impaired drivers, and drug activity.

To view a copy of the entire statistical recap, visit [https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/static/links/OVI\\_Bulletin\\_2022\\_12.pdf](https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/static/links/OVI_Bulletin_2022_12.pdf).

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**Scripture of the Week**

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe."

— Hebrews 1:1-2

**MATT'S MISHAPS**



**If ruckus from the street isn't enough, your neighbors' noise will make up for it. We have lived overseas in places where the population density was 10 times that of Indiana.**

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

—Matt



**Thick walls make good neighbors**

Neighborly relations are a blessing and challenge in any place one lives, as different expectations abound. It doesn't help that we all have quirks that our family has learned to live with, but neighbors might not be as patient to endure.

Robert Frost in his poem "Mending Wall" expresses how boundaries alienate us from our neighbors. He says, "good fences make good neighbors" to be satirical, mocking our desire to separate ourselves from one another. I imagine most people today have never read the poem and may misunderstand the "good fences" phrase.

Overseas we have had neighbors that literally live above us, on each side of us and below us - apartment building living. I feel like we are a colony of swallows. Apartment building neighbor

relations are like our small-town ones, but on steroids. With thin cement walls that conduct sound well, we can hear the details of neighbors' phone conversations, couples arguing, crying children who don't want to eat their food, sneezes, snoring and many other sounds that I don't want to hear.

Because of the noise with people packed in our current apartment building, there are quiet hours that start at 10PM and last until 8AM during the work week and until 10AM on weekends and holidays. Quiet hours not only mean talking quietly, but no running appliances like washing machines, dryers, blenders, etc. I am a morning person and have three sons and a dog. We learned quickly that it was a losing morning battle to keep everyone quiet enough for the neighbors on weekends. We would quietly leave early and find a park or place to play until 10AM.

I think Robert Frost was right in expressing that barriers can hinder friendships with neighbors, who are more important than ever in our modern isolated living. I think he was also wrong in that fences and hedges probably save some headaches too. With living in an apartment overseas, I think, "thick walls make good neighbors."

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

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**Many Thanks!**  
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**A POWERFUL TONGUE**  
**Penny For Your Thoughts**

**By: Nancy Whitaker**  
One of the things we try and teach our children is not to stick their tongues out at people. It is rude and some kids and adults will do it to someone they don't like or maybe for attention. However, in Tibet, people greet one another by sticking out their tongues.

I was thinking about our tongues and the power it gives us each day. We would not be able to eat, drink, chew or talk without a tongue. We can tell by our taste buds if something is sweet, salty, hot or cold.

To say we have control over our tongues and what we say would be good, but so many times words that come out of our mouths can be mean and hateful.

To gossip are words that comes from the tongue which may not be true. Gossip can catch fire and spread through work places, churches, schools and homes.

We have all probably played the game of passing words to players down a line and by the time the words get to the end of the line, they are totally different than what the beginning of the phrase was.

One thing I do recall about growing up is that we had a crank telephone. In order for me to even reach it, I had to stand on a chair. We had what we called "a party line." Party lines was when almost all of your neighbors were on the same main telephone line and we each had a certain ring to let us know the call was for us.

I think our ring was two longs and a short, but everyone knew everyone elses ring. You could almost hear every ones receiver being taken off the telephone when the phone rang and you knew everyone was listening.

We could listen in on conversations such as, "We butchered a pig today," or "Junior got a D in English," or "that newly wed couple is expecting a baby."

By the time we told each of our friends and families the news, it became widespread. Is this gossip? Do we listen in and spread the so-called news around with the power of our tongues?

I have always seemed to have a lot to say and controlling my tongue is something



I struggle with each day. If I hit my thumb with a hammer, instead of saying, "Ouch that hurt.", "I usually think of a few more words to add to it.

Sometimes cutting a persons tongue out is a form of punishment. The following story comes from Iraq from a 38 year old man. (IRIN paper) The insurgents entered into Iraq and forced Muhanned Sulaiman to work for them. The man had a wife and children and worked for the insurgents for two years.

He told the newspaper that he did not kill any Americans. but studied maps of where to find military sites. He said, "Two months ago I told the insurgents I could no longer do my job because I was sick." "They did not seem surprised."

However, two days later, three men came to the Sulaiman home and took Muhanned with them.

They went to a house and once inside, Muhanned was pushed to the floor, held down and the insurgents pulled out his tongue and cut it off. Sulaiman said, "I never felt so much pain in my life. They put a lot of cotton in my mouth and drove me to a hospital.

The insurgents told the hospital that Muhanned had an accident. Following surgery, the 38 year old could not talk, but eventually went home and with the help of signing and visual aids managed to leave Iraq and get another job in Syria.

He said, "They cut out my tongue to keep me from talking." We all love it when someone says, "Wow you look nice today," Or, "Your hair looks really good." We may not know it, but you may make someones day with a positive comment.

Nick Stoeberl an artist and comedian from California. holds the Guinness Book of Records for the longest

tongue with a whopping 10.5 cm. He said his father was a KISS fan and Nick would act like Gene Simmons. As a youngster, he noticed that his tongue was longer than most.

He said that he can lick his nose and his elbow.

The old saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" is simply not true. We can either bring blessings or say mean things to people. Proverbs 15:4 says "The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit." So go ahead and make someone's day with kind words and some time someone may just make your day.

Have you ever made someone's day? Do you think the tongue can be used for good and evil? Oh, have you ever ate cow or pig tongue? And, who has EVER measured their tongue? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**



Kyрил Samuel Steiner was born on Friday, November 25, 2022. His parents are Kimberly and Jarrison Steiner of New Haven, IN. He weighed 8lb. 2oz. and was 20 inches long. Older sibling, Anastasius, is in Heaven.

Proud grandparents are Angel and Bryce Steiner of Antwerp, OH; Camilla Smith of Fort Wayne, IN; Doug Pier of Monroeville, IN. Proud great-grandparents are Kay and Samuel Steiner of Grabill, IN; Ruth Springer of New Haven, IN; and Barbara Pier of Antwerp, OH. Proud great-great-grandfather is Maurice Steiner of Angola, IN.

**ANTWERP CHAMBER SPONSORS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5, 2022 at Greenway Park (tennis courts by Village Hall). The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the Antwerp Band and Choir playing some holiday tunes for all and commence with the lighting of the tree and holiday display.

Come join in this festive event and help the Chamber kick off the season!

**FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS**

**Central Ohio - Wildlife District One**

State Wildlife Officers John Coffman and Matt Teders, assigned to Fayette and Madison counties, respectively, were notified that a landowner had located four beagles running near the roadway. The landowner secured the dogs away from the road. Officer Coffman attempted to locate a number for the hunter whose name was on a collar while Officer Teders canvassed the area for the hunters. The officers found the hunters, and the dogs were reunited with their owners.

Recently, State Wildlife Officer Tyler Eldred, assigned to Morrow County, received a Turn-In-A-Poacher (TIP) report that an individual had taken a white-tailed deer with a rifle during the archery season. Officer Eldred observed deer parts outside the suspect's residence. It was determined that the individual had harvested a doe that morning with a rifle. The individual did not have a hunting license or deer permit and processed the deer prior to game-checking the deer. Further investigation revealed that the individual had taken another deer this season in a similar fashion and failed to complete the game check process. The individual was found guilty of multiple violations and was ordered to pay \$350 in fines and court costs, given 30 days in jail suspended, lost hunting privileges for one year, and forfeited the rifle and venison. Reports of wildlife violations can be submitted anonymously via the TIP hotline at 1 - 8 0 0 - P O A C H E R (1-800-762-2437).

**Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two**

State Wildlife Officer Matthew D. Smith, assigned to Huron County, and State Wildlife Officer Brock Williamson, assigned to Seneca County, conducted deer investigations from the 2021-22 hunting season. One suspect had reported harvesting an 11-point buck before purchasing either-sex permits and a hunting license. It was later discovered that the deer was found dead on the road and had not been harvested by the individual. Another resident at the same house was found to have harvested a 10-point buck during the 2020-21 hunting season with no hunting license and no deer permit. The investigation led to a taxidermist who was accepting deer from hunters without tag or confirmation numbers. In summary, four individuals received a total of 12 summonses, including: failing to keep taxidermy records, hunting without a license, deterring a wildlife officer, providing false game check information, failing to game check, and possession of untagged deer parts. Four antlered deer mounts were seized as evidence.

