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FIRES WREAK HAVOC IN PAULDING COUNTY



A house fire broke out midmorning on January 27th on the 300 block of W Washington St. in Antwerp. From drone footage, it appears that the home is a total loss. Assisting in the extinguishing of the fire is Antwerp Fire Department and Hicksville Fire Department. No cause of fire at this time. Please avoid the area until it is cleared by the departments.

On Friday, January 28th, the Antwerp Local School hosted a fundraiser for the family who lost everything in the fire. There was a Hat Day, MS Phone Friday, and a Penny Pitch all in efforts to raise money to give to this local family. Donation stations have been set up to support the Hankinson family. For more

information, contact Antwerp Local School.

Not long after ...

The Paulding Fire Department had just returned to the station after assisting Antwerp on their house fire when they were called to the Pancake House Restaurant at 1:15 p.m., to check on a fire that the staff thought they had put out with fire extinguishers. Upon arrival at 113 E. Perry St. the firefighters could see smoke still coming from the back of the building. A hose line was immediately stretched to the rear of the restaurant and automatic aid along with additional mutual aid was called to assist at the scene.

Firefighters found flames present in the ceiling of the

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PCRTA MEETING SET

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet on Tuesday, February 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the Vagabond Village located at 18187 US 127, Cecil, Ohio. There will be no business meeting. Members may order from the menu and no reservations are necessary.

OHIO TO GET BIG TECH MANUFACTURING OPERATION

The news was released this past week that the tech giant, Intel, has selected an Ohio city as their next site for a chip-making manufacturing operation. Intel will establish its third US chipmaking location in New Albany, Ohio which is a suburb of Columbus' Northeast side. This new 1000-acre chip fab announcement has come on the heels of a presidential press conference disclosing CHIPS Act legislation giving chipmakers \$52 billion in subsidies. President Biden stated during this press conference, "American workers are going to stamp everything we can 'Made in America' especially these computer chips."

This is good news for Ohioans as this Intel manufacturing facility will draw more than 20,000 jobs for the state — 3,000 direct Intel jobs with 6-figure average salaries, 7,000 construction jobs for the build, and multiple thousands of indirect jobs associated with the project. Plus, according to the Bureau for Workers Compensation, this

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WINTER STORM WARNING!



Pictured here is Fritz Ehrhart digging out after the Blizzard of 1978.

The National Weather Service out of Northern Indiana has issued a Winter Storm WARNING for our region and released the following information for the upcoming Winter Snow Storm. The precipitation will start out as rain, changing over to freezing rain or rain snow mix depending on the temperatures. A wet heavy snow will begin falling Wednesday afternoon and increase in amounts as the evening progresses. The most significant snow fall will occur during the evening hours Wednesday into early Thursday morning. The second snow fall will be a fluffy snow, due to the dropping temperatures. Blowing and drifting snow will occur all day Thursday and into Friday as well and begin in the morning on Thursday and go into Friday

afternoon, stated Edward Bohn, Paulding County EMA Director. He stated it is important to heed the Winter Warning that has been issued by the NWS. Travel will be extremely dangerous at times, with slippery conditions, heavy snow accumulations and the temperature drop causing the blowing and drifting snows to occur. Director Bohn emphasizes the following measures to take.

Prepare your home for winter. As a result of the tragedy in New York City, with the 19 deaths and 30 some hospitalized after a faulty space heater caused a fire in a bedroom. Have your auxiliary heat source, furnaces and fireplaces checked or serviced by a professional before

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

February 1

- Walk thru Winter! @ PC OSU Ext. bldg., 12-1pm

February 3

- Meet & Greet w/ Mike Gibbons at Cafe @ Holly Wood, Paulding, 4:30p
- Weeds University @ PC Ext. Office, 10a, registration req.

February 5

- Valentine's Square Dance @ St. Louis Besancon, 7:30pm

February 8

- PC Retired Teachers Assoc. Meeting @ Vagabond Village, 9:30am
- Walk thru Winter! @ PC OSU Ext. bldg., 12-1pm
- West Ohio Food Bank Food Distribution @ PC Fairgrounds, 12-2pm
- PC Democrat meeting @ Paulding Eagles, 7p

February 10

- ACC monthly meeting @ 7p

February 12

- PCHF Steak Dinner & Raffle @ Paulding Eagles, 5-7pm

February 15

- Walk thru Winter! @ PC OSU Ext. bldg., 12-1pm

February 17

- Pesticide Applicator Training @ PC Ext. Office, 9:30a, registration required

Add event to the calendar
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OBITUARIES



A political or practical divide with this couple? He (left) pulls his mask down and she (right) pulls her mask up and uses it as a headband on a windy afternoon at a local café.

MATT'S MISHAPS

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



Protective, Political ... or Practical

All over middle America (and the world) people are dealing with issues about wearing a mask during the pandemic. Many feel it is a key tool to limit the spread of the virus and protect oneself and others. Others see wearing masks as a political position to use to promote a given platform or perspective on policy or political party.

Where we live overseas, the people have largely confronted the topic of mask wearing from a third perspective - practical. We don't have extreme weather like middle America, but we do get regular sandstorms from the desert. People have realized that masks to protect from Covid work even better when trying to breathe outdoors during a sandstorm. We also have recently had volcanic eruptions nearby for several months. It is just practical to wear a mask to

breathe more easily with sand dust in or volcanic suspension in the air.

Authorities over here at the moment only allow outdoor dining at restaurants and they allow the mask to drop to eat or drink. However, some have decided to be practical and raise their mask and use it as a headband to keep their hair in place.

My favorite dual-purposing use of the mask is to catch a sneeze. We are required to wear a helmet when on a motorcycle. As a two-wheeler is my vehicle of choice with traffic and no parking, I spend a lot of time helmeted up. My helmet is "full-face" and has a clear visor. It is nice to keep out dust, but a visor on a motorcycle is a bad combination when a sneeze mishap is coming my way. I try to get a hand off the handlebars in time while moving to flip my visor up to sneeze out the front of the helmet. Sometimes I am fast enough, other times I am not and have to clean off the inside of the visor when I can stop and pull over. The Covid mask has been a great friend to use when I have the sniffles as it can catch my sneezes while helmeted and on the move. And yes, I keep a backup mask on hand to replace my gooey one.

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

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PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,

In John 7:37 Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." What did He mean by that?

Jesus often used physical terms to help us understand spiritual truths. Only drinking liquids will satisfy our physical thirst. It can even become a matter of life or death.

The only spiritual liquid that will satisfy our soul is the Holy Spirit which is given unto us when we believe on Jesus Christ for salvation. Note verses 38-39 - "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

The drinking is done by believing. Faith is how we experience God. Psalm 34:8 says, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

THE VALUE OF TIME

By: Doris Applegate

"Time waits for No One" It 'dies' quickly by; it is like the 'twinkle' of a star in the sky. As we get older it seems that times goes by very fast, but when we are young we think that time "drags on". Youth 'wants to hurry up', 'get there', 'do it', etc. We older ones are happy to be 'still and quiet' having learned, perhaps the hard way not to rush and 'mess up' things, only to have to start over again.

We actually 'wasted' God given time. Yes, our days and our time comes from our loving Father God, who gives us all things to enjoy. "Every good and perfect gift comes from above." In Psalm 90:9 we read that : "We spend our years as a tale that is told (It doesn't take long to tell a story does it?)"

In Psalm 90:12 we read: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. " Sounds like we get 'wiser' as we age. Now we know that not every older person is wise, only those who realize that time for them is very valuable and see the need to use it wisely and honor God who gives it to us. What we do with our time will someday be revealed.

A powerful saying: "Only on life, will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last" So here we find where our 'numbered' days and time on earth should be applied to. Here is where wisdom comes in, are we doing God's will? We only know what God's will is as we read the Holy Book (Bible). Wisdom is found in its' pages. We must not be like the man who tore down his barns and built bigger ones, thinking that he had lots of time to "eat, drink and be merry, only to have the Lord tell him: "Thou fool, this night, your soul will be required of you." (Luke 12:20)

Time for this guy was no more, just as it will be for every one on earth. Make sure you belong to Jesus Christ and sleep good tonight, your sins forgiven and the peace of God in your soul.
Amen

FEB. 9 WEBINAR OFFERS UPDATE ON OHIO FARM-LAND LEASING

Farmers, producers, and landowners who need to update their farmland leases can learn the latest about the 2022 rental market outlook and the current economic outlook for Ohio row crops during a Feb. 9 webinar offered by farm management specialists from The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"Winter is a good time to review farm leases, and making sure that you have the most current information is critical to that process," said Barry Ward, director of the Ohio State University Extension Income Tax School and leader of the Production Business Management program. "During the webinar, we'll provide the latest economic and legal information relevant to farmland leasing in Ohio."

The two-hour webinar will be presented from 7-9 p.m. by members of the OSU Extension Farm Office, a team of experts that represents OSU Extension programs in Agricultural and Resource Law, Dairy Production Eco-

Scripture of the Week

"You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you."

— Psalm 86:5

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kitchen area and quickly extinguished the fire. Firefighters from four other fire departments assisted in checking for extension in the second floor and adjacent buildings. Some smoke was noticed in the rear portion of the H&R Block Building next door and on the second floor of the restaurant. The other two businesses to the west appeared to be alright.

Fire crews remained on scene for 2½ hours to clear the smoke and secure the utilities to the restaurant. US 127 was closed down in the downtown area and re-routed, while the firefighters were on scene. The Paulding Police Department and the village public works assisted the firefighters with re-routing of the traffic AEP

Electric secured the power to the building while Paulding and Antwerp EMS units provided rehab to the firefighters.

It is not known at this time how the fire started or when the restaurant will be able to reopen. The Auglaize Twp. VFD, Grover Hill FD, Payne FD and Scott FD assisted at the scene. No one was injured at the fire.

And then...

A few hours later a home outside of Cecil on Rd. 232 succumbed to flames.

And then...

Later into the night on January 27th, a home in Melrose burned down from a fire.

It has been a hard winter thus far for Paulding County. Let's support each other and help where we are able.

nomics, Farm Business Analysis and Benchmarking, Farm Risk Management, the Ohio Ag Manager, Production Business Management and Tax. The OSU Extension Farm Office, which can be found at farmoffice.osu.edu, offers a one-stop location for navigating the legal and economic challenges of agricultural production.

OSU Extension is the outreach arm of CFAES.

In addition to Ward, speakers for the webinar will include Peggy Kirk Hall and Robert Moore, CFAES agricultural and resource law specialists with OSU Extension's Agricultural and Resource Law program.

"We always encourage parties to put their leases in writing," Hall said. "But we'll also share other legal information that can help parties deal with

conservation practices, a potential new law about notice of termination, and how to use leases in farmland succession planning."

Webinar topics will include:

- Current economic outlook for Ohio row crops
- Research on cash rent markets for the Eastern Corn Belt
- Rental market outlook—fundamentals
- Ohio's statutory termination legislation
- Addressing soil quality and conservation practices in leases
- Using long-term leases in farm succession planning
- Farmland leasing resources

The webinar is free, but registration is required. Register at go.osu.edu/farmlandleasingupdate.

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OH MY ACHING BONES

Penny For Your Thoughts

by: Nancy Whitaker
This year I played it smart and got a pneumonia and a flu shot. (And yes I got my Covid) I thought I was all set for the cold winds of winter, but I found out about a week ago that there are other ailments which are "such a pain." One morning I got up and I felt stiff and sore all over. The sharp pain radiated from my lower back down my right leg.

Yes, I know I am getting older, but this pain was entirely different and more severe. This was on a Monday and by the end of that day, I could not take a step without pain.

Now we all know I am just too young to get any type of arthritis, besides isn't arthritis for people lots older than me?

I tried wearing different shoes, stretching, and putting pain cream on my leg and back. Nothing seemed to be working, so I was stuck in the house that whole day.

I kept telling myself, "Girl, you are still a kid, so this pain will pass and you will be out kicking up your heels again."

By this time I was trying some over the counter pain reliever which did little to ease my pain. Now in my mind I wanted to go out to eat and go a movie.

However, these old body parts were telling me that I wasn't going anywhere.

The next day my back and leg was not much better, so I tried to hobble around the house and pretend I was 16 once again. Guess what! I wasn't!

By the second day I had self diagnosed myself as having a sciatic nerve problem. I told myself, "this hurts more than having a baby." And it did.

As much as I hated to admit it, I knew these aches and

pains were probably due to maybe an aging problem?

I finally called my doctors office who called me in some medicine.

With my medicine in tow, I thought I would instantly be cured.

I thought in my own mind that I could still run, jump and dance. But, why did it hurt so bad when I just went up and down the steps?

For the life of me I do not understand why people call



our older stages of life "The Golden Years?"

How can we enjoy these so called Golden Years with all these aches and pains? Heck I would be thankful just to hobble across my slippery street and get in my car.

The next day, I went into the doctors office and got a shot. I thought I was going to get instant relief, but as of right now that old back and those old legs of mine are stiff and sore.

A few days has passed and I am getting cabin fever. I don't like these achy bones at all. If this is old age catching up me, I don't like it.

A certain true quote says "In my soul there is an immortal kid refusing to keep up with my aging body." ~Shyma, (quote)

They say age is just a number and it is, but as those numbers rise, so does our proneness to aches and pains.

Let's face it, I know I am never going to go back to my teen years, because my body tells me that.

The day we have face creams, products to make our hair grow, vitamins, protein shakes; various diets; face lifts, lip plumping, and everything at our disposal to make us try to look and feel younger. But, we sure cannot reverse our ages and take off the Golden

Years.

Well, now I must hobble to the kitchen and pray I get there safely.

And hey, if anyone finds that Hometown of Youth, let me know cause I would sure like to take a dip in it.

Do you think there are so called Golden Years? Does your mind feel young and your body don't? Do you want to hop, jump and skip? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

SHULTZ HUBER & ASSOCIATES, INC. WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBER



Shultz Huber & Associates, Inc. is pleased to welcome a new administrative assistant to the firm. Mary Price has joined the Defiance office.

As administrative assistant, Price provides reception and administrative support and is responsible for assembling tax returns and financial statements.

The firm is hiring for a variety of public accounting positions in Archbold, Bryan, Defiance, St. Marys and Van Wert. All experience levels are welcome, including recent graduates with an accounting-related degree. To learn more or to submit a resume, visit sha.cpa/career-opportunities.

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NEW PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE MORE TESTING KITS TO OHIOANS

Ohio Department of Health Director Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA, announced a new partnership that will make more COVID-19 rapid tests available to Ohioans. Through Project Access COVID Tests

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Intel project will put an additional \$2.8 billion into Ohio's annual gross state product.

For Intel, this is precisely the boost it needs to revive its chipmaking aptitude. Its US shares had dropped from 37% in 1990 to 12% in 2022. CEO Pat Gelsinger, recently returned to Intel with the explicit purpose of rekindling the company's chipmaking capacity. With this Ohio mega fab in play, Intel has hopes of becoming the tech giant it once was and get that percentage back up closer to the 30% mark. Besides adding jobs and boosting the economy, Intel plans to invest \$100 million on educational partnerships to ensure its longterm stability in the Buckeye state.

(Project ACT), the Rockefeller Foundation is joining six states to make tests available to households in traditionally underserved areas. Ohio's initial allocation through this partnership will be 175,000 tests made available through home delivery.

"Ohio was one of the first states to ensure free rapid testing kits were widely available and has purchased 5.6 million kits, distributing them to schools, colleges and universities, libraries, and local health departments," said Dr. Vanderhoff.

Eligible communities were determined based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations and state data. Visit Access-COVIDTests.org to determine eligibility.

The Rockefeller Foundation plans to continue the program and eventually add more states.

"We need all-hands-on-deck to get more tests to more people, as soon as possible," said Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, president of The Rockefeller Foundation. "At a time when too many people cannot access COVID-19 testing, we are proud to bring together partners from across society to empower Americans with the support and information they need to keep themselves safe and healthy."

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/31/21

Minutes for the Woodburn city council meeting on December 31st, 2021

The meeting began at 12:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins as well as Councilmen Gerig, Thompson, Watts, and Voirol. Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Councilmen Martin were not present.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor gave an update on current city plans going into the 2022 calendar year.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer discussed that Officer Evans has had deductions from his payroll that were intended to be paid into the 77 fund through INPRS, but given that he was not able to become officially enrolled until December 12th of this year, his previous deductions were not eligible for contribution into the 77 fund. This also takes away the potential for the city to match for those pay periods. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to pay Officer Evans all former payroll deductions as well as reverse any city match reserved for the 77 Fund on his behalf, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Watts suggested that council consider the potential for allowing Officer Evans a catch up period to recover a portion, or possibly, the entire amount that he would have had access to, should he been enrolled in INPRS at the beginning of his employment with the City. Decisions will be made at the next meeting. The clerk-treasurer handed out annual forms for signatures from the Council.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORT: Councilman Thompson asked about any ideas on what can be done to help support local business within the community.