In August, State Wildlife Officer Eric VonAlmen, assigned to Wood County, received a call regarding an owl stuck in the batting cage of a local high school. Officer VonAlmen located a young great horned owl with one of its legs wrapped in the netting. The owl was removed from the net with no visible injuries and flew away on its own.

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

**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



**By: Mark Holtsberry**

Arthur Roy Yenser was born in Oakwood, Ohio on October 20, 1889. The son and fourth child born to John Franklin and Anne M. (Green) Yenser. This couple was married in Defiance, Ohio February 16, 1883 John was born in 1863 and Anne October 10, 1858 in Emerald Township. She became a school teacher. This couple had fourteen children. Two daughters and four sons



dieD in infancy.

By 1900, the Yenser family J. Franklin, Anne and seven children were living in Auglaize Township on a farm. Arthur Roy was ten years old working on the farm. By 1910, the Yenser family, with six children still living at home, were still working on the family farm. Arthur Roy had quit school to work the farm.

On June 5, 1917, Arthur went to the Auglaize Township precinct and registered for the World War 1 draft. He was listed as stout build, brown eyes and dark hair, single and self employed working as a laborer farming.

On June 25, 1918, Arthur signed up in Paulding to join the National Army. Arthur was assigned to serve in

Company D. 334th Infantry, 84th Division. September 2, 1918, Arthur was shipped out from New York on the ship, Aquitania, and set sail for France. Arthur served as a private with the 334th until October 9, 1918. He was assigned to serve with Company C. 16th Infantry until September 5, 1919. He was honorably discharged, September 25, 1919.

By 1920, Arthur finds himself back home in Auglaize Township, with his parents a sister and a brother back working on the family farm. By 1930, Arthur still living with his parents as a laborer on the farm.

February 5, 1934 his mother, Anne, passed away due to a heart attack. She was buried in Sherman Cemetery on the East Side of the road in Row 10. In 1937, his father, John Franklin, passed away due to kidney and heart failure. John Franklin was well known in two counties for his portable thrashing machine and portable saw mill, which he had started at twelve years old.

By 1940, Arthur, brother Gale and sister Alice were renting a house in Auglaize Township. In 1942, Arthur had to register for the World War 2 draft. Because of his age, 52, he was not selected.

On December 1947, Arthur applied for Social Security. May 29, 1950 at 8:10 A.M., while living in a trailer near the Auglaize Stone Company, three tons of dynamite exploded. The blast rocked a 30 mile radius. The



blast killed three men, which included Arthur and his brother Charles, who was visiting.

Arthur and his brother, Charles had joint services at the M.E.Church, Junction, Ohio by the Rev. C.H.Wal-lack. Mansfield Funeral Home in Defiance, Ohio took care of the services. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery beside his parents. Arthur was never married.

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# WAYNE TRACE STUDENTS COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



The Wayne Trace junior high and high school student council collected toys for the Christmas for Kids drive over the last couple weeks. They were excited to donate many great toys for the cause.

## COMMUNITY HOLIDAY WREATH AUCTION RETURNS!

Hung at the Waynedale Library with care, from November 28 to December 10th, holiday wreaths will await for your viewing and bid to take home in support of the

Waynedale Trails & Sidewalks Initiative. This long-standing annual fundraiser returns once again to feature many festively decorated 24" artificial wreaths up for bid in a silent auction format.

"As a popular annual event that I think many look forward to, it is my pleasure to



donated to a food pantry.

### Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Cole Tilton, assigned to Vinton County, responded to a complaint from the Village of New Boston in Scioto County. The village found several deer that were dumped, and provided video surveillance of a vehicle. Officer Tilton identified a suspect, who was found to have dumped the deer in the village and harvested a wild turkey out of season. The case is pending in court.

### Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Brad Turner, assigned to Preble County, followed up on a Turn-In-A-Poacher report he received involving an individual posting photos on social media with several deer. The suspect was found to have killed a deer in Kentucky during the state's rifle season without a hunting license or permit. The rifle and deer were seized and transferred to Kentucky for charges.

State Wildlife Officer Matt Roberts, assigned to Highland County, recently spoke at the Hillsboro Rotary Club. He spoke about the history of eagles and bobcats in Ohio as well as job opportunities with the Division of Wildlife. Officer Roberts also answered general questions about hunting, trapping, and fishing from attendees.

again present to the community with these beautifully adorned wreaths." Camille Garrison, Event Organizer and Waynedale Trails & Sidewalks Initiative Chair continues, "Fundraising from events like these helped our volunteers bring sidewalks and trails to Bluffton Road, and continue to improve accessibility in our neighborhoods, and our work with the City of Fort Wayne to encourage more trails and sidewalks in the area. From encouraging healthy lifestyles to supporting more local shopping (walk-in traffic), the community benefits from these improvements are endless!"

Each wreath has been donated and decorated by a local business in the community in support of the cause.

All of the wreaths available can be bid on and previewed on Facebook here: [www.facebook.com/events/837065043991631/](http://www.facebook.com/events/837065043991631/) But, you can view them in-person at the Allen County Public Library, Waynedale Branch (2200 Lower Huntington Rd).

Hurry, bidding ends on December 10! Each winning bidder will be notified the week of December 12 and arrangements will be made to pick-up their wreath so they can hang it at their home before the holidays. Bidders are allowed to place multiple bids and are encouraged to revisit the library to check on their wreath and to rebid if they are outbid.

### FERTILIZER STRATIFICATION

Fertilizer stratification occurs when a farmer surface apply soil nutrients like phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) without doing any tillage. Deep tillage (plowing 6-8 inches deep) generally moves and mixes surface applied nutrients down about 3-4 inches, or roughly 50%. Some farmers worry that nutrients applied at the surface will not be plant available.

Marion Calmer, an experienced no-till farmer and researcher in Illinois, found that roughly 54% of his P and 43% of his K was found in the top 2 inches of his soil. Since he plants corn 2 inches deep, many nutrients were above his corn roots. In dry weather, he

was seeing stunted corn and nutrient deficiencies (P deficient purple corn). For every \$1 in fertilizer (P & K) applied every year, he got back about \$.40 in additional corn yield. He had been applying commercial fertilizer for 30 years to his no-till fields by surface applying nutrients. When he started checking with soil test every year, he found that he was gaining about 5# P at the surface (0-2 inches) while his P soil test were decreasing 1-2# per year at 8" deep. Should he be concerned?

First, soil stratification is normal. In undisturbed soil, nutrients are naturally deposited at the surface since plant residue accumulates at the surface. In prairie and woodland soil, this is not a major issue because the soil is high in soil organic matter (SOM) and has good soil structure. The biology (worms, centipedes, spring-tails, mites) all decompose the residue and the nutrients will slowly move down into the soil with rain and melting snow. Even in extensively tilled soil, nutrients are stratified. Often a plow pan forms due to tillage, which limits nutrients from moving deeper into the soil profile.

In conventional soils that are converted to no-till, poor soil structure and lower soil organic matter (SOM) generally leads to soils that are compacted. The soil compaction prevents many soil nutrients from easily moving downward, so they tend to accumulate at the surface. Surface accumulation of nutrients may either runoff or follow a crack, leading to nutrient losses in surface water.

Marion Calmer decided to try plowing on a small strip (60 feet by 1000 feet). Although it did help move the nutrients down about 50%, the surface was bare in the fall and soil erosion from wind and water becomes an issue. He has also experimented with applying fertilizer in a strip with a Soil Warrior to get the nutrients below the soil surface. That helped keep his crops healthier, at least this past year. Marion Calmer will be sharing his results at the Conservation Tillage Conference, March 14-15, 2023; at Ohio Northern University at Ada Ohio.

A second way to fix the stratification problem is to use cover crops. Soils that are naturally healthy have plenty of earthworms and root channels that allow nutrients to move deeper into the soil profile. Tillage destroys these channels so the nutrients stay where they are applied. Also, tillage burns up or oxidizes the SOM where many soil nutrients are stored. Cover crops help restore soil structure and increase SOM so nutrients can be absorbed more efficiently.

Dr. Paul Jasa, University of Nebraska no-till researcher found that moisture is the key to optimal nutrient uptake. No-till soils have higher soil moisture due to the undisturbed crop residue at the surface. Jasa has several rules for nutrient placement. First, place the nutrients in the soil where the roots are located. Second, you have to have water where the roots are located because the roots need water to absorb the nutrients. No-till fields conserve soil moisture and allow better nutrient uptake during dry weather.