AUDIENCE: Nothing to report.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

Go to www.cityofwoodburn.org to see previously approved minutes and recent community news.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



Iris Mae Gaut was born June 2, 1888 in Ohio, the daughter of Eli and Mary Elizabeth (Outland) Gaut. Eli Gaut was born January 18, 1835 in Ohio. He was a Civil War Veteran serving with Company C. 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry at the rank of Corporal. He served four years and saw some horrible battles.

Mary Elizabeth was born June 6, 1861 in Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of Alonzo and Elizabeth Outland. Her father was also a Civil War Veteran who served with Company D. 192nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Eli and Elizabeth were married in 1876. Now if anyone is doing math, yes Eli is older than her by sixteen years, and yes she was fifteen when they got married.

In 1900, the Gaut family, Eli, Mary and seven children, were living in Payne, Ohio. Eli was working as a day laborer. His youngest child, Vasser, was four years old. As for Iris Mae, she was in school.

By 1910, the Gaut couple and four children, were living on Merrin Street in Payne. Iris was a school teacher at the public school in Payne. By 1917, as America was drafting men to serve, Iris Mae Gaut, was wanting to serve.

On May 12, 1917, Iris was called to active duty as a Reserve Nurse serving with the Military unit base Hospital #2. Serving on Ellis Island. Iris left New York and was shipped overseas on the ship, "St. Louis". She arrived in Liverpool, London on May 23, 1917. Eli and Mary not only had to worry about Iris, they also had a daughter, Dorothea E. who also was serving in the Red Cross at Ellis Island, with the camp Hospital #33, and was sent overseas. Also, their son Frank E. was in France serving with Company B. 76th Artillery. He rose to the rank of Corporal. Their son Vasser G., was stationed at Camp Jackson, South Carolina. He received his rank as 1st Lieu-

tenant. Iris and Dorothea, met in Paris, France in March of 1918 while on furlough.

Iris Mae survived the war and was sent home. She departed St. Nazairre, France on the ship, "Metapan", January 26, 1919 and arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey, February 11, 1919. She was then sent to serve with the Demobilization Station where she, after paperwork was cleared, was relieved from active duty, not discharged, April 4, 1919.



Iris moved to New York living at 404 West 116 Street New York City. By 1920, she moved to Hamilton Avenue, Wayne County, Michigan. She lived with her sister, Blanche and brother in law, Charles Brokaw. Iris was working as a nurse. On April 28, 1929, her father, Eli, passed away, he was buried in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne, Ohio. By 1930, Iris was living in Manhattan, New York on 16th Street.

Working as a technician in the Eye Institute of the Presbyterian Center. She helped establish the public health nursing program for the government. Then Iris started working as a Registered Nurse in a department store in New York City. Her mother Mary, will passed away, March 1, 1932. She was buried beside Eli in Wiltsie Cemetery.

Before Iris retired, she traveled to different places. One, being Mexico City, Mexico, in April of 1947. Iris moved to Washington Court House, Ohio. Her sister, Dorothea also retired in 1953 and joined Iris.

On December 26, 1961, Iris became suddenly ill and was rushed to the Fayette County Memorial Hospital, where three hours later, she passed away. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday December 28, 1961 in the Gerstner Funeral Home by Dr. G. Glen Hughes, Pastor of the Grace Church. Burial in Washington Cemetery. In 1962, Dorothea, signed for Iris to receive her Military flat granite tombstone.

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PAULDING FFA HOLDS JANUARY TRAPSHOOT COMPETITION



Pictured left to right are Paulding FFA members who participated in the January Trapshoot. Back row Mason Schlatter, Colby Singer, Carson Eitnrear, Kobe Foor, Drake Ankney. front row, Brooke Kilgore, Tyler Schlatter, Conner Coutts and Blayne Pease not pictured Josh Carper.

By: Carter Manz, Paulding FFA Reporter

On January 22nd, 10 members from the Paulding FFA chapter attended the trapshoot at the Paulding Fish and Game Club.

This was the first trapshoot for 2022 and the 5th for the school year. The members went through the safety precautions with a fish and game member before the competition to ensure that everyone

had a safe and fun day hitting clay pigeons.

The members competed in two rounds where they had five different positions to shoot from. The members were placed 16 yards away from the electric clay pigeon thrower.

The first round was practice but the second round is what determined the winner of the day. The winner was Mason Schlatter with a total of

24 out of 25 clays which was a great score! Mason Schlatter received a plaque for his trapshooting skills. We would like to thank the Fish and Game Club of Paulding for all their help and support of the Paulding FFA program.

We are looking forward to many more trap shoots especially as the weather starts to warm up!

VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL SHRINE MUSEUM'S, VIETNAM WALL RECEIVES 2022 CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Fort Wayne, In Jan. 25th The Veterans National Memorial Shrine & Museum has recently been awarded the 2022 Concrete Achievement Award by the Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association for the construction of the Vietnam Wall. The Award was presented to Commander Greg Bedford, Chris Harmon Director of Field Operations for Hagerman Construction, as well as Shawn Hacker, Foreman on the wall project from Hagerman, in Indianapolis on Monday January 17th.

The award was for excellence in concrete construction of the wall, which took a total of seven months to construct with the reinforced concrete base and walls. The anodized aluminum panels were then attached to the concrete walls. The structure stands 8 1/2 feet at its tallest point and runs

360 feet end to end. The Vietnam Wall was dedicated on May 29th of last year.

The award honors Hagerman Inc for Structural Engineering Services; Viridian Architectural Design Inc. and Irving Materials Inc. Commander Bedford said "We cannot thank these vendors enough who helped us complete this magnificent monument to the fallen heroes of the Vietnam conflict. Chris Harmon from Hagerman and Terry Thornsberry from Viridian Architectural really made this project possible, along with the hundreds of people who worked on this monument." The Wall is open to the public seven days a week at 2122 O'Day Road in Fort Wayne. Visit our website at honoringforever.org

VAN WERT LIVE WELCOMES CEO STUDENT TO THE TEAM!



Van Wert LIVE would like to formally introduce a new face on the operational staff. Van Wert High School CEO student Sam Moonshower joins the team of entertainment professionals as a Marketing

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using. Clear the snow from your gas furnace outside intake and exhaust. If using a portable generator, when the power goes out, guard against carbon monoxide poisoning and keep it outside your home while running. Make sure you have a working CO Detector in your home as well.

Prepare winter disaster kits for the home and vehicle. Refresh stored nonperishable foods and bottled water. Change the batteries in your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and radios. Winter emergency kits should include warm clothing, blankets, flashlights, new batteries, coats, hats, gloves, a battery-operated or hand-cranked radio, first aid kit, and enough nonperishable food and water (one gallon per person, per day) to sustain every family member for up to three days. Have stored food, bottled water and supplies for your pets, as well. With the reported traffic accidents and traffic jams as a result of the winter weather road condition, on the news in recent weeks, should remind us to have an emergency kit in our vehicles. The kit should have enough supplies similar to your home kit for each person in the vehicle to sustain them for up to 24 hours or until help arrives, Director Bohn stated.

Intern. Sam is a senior at Van Wert and plans to attend college majoring in broadcasting or marketing. At Van Wert High School, Sam is a proud member of BETA Club and The National Honor Society. He also is a Cougar Athlete on the soccer and tennis teams.

"Through the CEO Program at school, I get to work with Van Wert LIVE to further my knowledge of communications, networking, and marketing," shared Sam.

In the course of a very busy marketing day, taking time to manage a new staff member can be challenging. However, Quincy Thompson, Marketing Director of Van Wert Live events, is very pleased with the contributions Sam has made towards accomplishing strategy tactics.

"Sam has already blown us away with his eager initiative to start a 'Fast Facts about the NPAC' Social media campaign. We are confident in his skills and eager to see how his creativity will drive our communication strategy forward throughout the rest of the year," states Quincy.

Sam's talented efforts can be witnessed by observing the Niswonger Performing Facebook page and Van Wert Live Instagram feed of Fast Facts and more. Van Wert LIVE is honored to dedicate time to the professional developments of high school students by providing experiences that are SO GOOD they come back to Van Wert.

LEADERS OF TOMORROW 4-H MEETING

By: Makenna Manz, Club Reporter

On January 20, 2022, Club President Crystal Klopfenstein called the Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H meeting to order. Camden Manz led the U.S pledge and Hudson Spangler led the 4-H pledge. Roll call was answered by "if you have brushed your teeth today." The cloverbuds were dis-

missed, the minutes of the last meeting read, and the treasure report given. Our club health and safety reporter, Camden Manz, shared the following Safety report: "Today I am going to talk to you about the importance of wearing your seatbelt. Your knees should bend at the edge of the seat, The bottom part of the seatbelt should go over the upper thighs, and the upper part of the seatbelt should go across your shoulder. Second, driving without a seatbelt could kill you. In, 2009, over 2.2 million people died from car crashes. Seatbelts have saved 255,000 lives since 1968. Last, even if you don't want to wear your seatbelt it is the law. The fine for not wearing your seatbelt is \$30 for the driver and \$20 for a passenger. This is why you need to wear your seatbelt and why seat

belts are important."

In new business, we voted on our fun activity for the year. The results were 12- Ice skating, and 13- Roller skating. Cherry, our adviser, commented that we needed to start bringing our project books for review. During the meeting, we decided to buy a banner for our club. It will be used by the club in parades and on our club float. We had a few updates and reminders before the meeting was adjourned by Remington Boroff and seconded by Graham Miller. After that, the Cloverbuds returned for show and tell. They explained that they had learned about rules you need to follow for the club. To end the night, we had refreshments and a few games of Gaga ball, explained by Cole Manz.

SNOW MUCH FUN AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Shown here with their snowman names are: Darius Ash, Hadley Mohr, Harper Snyder, Savannah Coil and Nathan Sizemore.

Ann's Bright Beginners made snowmen out of their names at the art center recently! They are doing a great job at identifying their letters,

writing their names and learning it in sign language! Give us a call at 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more information on our programs.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Oakwood Elementary December students of the month are: 1st Row (L to R): Zeke Nunez, Ronan Philipot. 2nd Row (L to R): Paityn Dobbelaere, Rylee Cox, Kimber Boroff. Absent: Jaxson King, Sophia Leidigh, Reagan Wilson, Rylee Steffes, Bralen Kauser, Gannon Landers, Kristen Rader

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 - CLAIMS ASSISTANCE - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

February 10 - Monthly Meeting @ 7pm

February 19 - NRL22 Match - Sight in and registration opens at 8am. Match begins at 9am. This event is open to the public.

ACC 2022 Memberships are now available. \$35 - single ; \$50 - family

Annual scholarship forms are now available. They will be sent to the area schools' guidance offices as well.

For more info & range rules, go to ACC website & check out membership application.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

GROVER HILL IS UNDER ATTACK!

There is a predator in our midst and it threatens everyone in our community! This vicious beast is enormous, strong, and seemingly unstoppable. It poses as being like us, so that we will let our guard down and begin to trust it. That is the biggest mistake of our lives! This creature of the dark has moved in on our lands and has already preyed

upon our residents, and even turned some against each other. It has torn up our land and left craters in its wake where our history once stood. Sadly, this abomination does all this for its own greed, as it uses the misfortune it creates for others to feed upon and grow. It will not stop until it devours everything, leaving nothing but a wasteland in its path. This monster goes by many names, but here we know it by the name Grover Hill Wind, LLC!

This company has maliciously begun construction without the approval of the OPSB in an attempt to capitalize on a tax benefit years before their their project could possibly be approved for construction.

In this process, they went through local approvals for their shady actions. Approvals that they knew would not require them to research the land for historical significance. With much of our county's land holding so much history is it possible they knew something could be found that would jeopardize their plans?

If they were such a competitive energy source in the market then why do they resort to such immoral and unethical practices to qualify for a large bite of our hard earned taxpayer dollars?

GHW, LLC is threatening our home values as they bring in their mammoth machines that literally clutter the landscape as far as the eyes can see, transforming our small town into an industrial wasteland where a tight knit community once stood. How much more do we need in Paulding County?

They use money as their tool to turn us against one another,

and it tears the fabric of the community apart, while also ripping a part relationships within our own families! They choose a few families and bestow upon them the power to dictate what quality of life that comes with living rurally in a small community. Sadly, most of these people choose to take the money in exchange over everyone else's pursuit of happiness! These companies know this is the most effective method to manipulate and they rely on it EVERY TIME!

—Ginna Hinchcliff, member of Protect Grover Hill Skies anti-wind group

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AMERICA OR NOT?

What is happening to the America I grew up in and the one my father and millions of other men and women, and so many died fighting in so we wouldn't be subjected to what we are getting now?

I read one time that a good government only lasts around 200 years before greed and corruption starts destroying it. It's happening and was obviously over do. I go to bed at night thinking I'll wake up and find the last year and our current administration was just a bad dream and America is as great as it's supposed to be, but everyday I get up to the same thing, Biden and his disciples of destruction are plodding along like those old Godzilla movies destroying everything in their paths, caring nothing about the people they are supposed to be helping.

If they are so honest and law-abiding why did they put fences and barbed wire around the White House, our White House not theirs!! Reminds me of drug dealers who do the same to protect illegal activities.

This person is out of control with stupidity and just keeps bringing our country down one day at a time. His approval ratings are falling faster than snow in a blizzard, but he just doesn't get it. He leaves people behind in Afghanistan, gets troops killed for nothing and now is waving his war sabre at other far Eastern countries. Iran, North Korea, China and Russia are threatening us. What is wrong with him? Haven't we learned in Vietnam, the Gulf Wars, Afghanistan and these far Eastern countries we fight in and have accomplished nothing but make more hate us and cost our military lives? Then he basically gave our enemies millions of dollars

worth of weapons to use against us. Too much of our crap comes from China but he wants to get in a war with them. And how about the illegal immigrants his administration wants to just let in to prey and live on our tax dollars and us but doesn't want us to be able to have the right to own weapons to defend ourselves.

Then there's that so-called virus sham, in its third configuration in just over a year of these traitors being in office. They are using it as a fear factor to turn people into sheep to be led by a socialist society government where the government controls everything people do. The prices of everything anymore are destroying us financially but he makes excuses for everything when he is the cause, it started the day he was sworn in and hasn't stopped.

How could people put an almost 80 year old man into the highest office in the country is beyond belief, he can't make a speech or any kind of briefing without insulting himself or our country. They are determined to take away our rights of free speech, our rights to defend ourselves and everything else the constitution gives us as well as do away with the constitution altogether and make their own rules for everything.

Things that used to be and should be against the law are ok with them, burning, looting, destroying property and hurting people under the name of "protesting" while peaceful people get harassed about everything, history and religion being attacked as offending some ignorant people. Our flag being desecrated and called "freedom of speech" yet they want to take away our rights to protect it. Young people being brainwashed in school to believe a socialist society would be good for them. You notice I refuse to use the word President to describe this person, it doesn't fit what those people are doing to our country.

They preach taking our guns, taking religion out of schools and public places, trying to get us to take shot after shot for their virus sham, when will this end? Obviously not as long as they are in office to control people with fear. Who came up with this

two week quarantine crap? The figures of people getting it and dying from it are so padded it's unbelievable. The human body needs good food, exercise, fresh air and sunshine not locked up in a house all the time, but people think that wearing a mask, staying in stagnant air inside is going to save you.

This is not the America I grew up believing in where government was for you not against you and everything this country stands for. Satan is wrapping his cloak and arms around our country and pulling it into his domain, people need to wake up to what's happening because we won't have a country left that we recognize by 2024. I'm glad my father and most of the military personnel who fought in the second world war to keep this evil out of our country are not here to see what we have become. It's a shame that our country is so far down the list of powerful nations anymore, other countries are laughing at us and shaking their heads.

America cannot afford Biden's so-called build back better or inflation that he brags is good and all the other lies he never stops telling, it's all coming out of our pockets that are being drained to the limits already. Wake up America before it's too late.

—Gregg Gorman Paulding Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As a lifelong learner and especially after having my morning coffee, I often look into things that I don't know enough about. I recently "Googled" Oligarchy, although I'm not sure why, as my default search engine is Duck-Duck-Go. Anyway, along with the Wikipedia options for Oligarchy were some maps, so I clicked on one that said "Countries that are Oligarchies", as there was clearly a map of the USA. Certainly I was well aware that the America I grew up in, the Constitutional Republic established by our founding fathers, is in no way an Oligarchy, as long as we vote in free, fair and accurate elections. But more importantly we vote for policies and people that shape and/or defend our nation for the purposes of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all

Americans!.

When I clicked on that colorful and interesting map, in the midst of those Wikipedia options, it took me directly to an Op-Ed from Harvard in 2018. In my thirst for knowledge and understanding, I proceeded to read the article, mostly because sometimes I feel the need to see what the other side is thinking. Yes, I'm well aware that those minutes reading an opinion from Harvard are moments in time that I can never get back, but I actually learned something. A highly educated, "grown-up" from Harvard, in the Spring of 2018, after being convinced by the mainstream and group think that the 2016 election was illegitimate and illegal thinks very much like I do right now. By removing the date and the word "Trump" from her article, I completely agree with the thoughts, opinion and concerns of the writer. She compared the Trump Whitehouse to an Oligarchy, but because of the narrowness of group think in higher education, and the blinders of leftism, combined with the pomposity that she could never be wrong, she fails to recognize that she is actually warning us about Washington DC. She warned that the down-sizing of the Trump Whitehouse was more than chaos. She claimed it was a consolidation of power for the Oligarchy.