Fertilizer research by Dr. Ray Weil, University of Mary-

# DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR HICKSVILLE SPLASH PAD PROJECT



The Hicksville Rotary Foundation board members: Shannon Villena, Steve Eyers, Pat King, Larry Culler (Rotary Club President), and Kirk Collins; recently donated \$10,000 towards the HCF Hicksville Splash Pad project.



The Defiance Area Foundation recently donated \$10,000 towards the planned village Splash Pad project. Picture is Jim Williams (DAF board of Trustees) and Kirk Collins accepting the donation.

land and Dr. John Grove, University of Kentucky found that no-till crops tend to have greater uptake of surface applied fertilizer than conventionally tilled crops. No-till corn's uptake of K was 130% higher than conventional corn that was plowed despite significant no-till fertilizer stratification.

Dr. Paul Jasa found at P stratification in no-till corn was not an issue if the P fertilizer was placed in-furrow. On his corn plots, P fertilizer was placed 5 inches deep on one side and on both sides and compared to placing P in-furrow. There was a 10-bushel increase in P applied in-furrow or on both sides of the corn. The in-furrow stratified P yielded same/more, so P was not limited. In dry years, he found that banded or P dribbled on the surface resulted in about 15-bushel increase. Overall, either placing fertilizer close to the roots or using no-till with cover crops makes nutrient stratification a non-issue in no-till.

—James J. Hoorman  
Hoorman Soil Health Services

## BENEFICIAL BACTERIA BIOLOGICALS

Biologicals are simply live microbes that perform many important soil and plant functions. Some microbes are biofertilizers (microbes that improve plant nutrition); biopesticides (microbes that control or kill pathogens, insects, other pests); others produce plant growth hormones or help plants survive environmental stresses (drought, temperature, soil pH, wet soils) etc. Biologicals are starting to become more common as farmers learn how to take advantage of the benefits they supply, especially in healthy soils and plants.

Farmers have inoculated legumes and clovers with bacteria to fix nitrogen (N) in nodules. Now farmers can inoculate plants for bacteria that are free living and also supply N to all plants. There are at least 200 strains of bacteria that are known to live inside plants and around plant roots. With the new discovery of rhizophagy (plant roots eating bacteria for nutrients and growth), applying biologicals may soon be a common prac-

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Shown here with teacher Mrs. Donita Brandenburg, Jodi Schneider from the food Pantry, and teacher Mrs. Deanna Wann is our class of three and young four year olds. They attend Tuesday and Thursday mornings and have very giving hearts!

Ann's Bright Beginners participated in a day of giving by making cards and

bringing in canned goods for the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry. For more in-

formation about our program, call 419-399-KIDS (5437).

Corn (C), Soybeans (S) and Wheat (W) share several beneficial bacteria. A broad group of bacteria in the genera Bacillus and Pseudomonas are widespread in nature, soil,

and all around and within plants. Bacillus are gram positive (G+) bacteria found in C-S-W that help with plant nutrient acquisition (especially zinc), provide plant hormones for increased growth,

decrease plant pathogens, and decrease plant stress. Pseudomonas (P) bacteria are gram positive (G+) and help control fungus while promoting above and below ground growth. There are at least 191 P. species, including P. syringae which increases the freezing point of water. Many solubilize phosphorus and help plants avoid many stresses (drought, climate change, pathogens).

Corn and soybeans also share beneficial Endobacterium (E.) and Agrobacterium (A.) bacteria. E. species improve soil porosity, some fix N and solubilize phosphorus, protect from pathogens, live in plant seeds, and increase plant growth. Farmers need to be careful when they use seed treatments because some bacteria can die. Bacteria in seeds increase germination and seedling survival. Some bacteria seed species date back thousands of years, but some have been lost over time due to either changing farm practices or changing soil environ-

ment. A. species are G-, are free living N fixers, promote plant growth, but also transfer DNA to plant cells. This A. species, like many bacteria species, can also cause plant damage as a pathogen called Crown Gall. So bacteria may be helpful in healthy soils under most conditions, but when conditions get tough and they want to survive (especially in unhealthy soils), they can become pathogens.

Corn (C) has at least 7 additional beneficial bacteria genera: Achomobacter, Curtobacterium, Herbaspirillum, Microbacterium, Micrococcus, Paenibacillus, Serratia. While the names are hard to spell and even harder to pronounce, I list them because if you want to start using biologicals, you have to have the right ones. Many are already in our soils, especially the common ones. Some do well in the greenhouse, but not as well in the field, probably due to soil conditions. However, yield increases of 16-32% have been shown in good soils with improved plant growth. That makes them highly valuable if they work. Some soil bacteria, although fairly rare or in small numbers, can create huge benefits while needing only a small plant meal.

Soybeans (S) benefits from an addition 4 bacteria genera: Rhizobium, Klebsiella, Agrobacterium, and Pantoea. Wheat (W) benefits also from Azospirillum, Herbaspirillum, Klebsiella, and Micrococcus. For tomato growers: Pseudomonas and Escherichia, strawberries: Bacillus and Sphingopyxis, potatoes (all the corn bacteria species plus Acinetobacter, Comamonas, and Methylobacterium). Many stores and the internet can help you find these beneficial bacteria that stimulate plant growth and increase plant yield. While I have given you general bacteria groups called genera, in many cases you will be buying individual bacteria species.

How do you apply biologicals? That varies by product, so follow their directions. In general, avoid direct sunlight, apply on a cloudy day. Keep them cool and store in a refrigerator, generally around 500F. Hot temperatures and sunlight (UV rays) eliminate many bacteria. Bacteria need adequate moisture to survive

so a little water or rain after application is a good thing. Compost, humus and a little manure are good food sources and are also, good sources of beneficial bacteria (as are red worms). Some biologicals are applied to seeds with a nutrient coating to get them off to a good start. Others can be applied at the base of the plants to the roots and some are foliar applied to leaves. Finally,

watch the soil pH, most beneficial bacteria can survive a 6.5-7.0 pH, but that varies by species. To increase biological survival, follow the 4 soil health principles: minimize or eliminate tillage, keep surface residue, use cover crops (live roots), increase soil biodiversity (rotate crops).

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# PANTHERS POUNCED BY WILDCATS



Shown here is Paulding Senior Makayla Suffel who launches the ball in the first quarter to score the first 3 point basket of the game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Lady Panthers opened their home season as they played host to the Lima Bath Wildcats on Monday, November 28th. Lady Panthers struggled against their Wildcat opponents. Bath dominated the

court, ending the game with a Paulding loss, 9-65. The Lady Panthers have a week break before they head off for an away game at Montpelier on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## PANTHERS WHIP PIRATES IN SEASON OPENER

The boys basketball season opened Friday night for the Paulding Panthers with the maroon and white rolling past

host Continental for a 70-48 victory. The game was close after one quarter as the Panther held a 12-9 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action. However, the maroon and

white broke the game open in the second stanza with a 25-point quarter that pushed the Paulding margin to 37-20 at the intermission.

From there, the maroon and white expanded the lead in the third quarter by doubling up the Pirates 20-10 in the period for a 57-30 advantage going to the final eight minutes.

Nick Manz and Peyton Adams paced a balanced Paulding attack with 13 points apiece while Kane Jones chipped in a dozen markers. Casey Agler also reached double digits for the Panthers with ten points.

Luke Zartman added nine points and Ethan Foltz recorded eight for the maroon and white while Isaac Reeb and Jacob Martinez picked up two points apiece. Blake Rhonehouse also connected on a free throw to complete the Paulding scoring.

Konner Knipp-Williams topped Continental with 15 points in the contest while Jonathan Etter, Carson Etter and Mason Rayle all added eight markers each.

Monty Rayle recorded six points for the Pirates with Rhenn Armeiy hitting a basket and Brady Thomsen connected on a free throw.

Paulding's junior varsity squad was also victorious as the Panthers posted a 43-26 win over the Panthers.

## LADY RAIDER JH SQUADS SWEEP WARRIORS

The Wayne Trace seventh and eighth grade girls basketball teams picked up a pair of wins last week as the Lady Raiders posted wins at Woodlan.

Wayne Trace's eighth grade

squad defeated the Warriors behind a pair of double-digit scorers.