As highly educated as they are, they don't see that Washington DC, with career politicians, career lobbyists, the partisan war, power at all costs, mainstream media's abandonment of investigative reporting, censorship, big tech, big pharma, normalizing Marxism, insider trading, and sell-out to China and other countries, especially in the absence of a secure and constitutional voting system, is an Oligarchy. What they fail to see is that the "Trump Movement" was never about Trump. It's always been about the swamp! They hate us because we will never be controlled by the Washington DC Oligarchy, for as long as we vote for policies and people that improve our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren, right here in the greatest bastion of freedom left on the planet!

Chuck Schroeder Paulding, OH

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor Assisted Living, Antwerp Public Library, Genesis House, Antwerp G Mart
 - Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
 - Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
 - Charloe:** Charloe Store
 - Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
 - Defiance:** Newman's Marathion Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon
 - Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathion Main Stop, Marathion (East)
 - Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, Library
 - Hicksville:** Hoagland's Sailers, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathion, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center
 - Ney:** Marathion
 - Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
 - Paulding:** Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co.
 - Sheriff's Office,** Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Paulding Kwik Mart, Library
 - Payne:** Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
 - Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
 - Scott:** Scott Post Office
 - Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree
- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
- Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
 - Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
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PAULDING WINS BATTLE OF PANTHERS



Senior Brooke Ankney sinks a 3 point basket for the Panthers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - In a battle of the Panthers, it was host Paulding who outlasted visiting Parkway for a 44-39 victory in girls basketball action last week.

Tied at 26-26 entering the final stanza, the maroon and white scored 18 points in the period and limited Parkway to 13 to record the five-point victory.

Parkway held a slim 4-3 lead at the end of one quarter before the black and gold expanded the margin in the second stanza. Parkway added 14 second quarter markers compared to ten for Paulding as the visiting Panthers took an 18-13 halftime advantage.

Paulding, though, rallied

to tie the contest at the end of three quarters at 26-26.

Claire Schweller led the way for the maroon and white with a dozen markers while Janae Pease and Audrey Giesige each chipped in 11 points.

Rounding out the Paulding scoring were Brooklyn Bakle (four), Brooke Ankney (three), Carlea Kuckuck (two) and Alivya Bakle (one).

Gabrielle Stober paced Parkway with 18 points and Paige Williamson chipped in nine markers.

Allison Hughes (six), Avery White (three) and Adria Miller (three) completed the Parkway list of scorers.

ANTWERP FRESHMEN BOYS BASKETBALL

On Friday January 28th, the Antwerp Archers traveled north up State Route 49 to battle the highest card in the deck, the Aces.....of Hicksville, Ohio. The boys in blue played as well as they could and led at all the stops.

It was a tied ball game at the end of the final period with ultimately no time left on the clock in regulation,

when a shooting star came out of nowhere. That's right, Antwerp Freshie Drew Eaken received the inbounds pass, squared his body to the rim and let er fly! Drew's jump shot swished right through the nylon net to secure the win and Trump the Aces on their home floor with a score 35-33.

Scoring for Antwerp: Aiden Lichty-13, Derek Hines-7, Tavin Sholl-7, Drew Eaken-4, Braylen Moreno-2 and Draven

Baumert-2.

Scoring for Hicksville: Graber-9, Sanders-8, Langham-7, Stuckey-4, Rosalez-2, Phillips-2 and Bassett-1.

Antwerp freshmen have a record of 5-4 and they stand 3-0 in the GMC. Their next game is set for February 4th at 4:45 pm at home versus Tinora.

BRAVES NIP PATRIOTS

Host Belmont opened a ten-point lead after one quarter and held off a Heritage rally late for a 74-73 win in non-league boys basketball action Tuesday evening.

Bellmont led 22-12 at the end of one quarter and the Braves posted a 37-31 advantage at the intermission. Both teams scored 19 points in the third period as Bell-

mont took a 56-50 lead into the final period.

Isaiah Wellman paced the Braves with 20 points and John Ulman added 19 as Belmont improved to 8-5 on the season. Jack Scheumann, Andrew James and D.J. Kitson recorded 11 markers each for the Braves as well and Chase Lenegar scored two points.

Heritage was topped by Luke Saylor with 32 points and Kobe Meyer chipped in a dozen markers for the Patriots. Nyles Knapke reached twin digits as well with 11 points for the Patriots, who fall to 2-8 overall on the season.

Rounding out the Heritage scorers were Dalton Wasson (seven), Howie Kaiser (five), Adam Whitman (four) and Leroy Lopper (two).

LADY LOCOS TOO MUCH FOR ARCHERS



Antwerp Sophomore Aewyn McMichael has her share of 3 point baskets in this game against Montpelier! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - The Antwerp Lady Archers hosted highly touted Montpelier on Saturday as part of a girls-boys doubleheader between the two schools with the visiting Locomotives rallying in the second half for a 43-35 victory.

Trailing 17-12 at the inter-

mission, Montpelier put up a dozen points in the third quarter and limited the host Archers to eight to pull within 25-24 at the end of three periods. The Lady Locomotives then finished off the comeback with a 19-point fourth quarter with Antwerp scoring only ten, giving the Williams County squad an eight-point victory.

Montpelier, which improved to 16-3 on the season, was led by Ariel Page with 14 points and Jada Uribes added 11 markers. Chelsea McCord also reached twin digits for the Lady Locomotives with ten markers.

Trinity Richmire also added four points for the Williams County team and Kelsie Bumb chipped in a basket. Krista Phongphiou also had a pair of free throws for Montpelier.

Aewyn McMichael paced Antwerp with 14 points and Astianna Coppes posted ten markers.

Grace Schuette (five), Hayleigh Jewell (four) and Ali Reinhart (two) completed the scoring for the Lady Archers, who drop to 11-8 on the year.

WARRIORS RUN WIN STREAK TO THREE GAMES



Woodlan Sophomore Braden Smith attempts a shot from the outside and adds three points to the Warrior side of the scoreboard. More pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODBURN - The Woodlan boys basketball team enjoyed a good week with wins over both Lakewood Park and Whitko to improve to 12-7 overall on the season.

On Thursday, Woodlan recorded a 49-43 victory over Lakewood Park at the home of the Warriors before traveling to Whitko on Saturday and posting a 58-34 win.

Against Lakewood Park, Woodlan took an 11-10 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before the Warriors scored 11 more second quarter points in grabbing a 22-15 halftime advantage.

Woodlan then added 14 points in the third period compared to nine for Lakewood Park, expanding the Warrior margin to 36-24 entering the fourth quarter. The Panthers did bucket 19 markers in the final period compared to the Warriors' 13 but Woodlan held on to record the 49-43 win.

At the home of the Wildcats, the two teams played to a 10-10 tie at the end of one quarter before Woodlan dominated the second stanza. The Warriors scored 17 points in the quarter while limiting the Wildcats to four in posting a 27-14 halftime advantage.

Woodlan then opened the lead further by outscoring the Panthers 15-13 in the third quarter to record a 42-27 lead entering the final stanza.

The visiting Warriors then put away the game in the final period, bucketing 16 points while Whitko scored seven to set the final margin at 58-34.

The Warriors return to the court on Thursday when they host South Adams (3-10) in an ACAC battle

SECOND HALF RALLY LIFTS KNIGHTS TO WIN OVER ARCHERS

For two quarters, host Antwerp battled Crestview and the Lady Archers took a six-point lead into the intermission.

However, then came quarter number three.

Crestview scored 20 third quarter points and the Knights completely dominated the period to rally and pull away for a 52-38 win over the Archers in non-league girls basketball play at Antwerp Tuesday night.

The Lady Archers held a slim 11-9 lead at the end of one period and expanded that margin in the second quarter. Antwerp bucketed 15 points

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PANTHER WRESTLING DOMINATE MAT AT TRI-MEET



Paulding Junior Cayden Breier pins his Edgerton opponent! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Thursday night Paulding hosted a Tri-Meet with Parkway and Egerton. Paulding came out victorious on both dual meets going 2-0 on the night.

Edgerton vs Paulding
120 - Doe, EDG; PAU forfeit; 0-6
126 - Herman, EDG; PAU forfeit; 0-12
132 - Hohler, EDG; over Marty, PAU, fall 5:53; 0-18
138 - Shafer, PAU; over Barlow, EDG, fall 1:45; 6-18
150 - J Smith, PAU; EDG forfeit; 12-18
157 - Casiano, PAU; EDG forfeit; 18-18
175 - Lamb, PAU; over Flower, EDG, fall 4:11; 24-18
190 - Breier, PAU; over Martin, EDG, fall 3:53; 30-18

215 - Huffman, EDG; PAU forfeit; 30-24
Parkway vs Paulding
126 - Taylor, PW; PAU forfeit; 0-6
132 - Matty, PAU; over Conn, PW, fall 5:00; 6-6
138 - Shaffer, PAU; over Byer, PW, fall 4:29; 12-6
144 - Mihm, PW; PAU forfeit; 12-12
150 - J Smith, PAU; over Garwood, fall 2:27; 18-12
157 - Green, PW; over Casiano, PAU, fall 1:53; 18-18
165 - Lamb, PAU; PW forfeit; 24-18
190 - Breier, PAU; over Garwood, PW, fall 0:25; 30-18
215 - Farmer, PW; PAU forfeit; 30-24
Coach Porter commented, "I'm very proud of these boys.

They came out to wrestle tonight and brought team victories to our lone senior Jeremiah Smith on Senior Night. Jeremiah showed his best performance tonight with a pin over Parkway. Jeremiah looked the best he has all year. He moved seamlessly from move to move and really tied everything he's learned together tonight. Every one of the Paulding wrestlers jump up a notch this week and used the moves and techniques we have been drilling all season. Very proud of this group in their abilities and for them to come out victorious at home." Panther wrestlers are back in action Tuesday, February 1st at Wayne Trace for county wrestling.

PANTHERS NIP RAMS FOR GMC WIN



Junior Ethan Foltz gets the pin for the Panthers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding rallied from a halftime deficit to slip past Tinora 41-40 in boys Green Meadows Conference basketball action Friday night at the 'Jungle.'

Tinora held a slim 6-5 lead at the end of eight minutes of action and the Rams

widened the margin in the second quarter, outscoring Paulding 13-11 to push the lead to 19-16 at the intermission. Paulding rallied in the third quarter, bucketing 11 markers compared to the Rams' four as the maroon

and white recorded a 27-23 lead entering the final stanza. The maroon and white closed out the game with a 14-point fourth quarter that was just enough to hold on for the 41-40 victory. Casey Agler and Ethan Foltz led the way for the Panthers with eight points apiece while Christian Bauer added seven and Zach Gorrrell posted six. Nick Manz (five), Peyton Adams (four) and Luke Zartman (three) were the other scorers for Paulding, which picked up its fifth win on the season to improve to 5-12 overall and 2-3 in the conference. Nolan Schafer scored a game high 14 points to lead Tinora and Luke Harris recorded ten markers. The Rams, who fall to 4-12 in all contests and 0-5 in the league, also got points from Lance Rinkel (six), Gavin Eckert (six), Cole Anders (two) and Eric Bohn (two).

ARCHERS SHOOT DOWN ACES

The Antwerp Lady Archers combined to hit six three-point field goals and limited visiting Hicksville to six first half points in a 41-28 Green Meadows Conference victory over the Aces Thursday night. In a low scoring first quarter, the Lady Archers took a 5-4 lead at the end of eight minutes of action. Antwerp then shut down the Aces even more in the second stanza, limiting Hicksville to only two points while scoring seven as Antwerp doubled up the Aces 12-6 in the first half. While both teams turned it up offensively in the third quarter, it was the host Archers who maintained control in outscoring Hicksville 14-11 for a 26-17 margin entering the final period. The blue and white then wrapped up the victory with a 15-point fourth quarter while holding the Aces to 11 in sealing the

41-28 victory. Aewyn McMichael led the way for Antwerp by connecting on a trio of treys and totaling a dozen points overall. Astianna Coppes also had a three-pointer and finished with ten markers with Hayleigh Jewell chipping in nine points. Lydia Brewer and Ali Reinhart both connected on a three-point shot as well and posted five points in all. With the win, the Lady Archers improve to 11-7 overall and 3-2 in the Green Meadows Conference. Hicksville was led by Lindsay Bergman with nine points while Avery Slattery added eight and Kenzie Schroeder posted seven. Molly Crall picked up the remaining four points for the Aces, who fall to 11-6 in all games and 2-3 in the league.

RAIDERS ROLL PAST KALIDA BY 11

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Wayne Trace completed their double-header weekend sweep with a 65-54 win over Kalida last Saturday. The Raiders were coming off a GMC win on Friday (defeated Fairview 74-47) capturing their tenth win in a row over the Wildcats on Saturday. The red, white and blue, off to a quick start, ran out to a 19-5 first quarter advantage. WT continued to put the ball in the basket in the second quarter to post a 40-20 lead at the break. However, the Wildcats would respond after the break with a run of their own. Kalida managed to slow down the Raider offense, allowing just 10 points while registering 20, to pull within striking distance heading into the fourth stanza trailing 50-40. Both teams played even in the final eight minutes with the Raiders keeping the momentum and the double-digit lead.

Leading scorer for the victorious Raiders was sophomore Brooks Laukhuf with 26. Joining him with double digits was another sophomore, Kyle Stoller who finished with 15 and Cameron Graham chipping in 13. Other scorers for the Raiders include Tyler Davis four, Cameron Sinn three, Trevor Sinn and Hudson Myers each with two points. For the Wildcats, Tyson Siefker bagged 18 points with team mate Jaden Smith adding 11 to lead the Wildcat attack. Rounding out Kalida's scoring: Justin Siebeneck nine, Grant Vorst seven, Drew Fersch five and E.J. Miller four.

Kalida, from the Putnam County League, falls to 7-9 while the state ranked Raiders stand with a very impressive 16-1 record. The Raiders will

be back in action this weekend with another challenging double-header. On Friday night the red, white and blue will be at home to face GMC foe Paulding. On Saturday the

RAIDERS CONTINUE THEIR WINNING WAYS WITH 43-POINT BLOWOUT



Wayne Trace Senior stuns the crowd with this 3 point basket from 3 point line against Continental! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

In a week night contest played last Tuesday the Wayne Trace Raiders had an easy time slipping past Continental. The Raiders, ranked sixth in D-III, sank the Pirates 73-30 to improve their season record at 14-1.

The red, white, and blue took an early ten-point lead and coasted to a 43-14 advantage at halftime. WT continued to have their way on both ends of the floor in the third period with the Raiders outscoring the Pirates 17-4. The winners entered the final eight minutes of play in total control 60-18 before settling for the 43-point win. The Raiders were led offensively by a trio of players. Sophomore Brooks Laukhuf led all scorers with 17 points with team mate Cam Sinn adding 13 and Tyler Davis collecting 12. In a solid per-

formance Cam Sinn also added four assists and defensively came up with six steals. Davis, in a double-double performance, added 10 rebounds to his resume'.

Also scoring for WT; Trevor Sinn eight, Hudson Myers, Cameron Graham, and Kyle Stoller each with six with Brady Miller chipping in three and Cale Winans rounding out the scoring with two. Scorching the nets, Wayne Trace shot 65 percent from the floor; hitting 20-29 of their two-point goals and 10-17 of their three-point goals. For the Pirate, Konnor Knipp-Williams finished with 11 with seven players scoring the remaining 19 points. The Raiders won the rebound battle 26-14 with Continental turning the ball over 16 times while the Raiders accounted for just eight miscues. Raiders will be on the road at Lincolnview as the Raiders conclude their season with their final four contests on the road.

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ARCHERS ROUT LOCOS FOR 14th WIN



Senior Kaden Recker takes advantage of an opening and drives in under the basket to score for the Archers! More pictures at westbednews.net

ANTWERP - Jagger Landers scored 23 points to lead a trio of Antwerp players in double figures as the Archers routed visiting Montpelier 67-26 Saturday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The blue and white bucketed 22 points in the first quarter to break the game open, posting a 22-5 lead at the end of eight minutes of action. Antwerp added 24 points in the second stanza to push the margin to 46-17 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the host blue and white bucketed a dozen markers compared to six for Montpelier as Antwerp recorded a 58-23 advantage entering the final stanza.

Luke Krouse and Landon Brewer chipped in 11 and ten points, respectively, for the Archers. Kaden Recker also

had eight points while Parker Moore and Gaige McMichael chipped in five markers apiece. Reid Lichty also finished with three and Carson Altimus recorded two points for Antwerp, which is now 14-1 on the season.

RAIDER GRAPPLERS FALL TO TIGERS

Host Liberty Center won all but two matches and the Tigers posted a 63-12 victory over Wayne Trace in high school wrestling action in Henry County Tuesday night.

Corbin Kimmel and Hunter Long were the lone winners for the Raiders.