Amber Stoller led the way for the red, white and blue with 15 points with Arianna Viola chipping in a dozen markers. Liz Graham and Olivia Zartman both had six points apiece for Wayne Trace.

Layla Hodson paced Woodlan with seven points with Tessa Baatz recording six. Sophia Mull (three) and Brooklyn Hetrick (two) also scored for the Lady Warriors.

Wayne Trace's seventh grade squad also defeated the Warriors behind eight points apiece from Addyson LaBounty and Nicole Gerschütz. Kenzie Ogle chipped in six markers for the Lady Raiders followed by Karsyn Troth (four), Cayla Noggle (four), Aubrie Stoller (two), Brooke Tigner (two) and Brisa Chavez (two).

Addison Richardson topped Woodlan with four points and Brooklyn Hetrick recorded three for the Lady Warriors. Izzy Lamott also had two points for the Indiana squad.

## PANTHERS HOLD OFF PIRATES FOR WIN

The Paulding Panthers won for the second time in two nights to start the high school basketball season as the maroon and white defeated visiting Bluffton 53-51 Saturday evening at the 'Jungle.'

The Panthers took an 11-7 lead at the end of one quarter but the Pirates rallied in the second stanza, outscoring Paulding 20-15 to give Bluffton a 27-26 halftime advantage.

In the third period, the maroon and white limited the Pirates to six points while scoring 13 of their own as the Panthers seized a 39-33 advantage entering the final stanza.

Bluffton did win the fourth quarter 18-14 but it wasn't enough as Paulding held on for the two-point victory.

Peyton Adams led a quartet of Panthers in double figures with a dozen markers while Casey Agler chipped in 11 points. Nick Manz and Ethan Foltz both scored ten points as well for Paulding.

Luke Zartman contributed eight markers for Paulding and Isaac Reeb picked up the remaining basket.

Carson Soper paced the Pirates with 18 points followed by Wade Ginther with 11 and Kaden Lora chipped in ten. Marek Donaldson also contributed nine for Bluffton and Terron Boblitt posted three.

Bluffton's junior varsity held off the Panthers for a 48-42 victory as Paulding fell to 1-1 on the season.

## WARRIORS PICK UP WIN OVER ACES, SCHROEDER

The Woodlan Lady Warriors hit the road to the Buckeye State Monday night for a non-league battle at Hicksville where the visiting Warriors posted a 64-51 win over the red and white.

Despite the loss, Hicksville senior Kenzie Schroeder made history for the Aces by scoring the 1,000th point of her career to become the fifth Hicksville girls basketball player to break the 1,000-point barrier.

Junior Taylor Kneubuhler led the way for Woodlan with 20 points in the contest while sophomore Brooke Kneubuh-

# LADY ARCHERS RALLY TO GET PAST TIGERS



It was Junior Aewyn McMichael who was able to score both baskets from the line in a serious second half drought that nearly defeated the Archers in Thursday night's matchup. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - In a battle of former Green Meadows Conference rivals, the Antwerp Lady Archers used a fourth-quarter rally to come from behind for a 36-30 victory over visiting Holgate Thursday night in non-league girls basketball action.

It was the Archers that jumped in front early as Antwerp took a 9-6 advantage. The blue and white expanded the margin in the second quarter, picking up seven of the ten points scored in the period to put Antwerp on top 16-9 at the intermission.

However, the third quarter belonged to Holgate.

The Lady Tigers picked up 15 points and held Antwerp to six as the Henry County squad rallied to record a 24-22 advantage entering the final

stanza. In the fourth quarter, Antwerp totaled 14 points in the final period limited Holgate to six as the blue and white came back to record the 36-30 victory.

Caroline Rohrs led the way for Antwerp with a dozen markers while Hayleigh Jewell and Aewyn McMichael both scored ten points for the blue and white. Katryna Fish and Emma Townley also added a basket each for the Lady Archers.

Olivia Baker topped the visiting Lady Tigers with 11 points while Lexa Schuller and Miriam Bower chipped in six markers apiece. Mya Tijerina also had three points for Holgate with Madison Clark and Jordyn Altman recording a basket apiece.

ler added 16 markers for the Lady Warriors. Senior Avah Smith was the third Woodlan player to reach twin digits in scoring with 15 points.

Senior Briana Roney chipped in five points for Woodlan followed by senior Gabi Klopfenstein (three), senior Addie Goheen (three) and sophomore Reagan Widenhoefer (two).

Smith added eight rebounds and four steals for the Lady Warriors while Taylor Kneubuhler picked up six boards and dished out five assists. Kaitlyn Crosby recorded five rebounds and two assists for Woodlan and Goheen totaled three boards and four assists. Klopfenstein also ended the contest with two rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Schroeder finished with 28 points to pace the Lady Aces and Kennedy Adams chipped in ten markers for Hicksville.

Victoria Perna (five), Hayden Neidhardt (five) and Lindsay Bergman (three) completed the scoring for the Lady Aces.

Woodlan led 16-13 at the end of one quarter and widened the margin to 34-30 at the midway point of the contest. The Lady Warriors took a 42-37 advantage at the end of three periods.

In the junior varsity contest, Woodlan doubled up the host Aces 30-15.

## STRONG SECOND HALF IGNITES RAIDERS PAST PARKWAY

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Opening night of 2022-23 boy's high school basketball season tipped off last Saturday for the Wayne Trace Raiders. Wayne Trace traveled south to Parkway High School to battle the Panthers in non-league

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# LADY WARRIORS TRAMPLE BLAZERS IN GIRLS BASKETBALL



Sophomore Brooke Kneubuhler was open to shoot this 3 point basket for the Warriors! More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, the Lady Warriors hosted the Eastside Blazers for some high school girls basketball

action. Narrow scoring margins kept both teams on their toes. Woodlan kept the win at the final buzzer: 48-36.

play. The Raiders fought through a competitive first half and then took control in the second half to post a 20-point win 68-48.

The Panthers were led in scoring by the 15 points from Trent Rollins followed by Cadan Berry nine; Landon May eight; Trevor Sterns seven; Brayden Bruns three; Fletcher Smith three; Bryce Sterns two and Xavier Samples one.

Wayne Trace held a four-point advantage after one quarter of play 16-12 but the Panthers managed to take the second period by four point to send both teams to the locker room netted at 29 a piece at the break. After a tightly contested first half the Raiders kicked it up a notch to take a 12-point lead after outscoring Parkway 20-8 in the third stanza. The red, white and blue entered the fourth quarter leading 49-37. The Raiders continued to keep the defensive pressure on the final eight minutes and after allowing just eight-points in the third came back to give up just 11-points in the fourth while scoring 19 to secure the opening season win.

As a team the Raiders were solid with their shooting hitting 20-30 inside the arc and 7-20 behind the arc for a 54 percent clip. From the charity stripes the Raiders connected on 7-11 while collecting 26 rebounds and turning the ball over just five times. For the Panthers, shooting from the field was 17-36 for 47 percent and at the foul line the Panthers connected on 11 of 14. Parkway grabbed 23 boards and recorded 11 miscues.

## ARCHBISHOP HOBAN'S LAMAR SPERLING IS OHIO MR. FOOTBALL



Akron Archbishop Hoban senior running back Lamar Sperling has been named Ohio Mr. Football by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association. He is the 36th winner of the award and will lead his team into the OHSAA Division II state championship

game Thursday night against Toledo Central Catholic.

Sperling, 5-foot-10-inches and 190 pounds, totaled 141 points in the statewide voting by OPSWA members. Cincinnati Wyoming senior running back/defensive back CJ Hester was the runner-up with 101 points. He will play in the Division IV state championship game Saturday night.

Other Mr. Football finalists included Darreon Fair, Cleveland Heights; Diore Hubbard, Gahanna Lincoln; Jordan Marshall, Moeller; Connor Walenzak, Perrysburg; and Mason Wolfe, Millersburg West Holmes.

Sperling enters Thursday with 3,511 rushing yards and 55 rushing touchdowns, both school records, on 377 carries in 15 games this season. Sperling, a University at Buffalo recruit, also has one receiving TD.

The Ohio Mr. Football Award was given by the Associated Press from 1987-2016. It has been given by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association since 2017.

## WAYNE TRACE PICKS UP ROAD WIN OVER ST. JOHNS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

After picking up their first win of the season at home the Lady Raiders traveled to Delphos last Saturday to meet up with the St. Johns' Blue Jays. Wayne Trace came away with a nine-point win 40-31 to move their record to 2-0 while the Blue Jays fall to 0-3.