Kimmel pinned the Tigers' Colton Szczepanski in 1:31 in the 113-pound weight class while Long pinned Liberty Center's Tyler Ley at 1:38 in

3:02.

The Tigers took advantage of four forfeits in posting the victory and recorded six pins as well in the match.

William Wittenmyer pinned Wayne Trace's Jarrett Jewell in 3:02 at 150 with the Tigers' Xander Myers defeating Samuel Moore 4-3 in the 157-pound weight class.

Liberty Center's Camren Foster pinned Dyson Scott in 52 seconds at the 175-pound class and Owen Johnson recorded a pin of Nathan Osborn at 2:15 in 4:32.

Also posting a win for the black and orange was Drew Matthews, who pinned Conner Blankenship at 1:20 in 5:42, as well Jackson Bartels with a pin of Kendal Franklin in 1:56 at 126. The Tigers' Landon Massie recorded a pin in 4:57 of Jared Pierce at 132 as well.

ARCHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER ACES

Visiting Antwerp dominated all four quarters as the Archers cruised to a 59-27 victory over host Hicksville Friday night in boys basketball action.

The visiting blue and white jumped in front at the end of one quarter, bucketing 13 points while limiting the Aces to seven. Antwerp extended the margin in the second stanza, adding another 13 points and holding Hicksville to five as the Archers recorded a 26-12 halftime margin.

Antwerp then added 17 third quarter points as the blue and white expanded the lead to 43-17 entering the final period.

Luke Krouse, Landon Brewer and Jagger Landers all bucketed a dozen markers for the Archers as Antwerp raised its record to 13-1 overall and 4-1 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Gaige McMichael chipped in nine points for the Archers followed by Reid Lichty (four), Kaden Recker (four), Parker Moore (three) and Kaden Phares (three).

Hicksville, which falls to 11-6 in all games and 2-3 in the league, was paced by Aaron Klima with five points while Jayden Rosalez and Braxztyn Heisler recorded four markers apiece. Josh Myers and Jackson Bergman both finished with three points while Brayden Slattery, Tatum Sheets, Kyler Baird and Alex Gordon recorded with two points each.

RAIDERS SIZZLE NETS IN 27-POINT WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Balanced scoring, solid shooting and a swarming defense helped lead Wayne Trace to their 15th win of the season but more importantly a key Green Meadows Conference win. The Raiders demolished Fairview 74-47 to improve their overall mark at 15-1 while staying unblemished in GMC play at 5-0.

Wayne Trace, ranked sixth in the latest Div III poll, placed five players in double-digits led by the 18 points from Brooks Laukhuf. Senior Cam Sinn added 14 with team mate Cameron Graham chipping in 13 followed by sophomore Kyle Stoller with 12 and Trevor Sinn adding 10. Both Trevor Sinn and Stoller each collected four assists in the contest. Rounding out the winners scoring are Hundson

IHSAA WRESTLING SECTIONALS @ NH



Photos by Melissa Amstutz

13 of the 14 New Haven wrestlers who competed at Sectionals on Saturday, January 29th will be advancing to regional meet next weekend, February 5th. Four of those Bulldog wrestlers went on to

win their weight class for the day. New Haven came in 2nd place as a team; Homestead took the 1st place slot as a team.

- 106 - 1st Jullianna Ocampo
- 113 - 1st Easton Doster

120 - 2nd Karrington Cooper

- 138 - 1st Adien Kirk
- 170 - 1st Camari Kirk
- 285 - 1st Josh Clark

WT WRESTLING CLUB COMPETE AT BIDDY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Wayne Trace wrestling club competed at the Maroon & Gold Edgerton biddy wrestling tournament Sunday January 30th.

1st place winners - River Stahl, Kohen Fore, Phoenix Hall, Logan Parisot, Elisha Bueher, Carter Ludwig, Zoey Schnipke, Braxton Schnipke, Daniel Clark, and Sam Schabbing

2nd place - Dylan Hershberger

3rd place- Jaxon Porter, Zander Lelonek, Kamden Fore, Tatum Sheets, Jerrick Johnson, and Kamdon Ross

4th Place- Emersyn Showalter, Hank Mullins, and Jacob Roop

PEASE LEADS PANTHERS PAST RAMS

DEFIANCE - Janae Pease poured in a game high 26 points to lead the Paulding Lady Panthers to a 64-55 win over host Tinora Thursday

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and held Crestview to 11 as the hosts pushed the lead to 26-20 at the intermission.

However, Crestview came out and dominated the third quarter with a 20-point stanza while holding Antwerp to three and the Lady Knights seized a 40-29 margin entering the final stanza.

Ellie Kline was the difference maker for Crestview, hitting a trio of three-point shots in the quarter and scoring 13 points in all to lead the Lady Knight rally. Cali Gregory also hit a trey and had the other seven markers for the Knights in the third quarter.

Lydia Brewer had the lone basket in the period for Antwerp with Astianna Coppes connecting on one of two foul shots.

Crestview then put the game away in the fourth quarter, scoring a dozen points compared to nine for Antwerp to wrap up the 52-38 win.

Cali Gregory paced the Lady Knights with 24 points, including a pair of three-pointers, while Ellie Kline added 17 markers. Emily Greulich (six), Laci McCoy (three) and Myla Etzler (two) rounded out the scorers for Crestview.

Astianna Coppes led the way for Antwerp with 16 points in the contest and Aewyn McMichael chipped in 14 markers.

Completing the scoring for the Lady Archers were Hayleigh Jewell (four), Lydia Brewer (two) and Grace Schuette (two)..



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In 2009, Shawn started Roofing Innovations after earning both a bachelor's and master's degree in education and honing his skills serving in

administration at Van Wert City Schools. In 2013, Neal began full-time contracting, as he owned and operated Mighty Deity Construction, offering general construction services after focusing on his vocational schooling and developing his mechanical expertise. In 2016, the brothers decided to join forces to establish Deitemeyer Brothers Roofing & Construction.

Deitemeyer Brothers Roofing & Construction is a full-service construction firm that specializes in asphalt and metal roofing, kitchen and bathroom remodels, as well as new construction. They continue to grow and establish themselves as a reputable roofing and construction company serving Van Wert and Findlay Ohio communities and surrounding areas and focuses on high-quality workmanship that is next to none.

Deitemeyer Brothers Roofing & Construction is

headquartered in Van Wert, OH and employs seventeen staff and crew members. Learn more about Deitemeyer Brothers Roofing & Construction by visiting their website at www.deitemeyerbrothers.com.

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



On January 13, an individual reported that a credit card was opened in their name. The case was investigated and it was determined that it was a fraudulent account.

On January 13, someone reported possible vandalism in the laundry mat. The case was investigated and it was determined that no vandalism had occurred.

On January 14, illegal parking on River St near laundry mat was reported. An officer responded and asked the individual to please move her vehicle. The individual refused, so she was cited and then moved her vehicle.

On January 16, the village administrator called the Antwerp Police Department and stated the barricade on Schaffer Rd had once again been moved. He asked that the barricades be placed back and if the person responsible for moving them is found that they be charged accordingly.

On January 16, an officer assisted EMS at MAC gym. On January 19, it was reported that on the 18th a disorderly conduct had occurred at Antwerp Local School.

On January 19, a motor vehicle accident was reported at the school. Officer responded and prepared a report.

On January 21, a domestic dispute was reported in the 500 block on N. Main St. When the officer arrived, one of the people involved had left and the other stated that nothing violent had occurred.

On January 21, a request was made to unlock a vehicle. On January 21, a missing person was reported from Antwerp.

On January 24, it was reported that a suspicious person was making threats to a third party at a local business. An officer responded and asked the person to leave. A report was prepared and filed with the prosecutor. On January 24, Antwerp Police was requested to assist with a parking issue in an alley on N. Main St.