The Raiders jumped out to an early lead in the opening quarter scoring 14 points while holding their opponent to just five. However, the Blue Jays bounced back in the second period with 15 markers of their own while the red, white and blue went cold scoring just three points. At the half the Raiders found themselves down 20-17. In the third frame Delphos managed to keep the upper hand -- outscoring the Raiders 8-7 and entered the final quarter with a 28-24 advantage. In the fourth it was all Wayne Trace as the Raider's turned on the after-burners offensively along with putting their defensive pressure into play. Wayne Trace outscored their opponent 16-3 to secure the non conference win.

The Raider's 40 points were spread out among seven players led by Gracie Shepherd who finished with 11 to go along with 12 rebounds. Caroline Winans added eight markers and eight steals with team mate Lexi Moore hitting for seven points and 11 rebounds. Adding to the Raiders score was Harper Myers with six, Ava Zartman and Elise Miller each with three and Careen Winans rounding out the scoring with two.

Wayne Trace shot 11-26 from the two-point area while struggling behind the three-point arc hitting just two of 19 tries. At the foul line the Raiders were 12-23 for 52 percent. The Raiders won the battle of the boards 31-23 and in the turnover department the winners committed 13 miscues to 25 for DJ. The Raiders defensive effort chalked up 18 steals.

Delphos Jefferson was led by the 11 points from Emma Will followed by: Ava Hershy six, Abby Kerner five, Myah Boggs four, Brooke Altenburger two and Kiersten Klaus two.



Pictured are students from Mrs. Miller's and Mrs. Roehrig's Kindergarten classes making their rounds and distributing popcorn.

(Continued from Page 1) Scholastic Pajama Drive. We were able to donate 29 sets of pajamas to this wor-

thy cause! It feels so good to give and to be connected to our community. Pajamas will be distributed with new

Scholastic books to children facing adversity. We hope every child has good nights and good days!

## WILDCATS CRUISE TO WIN OVER ARCHERS

Delphos Jefferson led at every stop as the Lady Wildcats cruised to a 61-21 win over host Antwerp Tuesday night in non-league girls basketball action.

The Wildcats posted a 14-8 lead at the end of one quarter and pushed the margin to 30-13 at the intermission. Delphos Jefferson took a 44-15 advantage into the final period.

Rylynn Marquiss led the way for the Lady Wildcats with 13 points while Lyv Lindeman added a dozen and Lauren French posted ten markers.

Gwen Teman added nine for Delphos Jefferson followed by Hannah Wiltzie (eight), Jessa Rostorfer (six) and Maddie Burris (three).

Hayleigh Jewell paced Antwerp with nine points followed by Aewyn McMichael (four), Caroline Rohrs (four), Emma Townley (two) and Lydia Krouse (two).

## LADY PATRIOTS CRUISE PAST WARRIORS

Jay County opened a double-digit lead at the end of one quarter and the Lady Patriots rolled the rest of the way to record a 60-22 win over visiting Woodlan in ACAC girls basketball play recently.

The Lady Patriots took a 15-1 lead at the end of eight minutes of action and added a 25-point second quarter as Jay County opened a 40-12 halftime advantage.

Jay County picked up a dozen more markers in the third period while Woodlan scored five, setting the Patriot lead at 52-17 entering the final stanza.

Taylor Kneubuhler scored

seven points to lead the way for the Lady Warriors while Avah Smith chipped in six and Kaitlyn Crosby posted five. Addie Goheen and Brianna Roney both posted two points.

Avah Smith and Kneubuhler both grabbed five rebounds for Woodlan with Reagan Widenhoefer hauling down three. Widenhoefer dished out a pair of assists as well for the Lady Warriors.

## LADY RAIDERS SWEEP BY WILDCATS

Miller City traveled to Wayne Trace Tuesday night for a junior high girls basketball doubleheader with the visiting Wildcats picking up a pair of victories.

Miller City posted a 25-10 win over the Raiders in the seventh grade contest as Lauren Erford scored eight points and Kayla Erford chipped in six. Clara Verhoff added five points for Miller City.

Nicole Gerschutz and Cayla Noggle both had four points for Wayne Trace.

The Lady Wildcats then

followed with a 40-23 win over the red, white and blue.

Karlee Gilgenbach topped Miller City with 14 points while Anna Lammers and Anna Schnipke posted ten markers apiece for the Lady Wildcats.

Amber Stoller scored 13 points to pace Wayne Trace and Ella Crosby chipped in six markers.

## PATRICK HENRY PATRIOTS STOMPS ACES

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, Hicksville Lady Aces played host to the Patrick Henry Patriots in high school girls basketball.

In JV play, the Lady Aces struggled to out score the Patriots. Patrick Henry had the win by the 4th quarter buzzer: 41-21.

Score by the Quarter: Hicksville - 11 4 15 = 21 Patrick Henry - 12 10 12 7 = 41

Moving to varsity action, Patrick Henry crossed over their JV win to the varsity game. The Patriots paced this game with quarter scores top-

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# THE LEFT TURN



Photo Credit: Jim Davidson of Supermodifieds Berlin Speedway

By: Ron Burt

You would think in the off-season, we wouldn't have much to talk about. It's just the opposite. Tri-state race-tracks are all busy making out schedules and making improvements to their tracks and facilities for spring.

The World of Outlaw Sprint Car Series (the greatest show on dirt) has just released their 2023 schedule. This year the series will compete on 36 tracks in 19 states and 87 nights of racing. They will make several stops in our area. The first will be May 5th and 6th at Eldora. On May 19th they return to Attica Raceway Park. July 11th they will run Attica for the Bob Doty Classic and have a tune up before the Eldora Kings Royal weekend, July 14th, and 15th. Their last stop in the area will be September 22nd when the series visits Eldora for the last time in 2023. The Knoxville Nationals will be August 8th-12th. If you had tickets last year, you can purchase this year's tickets now before the general public.

The high banked half mile track at the historic Winchester Speedway will host Old Times Weekend, June 23rd-25th. This attracts vintage race car owners, collectors, and veteran drivers. In 2022 they had a large turnout of cars spanning several decades of racing with many divisions repre-

sented. The cars will be racing exhibition laps.

One of the most anticipated motorsports events of the season is upon us. Full-size race cars will be swapping paint inside an NFL football stadium this week during the Castrol Gateway Dirt Nationals. This is an indoor racing event held December 1-3 in The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, the former home of the St. Louis Rams football team. This year's event will feature two divisions, Super Late Models and Open Wheel Modifieds.

I have some breaking news and details are still coming in. I reported a couple of weeks ago the Midwest Supermodified Series was having trouble with race teams building new cars. It has been announced that the MSS and the ISMA have come together for a schedule for 2023. They haven't used the word merger. I personally feel this is the only way the MSS can survive with the low car counts. Car owners from both sanctions have come to terms on this big block Supermodified series with a schedule, rules, point fund and season champion. The series kicks off at the famous Oswego Speedway in New York. The series will make stops close to us in Lorain Raceway Park, Sandusky Motor Speedway and Berlin Speedway. I hope this will be a shot in the arm for

the MSS. Supermodifieds are the fastest race cars on asphalt half mile short tracks.

Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out! ohioportsblitz@yahoo.com

## NORTHWEST OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLABORATION SAVES LIVES 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL - LIGHTS FOR LIVES

### LIGHTS FOR LIVES



The eleventh annual "Lights for Lives" was a successful operation once again, showing what can be accomplished by law enforcement working cooperatively in a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional effort. In the spirit of collaboration, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Findlay District in conjunction with law enforcement agencies in Northwest Ohio from the following counties: Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Defiance, Henry, Wood, Putnam, Paulding, Hancock, Van Wert, Allen, and Hardin Counties participated.

"Lights for Lives" is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, cooperative enforcement campaign focused on officers activating their overhead LIGHTS and stopping as many vehicles that have committed traffic violations to save as many LIVES as possible. It began on November 22nd at 6:00 a.m. and ran through November 24th at 6:00 a.m., kicking off the holiday driving season.

During the 48-hour operation officers reported stopping nearly 886 vehicles and issued 316 citations. There were 41 Safety Belt citations were issued, while 14 impaired drivers were removed from Ohio's roadways. Further, there were over 40 criminal arrests including 5 felonies and misdemeanors while 13 involved drug arrests.

On behalf of all law enforcement who participated in "Lights for Lives", we would like to remind motorists this holiday season to always buckle up, as it is the one thing most likely to save their life, and slow down or move over for stopped traffic! Additionally, they must remember to plan ahead and never operate a vehicle when impaired by drugs and/or alcohol!

### PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (16) persons on Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

Joe Edwin Bonar (1/13/59), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Michael R. Nix (8/19/67),

Fort Wayne, IN; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Jason Lynn Fisher (2/6/76), Antwerp, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Codie James Ledford (7/13/93), Cecil, OH; Domestic violence, F5

Jerel A. Tousley (1/30/76), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

David D. Gribble (12/13/67), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F2; Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F4 Specification for forfeiture of money in drug case

John Lloyd Phillips (11/15/70), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Justin Tyler Smith (2/26/84), Defiance, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F2; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Dustin R. Wheeler (2/8/82), Van Wert, OH; Nonsupport of dependents, F5

Robert E. Shaw (12/10/89), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5; Operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them - OVI, M1

Christian D. Klender (2/6/02), Antwerp, OH; Theft, F5; Domestic violence, M1

Joshua R. Fish (1/15/87), Antwerp, OH; Nonsupport of dependents, F5; Nonsupport of dependents, F5

Abbie L. Holton (2/9/89), Cloverdale, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5; Identity fraud, F5

Daymon J. Walker (8/27/93), Cecil, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Jessica R. Sauder (6/24/91), Van Wert, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

John Marcus Talbott (10/14/68), Grover Hill, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

### GRANT SENTENCED IN MURDER CASE

On November 28th 2022, the Paulding County Common Pleas Court room was packed, with a few having to stand, for the sentencing of Heidi L. Grant in the January 13th, 2022 murder of her husband, Christopher S. Franklin.

Prosecutor Joseph Burkard addressed the court and requested that her sentences be served consecutively and also that the gun used in the crime be forfeited and destroyed. He then said there were family members of Franklin that wanted to make statements.

Olivia Franklin, Christopher's daughter, spoke first and stated how this has changed her life and she just couldn't understand. That she had trusted Heidi and Heidi lied to her and even took her out daily looking

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ping the Aces. The Lady Aces has 22 turnovers, 19 rebounds, 3 steals, and 10 assists. Final score: 32-60.

Score by the Quarter:

Hicksville - 12 9 9 2 = 32

Patrick Henry - 16 7 17 20 = 60

Scorers of the Game:

Hicksville - Schroeder 10, Bergman 8, Adams 6, L Seitz 2, Neidhardt 2, A Seitz 2

Patrick Henry - Crossland 19, K Prigge 10, Weber 7, Nelson 4, Schwab 4, M Prigge 3, Christman 3, Boyer 2, Seemann 2, Guelde 2, Haas 2, Schwiebert 2

# SANTA'S SECRET SHOP IN ANTWERP



Once again, the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Santa's Secret Shop. Chamber businesses supply this "shop" will items for children (and others) to purchase for their friends and loved ones for this holiday season of gift giving.

Santa's Secret Shop this

year will take place at the Antwerp VFW on December 6-8 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be shopping helpers for the littlest ones, as well as a wrapping station. All proceeds from this event go directly back to the participating Chamber businesses.

## DEDICATION CEREMONY SET AT THE HUBER OPERA HOUSE



The Huber Opera House cordially invites you to attend a Dedication Celebration at the Huber on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. followed by a reception.

The Huber has been blessed with many passionate volunteers and contributors over the past 25 years and the Board of Directors would like to celebrate their dedication to the restoration of this Hicksville landmark. This event would not be complete without the community as we reminisce about the transformation of this building and the people who so willingly gave their time and efforts to bring this location from "ready for the wrecking ball" to a vibrant and beautiful community establishment.

During this celebration, the dedication of The Corinne Hurn balcony, The Hilbert Family Community Room, Wayne's Room, and Marlene's Closet will honor

just a few of these heroes of the reconstruction, but will also focus on many others who quietly contributed to the process to become a strong organization that supported all the steps along the way. The community members that stepped forward to establish the incorporation, the leaders who kept progress moving forward, the performers who graced the stage to raise money, the donors who supported the fund raisers, and the continual support of the "Huber Family" who donate their time to cleaning, decorating, pencil pushing, and attending events. The entire community is proud of the progress and accomplishments over the past quarter of a century and a celebration is in order.

The entire community is invited to celebrate with us. So please mark your calendars for December 11 at 2:30 and join us at the Huber for this celebration

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**PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

**Criminal/Traffic**  
**Disposition Report**  
**Rashawn Gibbs**, Toledo, OH; Driving under suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty; Warrant and warrant block recalled; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs  
**David T. Abrams**, Saginaw, MO; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend

DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Complete by 3/31/23, Operator license suspended from 5/30/22 to 5/30/23, Proof of insurance provided, Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Display plates, Dismissed  
**Marc W. McNabb**, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived  
**Austin F. Treesh**, Antwerp, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to ay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior  
**Rodney Schafer**, Defiance, OH; Confine of dog (2 counts); Pled no contest,

found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior  
**Johnathan R. Bowman**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior  
**Robert Bowers**, 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  
**Justin M. Jackman**, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs  
**Brian E. Carpenter**, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Rhonda K. Stahl**, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay al fines and costs  
**Levi J. Dinan**, Clyde, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Chad T. Cain**, Delphos, OH; Failure to yield left turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Robert L. Brinck**, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Jade Vogel**, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Adam J. Brown**, Grand Rapids, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Jonathan M. Siebert**, Perrysburg, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Bradley A. Shroades**, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Shawn M. Woolbright**, Continental, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; Left of center, Pled no contest,

found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs  
**Cecil I. Goodwin Jr**, Galion, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Dorothy Halfacre**, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Randy C. Coleman**, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Ace D. Reardon**, Toledo, OH; Domestic violence, Count A dismissed per state, Costs to the defendant; Disorderly conduct with persistence, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, No contact order amended to a no unlawful contact order, Write a letter of apology to the victim, Maintain general good behavior, 30 days jail suspended  
**Alyssa R. McMillan**, Haviland, OH; Assault, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Placed on standard probation, No contact with victim, Write a letter of apology to the Dollar General manager, 20 hours community service, Risk assessment, Complete Hands Down book, 90 days jail suspended, Probation to determine other classes; Disorderly conduct, Count B dismissed per state, Costs to defendant  
**Barbara J. Elliott**, Scott, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Pled no contest found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; 10 hours community service; Complete a risk assessment; Complete Hands Down book; Probation to determine other classes; Evaluation at Westwood; Remove SCRAM 12/2/22; 30 days jail, 28 days suspended  
**Adam Keeler**, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; Defen-

The West Bend News  
**Sudoku Puzzle**

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

dant to pay all fines and costs  
**Jessica E. Kohart**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**William P. Spalding**, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Anthony W. Lucante**, Convoy, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Robert F. Davis, Jr**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Jose A. Amaro Arcos**, Defiance, OH; Distracted driving, Guilty, Defendant completed course; Marked lanes, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant  
**Stephanie E. Rhodes**, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs  
**Chantell S. Clark**, Indianapolis, IN; OVI/under influence, Pled no contest, found guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided; Seat belt/drive, Count C dismissed



**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO  
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,  
PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LEO P. SWALLOW, EL.AL.

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**DEFENDANTS,**  
Case No. CI-22-171  
Judge Tiffany R. Beckman  
TO: Leo P. Swallow and Unknown Spouse of Leo P. Swallow  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: P.O. Box 60, Piqua, Ohio 45356

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 the 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: *Romy Burckard*  
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

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against Leo P. Swallow and Unknown Spouse of Leo P. Swallow seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Leo P. Swallow and Unknown Spouse of Leo P. Swallow to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate. The real property in question is situated as follows:  
Sited in the Village of Grover Hill, County of Paulding, State of Ohio, and described as follows:  
Lot Number Jenks (3) and Lot Number Six (6) of Third Additions in the Village of Grover Hill, Paulding County, Ohio.

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

IN THE Probate COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO,  
Dan W. Bratka, Judge  
Case No. 20225005  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
RYLIE ROYCE POSEY GRANT  
To: MEGAN R. POSEY,  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

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OF ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER IS A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING."

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 RILEY ROYCE POSEY, a minor, whose date of birth is MARCH 24, 2016, and for change of the name of the minor to RILEY ROYCE 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 hope of the petitioner.  
That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree 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.

**RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR, AND, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTION PETITIONER AND RELATIVES OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER IS A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING."**

**RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY:**  
You have the right to be represented by an attorney of your choice. If you are unable to afford an attorney, you must request an attorney when you receive this Notice and complete an affidavit of indigency form at the Court to determine if you qualify for an appointed counsel. You may contact the Paulding County Probate Court for more information at (419) 399-8256.

"A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED,

Dan W. Bratka, Probate Judge  
Sitting by Assignment  
By: *Sally D. Whinniman*  
Deputy Clerk

**ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153  
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE USDA, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RONALD E. ROHDY, JR., ET AL., Defendants,  
Case No. CI 18 024

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:  
**13753 Nancy Street, Paulding  
Parcel Number: 23-51B-120-00**  
A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse or at: [www.uslandrecords.com](http://www.uslandrecords.com)  
Said premises appraised at Sixty-nine Thousand and No/100 (\$69,000.00) 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 December 29, 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.  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

IN THE Probate COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO,  
Dan W. Bratka, Judge  
Case No. 20225006  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
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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:  
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"A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED,

Dan W. Bratka, Probate Judge  
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By: *Sally D. Whinniman*  
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# BALLOONS WILL DROP AT SCIENCE CENTRAL ON NEW YEAR'S EVE



Balloons will be dropping at Science Central as we celebrate the approaching new year a little early at Countdown to Noon on Saturday, December 31st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Science Central's annual New Year's Eve celebration takes the excitement of the holiday's countdown to midnight and recreates it at noon for the sake of partiers young and old with early bedtimes. The countdown culminates with a balloon drop, which will occur on the center's Top Level.

Due to popular demand, a second balloon drop will be held at 2:00 p.m. That drop, which will be smaller, will also take place on Science Central's Top Level.

After each drop, visitors should anticipate hearing

the sound of popping balloons and bring ear protection, if desired.

In addition to the balloon drop, visitors can look forward to watching demonstrations and checking out activity tables around the building. Demonstrations will have a fireworks theme, while the activity tables will give visitors the chance to make Science Central smokestack hats, maracas, and sound sandwiches, plus embark on a scavenger hunt. The demonstrations will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

General admission to Science Central includes all Countdown to Noon activities. More information may be found by 260-424-2400 or visit [www.sciencecentral.org](http://www.sciencecentral.org).

night, 'when is it okay to kill somebody, and the answer is never. It is never okay to kill somebody.'

William Kluge, Grant's attorney, spoke and stated that no matter what the sentence was, nobody was going to be happy and nothing would bring Christopher back. He went on to mention that he had tried to reach out

to members of the Franklin family and they would not return his calls or meet with him and had even offered to drive to Paulding to meet them. At this point, Christopher's brother, David, became visibly angry and eventually was removed from the court room.

Grant was given a chance to speak and she told Christopher's family that she was sorry, and said if she could go back and change what happened she would, and that she never thought she would be in a situation where she was in such fear of her life that something like this would happen.

Grant's uncle spoke to her and told her that no matter what, the family loved her and would always love her. Sometimes bad things happen to good people and sometimes good people do bad things.

At this time, Linda Aldred, Christopher's ex-wife, asked the judge if she could say something and she spoke to Heidi and stated she trusted her with her most prize possession, her daughter, and couldn't understand how she could do something like this.

Judge Tiffany Beckman took over then. She stated that the law in Ohio states anyone convicted of murder gets sentenced to the same amount of time. On the count of murder, unclassified felony, Ms. Grant was sentenced to 15 years to life.

The gun specification gave her a mandatory 1 year sentence; and for the tampering with evidence, a 3rd degree felony, she was sentenced to 30 months, and she was ordered to serve these sentences consecutively. She will serve her mandatory 1 year for gun specification first, then her term for tampering with evidence, before beginning the time for the murder. With the murder being an unclassified felony she is not eligible for judicial review/early release, but was given 310 days credit for her time served in the county jail while awaiting trial and

# VANTAGE CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM DONATION



The Vantage Culinary Arts students dusted off their rolling pins and put together their favorite Christmas cookie recipes to be donated to the Van Wert American Legion Post 178. Each year, the American Legion provides an opportunity for young children to join them for a cup of hot chocolate, Christmas cook-

ies, and a seat next to Santa. Vantage Instructor Scott Shardelow and his Culinary students felt encouraged to donate to the Post after learning how the organization provides a joyful and meaningful experience for local children leading up to Christmas. To offer their appreciation, Post Commander Bill Marshall and 1st

Vice Commander Randy Mathews made a special visit to the Culinary students, sharing the highlights of the event, and offered an important message to the students about how their donation, and all efforts in making the Christmas cookies, helped spread holiday cheer to many local families.

pending the outcome. Essentially serving 17 years to life. If she does get paroled after serving her mandatory sentence, she is ordered to register as a violent offender.

The weapon used in the crime is to be forfeited, turned over to Antwerp Police Department and ordered to be destroyed. Ms. Grant will be turned over to Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

## PREVENT HOLIDAY FIRES

**By: Brianne Deerwester, Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI)**

(NAPSI)—Statistics show that the incidence of home fires and electrical accidents typically increases during the winter holiday season. To combat this, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is launching its annual holiday safety campaign by providing tips to help consumers prevent household fires and accidents caused by improper cooking, heating, and holiday decorat-

ing practices.

"According to the National Fire Protection Association, 860 home fires are caused by holiday decorations, while an additional 210 home fires are caused by Christmas trees per year," said ESFI President Brett Brenner. "Taking preventative measures when cooking, heating, and decorating can help prevent fires while you enjoy this festive time of year."

The organization's website, [holidaysafety.org](http://holidaysafety.org), offers a variety of free-to-share resources that can be shared with your family, your workplace, and throughout your community. Follow these steps to help ensure your safety during the winter holidays:

- Decorating Safety
  - Twenty-five percent of holiday fires are caused by electrical decorations. Never leave these on while sleeping or away from home.
  - When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness and be sure to water your tree daily until it's properly dis-

posed of.

- Never leave an open flame, including the fireplace or candles, unattended.
- Keep young children and pets away from holiday lights, electrical decorations, and extension cords to prevent injuries.
- Use electrical decorations and lights only for their labeled purpose, indoor or outdoor. Don't use indoor decorations outside, as water and electricity should never mix.
- Keep all decorations three feet away from heat sources.
- Carefully inspect decorations before use. Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a shock or start a fire.
- Use only electrical decorations and lights that have been approved for safe use by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Avoid plugging too many decorations into a single outlet. Overloaded outlets can overheat and cause fires.
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**Antwerp Conservation Club Event Schedule**

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**DEC 17 - NRL22 Rifle Event: Registration @ 9am, Match begins @ 10am**

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pinched in doors, windows, under heavy furniture, or rugs that could damage the cord and cause a fire.

- Always unplug decorations using the gripping area. Pulling on the cord could damage the wire and present a shock or fire hazard.

**Heating Safety**  
 • Replace worn or old heating pads and electric blankets. Look for dark, charred, or frayed spots or cracked or frayed electric cords.

- Do not allow anything on top of a heating pad or electric blanket when it is in use. It may cause the device to over-heat.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from heat sources.

- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn off when leaving a room or sleeping.

- Never plug a space heater into an extension cord or power strip, as this could cause the cords to overheat and cause a fire.

- Never use a cooking stove to heat your home or dry clothes.

- Place space heaters on level, flat surfaces on the ground.

- Have a qualified service professional inspect your heating system annually.

- Install and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

- Never use a space heater or appliance with a damaged cord.

**Cooking Safety**  
 • Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stove top.

- Always unplug counter-top appliances when not in use.

- Double-check that everything is off when you finish cooking.

- Prevent fires by keeping your oven and stove top clean of grease and dust.

- Never leave the kitchen while cooking.
- Never cook while tired, drinking alcohol, or taking

medication that makes you drowsy.

- Never disable a smoke alarm while cooking.

- Children should be closely supervised and kept at least three feet away from all cooking appliances.

- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stove top.

**RESTORING PLASTICITY COULD BE THE SECRET TO REVERSING BRAIN DAMAGE**

(NAPSI)—For the world's leading neuroscientists, unlocking the brain's capacity to stimulate neural plasticity has become something of a Holy Grail.

That's because enhancing plasticity is perhaps the most important step towards repairing central nervous system (CNS) damage. In fact, it can have a profound impact across multiple neurological functions, including improving motor, sensory and cognitive abilities such as memory.

People marvel at how children are able to learn things so quickly and easily. This ability is mediated by their brains'

nimble neural plasticity. Neuroscientists once believed that neuroplasticity manifested predominately during childhood. However, research in the mid-20th century demonstrated that many aspects of the brain can be altered, even in adulthood. Still, the developing brain has a significantly higher degree of plasticity than the adult brain.

The human brain consists of enormous networks of neurons. They act as messengers that use electrical impulses and chemical signals to transmit information between different areas of the brain, and between the brain and the nervous system. Even a very simple task, such as standing or sitting, typically involves millions of interconnected neurons. Damage to these interconnected systems can be catastrophic.

Enhancing plasticity could be a potential treatment option for any condition where there is extensive damage to CNS tissue. Enhancing plasticity results in 'axonal sprouting' - a process where surviving neurons produce fine collateral sprouts from the intact remaining axons. In other words, healthy surviving neurons become fortified and form new connections in areas of the brain or spinal cord where most neurons are damaged or have died.

"Regeneration of damaged neurons, along with sprouting, together lead to plasticity," says Dr. Jerry Silver, a professor in the Department of Neurosciences at Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine and co-inventor and advisor at NervGen Pharma. "Medical science already knows how to promote axonal regeneration, which involves getting neurons to grow across an injury site. But what's also needed to ensure significant recovery is sprouting."

Dr. Silver discovered the novel peptide—NVG-291—which has been shown in animal studies to promote plasticity.

NervGen is developing NVG-291, the novel drug candidate that could revolution-

**Sudoku solution from page 9**

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

ize treatment for conditions associated with central nervous system damage, including Alzheimer's disease. It promises to be a world's first—a drug candidate that appears to be able to unlock the central nervous system's ability to repair itself. Medical science will learn if NVG-291 is a prospective wonder drug by 2023 when Phase 2 clinical trials are expected to be well underway.

Existing drugs can only limit or contain the extent of the damage that is the root cause of the world's hardest to treat neurodegenerative diseases. For instance, existing drug therapies that target Alzheimer's disease - the most pervasive of them all - have only succeeded in marginally decelerating its progression. This offers little comfort to the afflicted or to their loved ones.

"NVG-291 presents a new paradigm for treating Alzheimer's disease," said Dr. George Perry, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and member of NervGen's Alzheimer's Clinical Advisory Board. "Nobody else in medical research is taking this same approach. It is essentially enabling the brain to repair itself."

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## MADISON RUEN OF ANTWERP COMPETES IN AICHE STUDENT CONFERENCE

Thirteen Trine University students took part in competitions at the annual American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Student Conference, held November 11-14 in Phoenix, AZ.

Trine's Chem-E-Car finished fourth in its event, while the ChemE Sports team finished eighth and the university's ChemE Jeopardy team advanced to the semifinals, which included the top nine teams.

"The teams put in significant time preparing for their competitions, and this dedica-

tion resulted in impressive representation of our program and university. We were small but mighty," said Amanda Malefy, Ph.D., chair and associate professor in Trine's McKetta Department of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering.

**Making do**  
Chem-E-Car team members were captain Parker Gillespie of Solsberry, IN; David Deniston of Bowling Green, OH; Travis Mersing of Swanton, OH; Dean Campbell of Batesville, IN; Natalie Crowner of Saline, MI; Madison Ruen of Antwerp, OH; and John McClelland of Oak Forest, IL.

In the Chem-E-Car competition, teams must build a

car that starts and stops using only chemical reactions. Trine's team had to make last-minute adjustments to their car, dubbed the "Rolling Thunder," after discovering the chemicals they needed to power the vehicle had not arrived in Phoenix.

"AIChE had only received about half of the chemicals that all 35 teams had requested," Gillespie said, noting this issue affected more than half the competitors. "We did not find out until Saturday afternoon, and the competition was on Sunday."

The team was able to find a substitute for one of its battery chemicals, and ran experiments to determine another chemical that would provide a functional reaction.

Once the team had the reaction, they had to determine the new speed of the car and best ratio of chemicals while addressing any possible safety concerns.

"Placing fourth was an amazing achievement in general, considering all the challenges we had to overcome just to have a functional car," Gillespie said.

He said that due to the issue with chemicals, teams that did not finish in the top three will be able to be part of a virtual competition in a couple of weeks.

### Industrial simulations

In the Chem Sports competition, teams run a simulation of an industrial process. The event featured a distillation column this year, with teams attempting to correct errors in order to bring the simulation out of alarm state and to continue earning money.

Trine's team was comprised of Matthew Decker of Bluffton, IN; Mutlaq al Mutlaq of Saudi Arabia; and David Deniston.

Trine competed against universities from other nations as well as larger schools including the University of Virginia, Iowa State University, the University of California Irvine, the University of Texas at Austin and Yale University. The team placed fourth in the first round and third in the final round, which earned an Ultimate Controller Award.

Trine was eighth overall.

"With the exception of the second round, in which we were a little slow racking up points in the beginning, we quickly recognized and addressed all the unanticipated failures, and our scores reflected this," said Decker.

**This. Is. Jeopardy.**  
ChemE Jeopardy covered

chemical engineering subjects such as thermodynamics, mass transfer and reaction kinetics. The contest also included general STEM categories such as math, physics and chemistry, and one wild card category in each round such as children's TV, Disney or insects.

Team members Adam Dumas of Wauseon, OH, Matthew Decker, David Deniston and Dean Campbell competed against Western Michigan and the University of Southern California in the first round and Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland Baltimore County in the semifinal.

UMBC defeated Trine in that round and went on to win the tournament.

"Even though we didn't win the whole tournament I was very happy with our placement," said Dumas, the team captain. "We practiced very hard and made it all the way to the semifinals of a national tournament."

"The support from the department and the other students during the competition in Phoenix was great. I think it shows that great sense of community in the chemical engineering department at Trine."

### Individual awards

Two Trine University chemical engineering students received awards honoring students who stand out in their individual chapters.

Natalie Crowner received the Freshman Recognition Award. The award is presented to one active AIChE undergraduate student member in each student chapter who has been the most active in their chapter during their freshman year, on the recommendation of the student chapter advisor.

Alyssa Keptner of Midland, Michigan, was recognized with the Donald F. Othmer Sophomore Academic Excellence Award. That award is presented to the active AIChE undergraduate member in each student chapter who has attained the highest scholastic grade-point average during their freshman and sophomore years, on recommendation of the student chapter advisor.

### DECEMBER OPERS MEETING SCHEDULED

The Paulding County Ohio Chapter of PERI (Public Employee Retirees, Inc.) has scheduled their meeting for Wednesday December 7, 2022. The meeting will be at the Paulding County Senior Center in Paulding, OH at 10:00 a.m.

# CARING & SHARING VOLUNTEERS SPEAK TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Carol Razo and Laurie Barnes (Caring & Sharing Food Pantry) as the guest speakers at the December 1, 2022 club meeting. Carol and Laurie came at the

invitation of Erin Webb (Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services). Carol and Laurie told the Kiwanians about the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry and the new building they are raising money to build.

# ANTWERP'S BUSINESS LIGHTING CONTEST BEGINS!



Pictured above is Antwerp Chamber's display to promote & encourage businesses to enter and decorate their store fronts for this year's contest.

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce has announced that the Business Lighting Contest began on November 30, 2022. Take a look at the businesses in Antwerp and pick which one you think best displays the spirit of the holiday season. The following businesses have registered and will be on the "official ballot": West Bend News and Printing, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Small Town Bliss, Petals and Vines, Leland Smith Insurance, Gen Fed, Ties and Bows, Dr. Wi-

ley, More Than Boutique, Genesis House, Antwerp Pharmacy, KB Scoops, Dr. Mowery. After making your decision of the best business lighting display in Antwerp, cast your vote at the Antwerp Branch Library by December 10, 2022.

Winner will be announced on December 12th and be presented with the "Major Award" - the infamous Leg Lamp from "A Christmas Story". This is the Chamber's traveling trophy. Last year's winners was Small Town Bliss.

Check out all the bedecked store fronts and get your vote counted by December 10th in support of Antwerp Chamber businesses!

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