On January 24, drug abuse was reported at a local business on the south edge of Antwerp. On January 25, a resident of N. Main St. reported the possible theft of a firearm. On January 25, a zoning violation was issued at 408 W. Daggett St in reference to all of the junk and debris at the residence.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition
Amanda M. Ringler, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victim; Placed on standard probation; Evaluation and complete counseling

Keith J. Cooper, Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Bradley F. Thompson, Defiance, OH; OVI/breath high; Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs, ALS vacated, Restricted plates required, Standard probation, 20 hours community service, Risk assessment; 12 point suspension, Count B dismissed; Failure to control, Count C dismissed

Tyler J. Levos, Paulding, OH; OVI/refusal; Count A dismissed per state

Kenny R. Mills, Westland, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Katrina L. Snyder, Paulding, OH; Driv/FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Proof of insurance not provided

Candelario Gonzales Jr., Eri, MI; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Daniel Ruiz, Payne, OH; Possession of hashish, 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; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Standard probation, Provide proof of insurance; DUS - non FRA, Count B dismissed; Turn signals, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Pay fine; Seat belt/drive, Count D dismissed

Jennifer L. Wilder, Van Wert, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Shall have no contact with victim
Stephanie R. Keysor, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Sarah J. Wood, Grover Hill, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Donald L. Stone, Silver Lake, IN; Pass bad check; Case dismissed per state; Warrant and warrant block recalled
Leon Curry III, Saint Louis, MO; Marked lanes; Defendant plead guilty; Pay all fines and costs
Kris A. Kerr, Spencerville, OH Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jessie A. Hughes, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Travis K. Phlipot, Paulding, OH; OVI/under the influence, Count A dismissed; Driving under suspension, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Schroeder, Pled guilty,

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Proof of insurance not provided, ALC vacated, Pay all fines and costs

Justin M. Woodruff, Paulding, OH; Carrying concealed weapon, Preliminary hearing waived, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Weapons under disability, Preliminary hearing waived, Case shall be bound over

Logan D. Slone, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Santos P. Calel Baten, Paulding, OH; Driver license <6 months; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeremy B. Leiter, Melrose, OH; FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; Turn signals, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no con-

test, found guilty, Proof of insurance provided, Pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine

Nickolas R. Leatherman, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Brian Gordon, Delphos, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott E. Dicke, Mendon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bruce A. Rosswurm, Payne, OH; Failure to yield at intersection; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ernesto Lloyd, Stryker, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PUBLIC HEARING

The Carryall Township 2021 Financial Report is complete and available for public review. Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at 15156 Road 23, Antwerp, OH.

—Deb Wyckoff Carryall
Township Fiscal Officer

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF GUARDIANSHIP

IN THE PAULDING COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF DAVID LEE BALL

Petitioner in writing hereby delivering a copy of his response to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court Probate Division, Petitioner, and all other parties presented herein.

The hearing on the Application for Appointment of Guardian shall be heard on the 12th day of April, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. Said cause shall be

Respectfully,
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF GUARDIANSHIP

John Doe, the unknown biological father of David Lee Ball, whose identity and whereabouts are unknown and cannot through reasonable diligence be ascertained, will take notice that on January 24, 2022, John Henry Ball filed an Application for Appointment of Guardian of David Lee Ball in the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division of Paulding County, Ohio, 115 North Williams Street, Suite 202, Paulding, Ohio 45879, the same being Case No. 20222002

John Doe has twenty-eight days from the date of this publication to respond to the Application of the

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER
Plaintiff,
vs.
KEVIN L. MOORE, ET.AL.
DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-21-144
Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Kevin L. Moore; Unknown Spouse of Kevin L. Moore
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 9252 Rd. 177, Oakwood, Ohio 45873

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Kevin L. Moore, to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 470 Page 1057 of the Paulding County Records.

The real property in question is situated in the Township of Brown, County of Paulding and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:

Situated in the Township of Brown, County of Paulding and in the State of Ohio and known as: A parcel of land being part of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21, Town 2 North, Range 4 East, Brown Township, Paulding County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 1 1/2 inch iron pin on the West line of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21, Brown Township, said iron pin being 1451.34 (One thousand four hundred fifty-one and thirty-four hundredths) feet North of a monument stone at the Southwest Quarter of Section 21; thence North on an assumed bearing of North 0°00'00" East and on the West line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21 and on the centerline of County Road 177 a distance of 200.00 (Two hundred and zero hundredths) feet to a point, said point being 225.30 (Two hundred twenty-five and thirty hundredths) feet South of the point of intersection of the West line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21 (center line of County Road 177) and the center line of County Road 171; thence North 89°57'20" East, a

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distance of 25.00 (Twenty-five and zero hundredths) feet to an iron pin; thence continuing North 89°57'20" East, a distance of 195.00 (One hundred ninety-five and zero hundredths) feet to an iron pin; thence South 0°00'00" East and parallel with the West line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21 and the center line of County Road 177 a distance of 200.00 (Two hundred and zero hundredths) feet to an iron pin in an existing fence line of occupation; thence South 89°57'20" West on said existing fence line of occupation a distance of 195.00 (One hundred ninety-five and zero hundredths) feet to an iron pin; thence continuing South 89°57'20" West on said existing fence line of occupation a distance of 25.00 (Twenty-five and zero hundredths) feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described, containing 1.010 acres of land, more or less, and subject to all legal highways, easements, restrictions and zoning regulations.

Auditor's Parcel I.D.#08-21S-019-00

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 your 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
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Paulding County, Ohio
By: *Joseph R. Burkard*
Deputy
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LEGAL NOTICE

2022 703 AGGREGATE SEALED BIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UWVC AWARDS GRANT TO WBESC



Vicki Smith, the Executive Director of the United Way of Van Wert County, presents Thomas Taylor, the WBESC Superintendent, the \$500 check.

The United Way of Van Wert County has awarded a \$500 New Initiative Grant to the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center (WBESC). The WBESC is going to host an evening pro-

gram in March to recognize the students from Paulding and Van Wert counties that are selected as their district's representative for the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Awards Program.

for Tinora with 11 points and Karli Okuley chipped in nine markers. Other scorers for the Lady Rams were Anna Frazer (eight), Nova Okuley (seven), Liv Mueller (seven), Emily Harr (six), Addison Lee (five) and Amanda Meyer (two).

Paulding improves to 7-9 overall and 3-1 in the Green Meadows Conference with the victory while Tinora drops to 11-7 in all games and 3-2 in the league.

LONG, HORNISH TAKE TITLES AT LCC

LIMA - Wayne Trace traveled to Lima this past weekend to take part in the Lima Central Catholic Invitational where the Raiders posted a fine sixth place finish out of 43 teams in the tournament.

Waynedale claimed the championship with 198-1/2 points while Reading was second at 174 points and Allen East finished third with 171-1/2. Wayne Trace took sixth with 133 points.

Other area squads included Coldwater (ninth, 95

points), Spencerville (tied for 11th, 83-1/2), Columbus Grove (16th, 68), Lima Bath (20th, 53), Bluffton (24th, 47-1/2 points), Patrick Henry (28th, 31-1/2), Crestview (29th, 30), Lima Central Catholic (30th, 29-1/2), Swanton (32nd, 26), Delphos St. John's (33rd, 20), Lincolnview (35th, 18), Hicksville (tied for 39th, 14) and Ottawalandorf (42nd, 8-1/2).

Wayne Trace brought home a pair of individual championships as both Hunter Long (132) and Jarrett Hornish (144) claimed titles.

Long took the championship with a pin of Ashland Crestview's Hayden Kuhn in 3:51 while Hornish won the title with a pin of Allen East's Kade Wireman in 3:19.

Long also recorded pins of Lincolnview's Joey Sawyer (3:02), Cory Rawson's Zac Stoodt (2:24) and Waynedale's Ashton Kauf (1:31) and defeated Otsego's Joseph Manley (11-4).

Hornish posted earlier wins over Bluffton's Dustin Mortimer (technical fall, 4:36), Lima Central Catholic's Isaac Leppert (pin, 1:38), Woodmore's Landon Emch (13-4) and Lima Bath's Ezekiel Burkholder (8-2).

The Raiders' Corbin Kimmel finished second individually, falling to Reading's Gage Murphy 4-3 in the championship of the 106-pound weight class.

Kimmel had defeated Covington's Carson Taylor (5-0) and won by technical fall (2:21) over Eastwood's Ian Reynolds.

Wayne Trace's Samuel Moore picked up a third-place finish by recording an 11-2 major decision win over Waynedale's Caleb Zimmerman in the 150-pound weight class.

Also placing for the red, white and blue was Jared Pierce and Nathan Osborn.

Pierce picked up a seventh-place finish at 126 with a 3-2 win over Otsego's Caedan Henderson and Osborn finished eighth at 190, falling by pin in 56 seconds to Waynedale's Gavin Morris.

PATRIOTS FALL TO FLYING JETS IN OT

MONROEVILLE - Host Heritage gave visiting Adams Central all it wanted but the Flying Jets prevailed to post a 61-53 overtime victory over the Patriots Friday night in ACAC boys basketball action.

The Flying Jets recorded a 12-9 lead at the end of one period before Adams Central expanded the margin to 27-21 at the intermission.

Heritage responded in the third quarter, bucketing 21 points compared to Adams Central's eight as the Patriots posted a 42-38 lead entering the final stanza.

Adams Central scored a dozen markers in the fourth quarter and held Heritage to eight as the two teams went into overtime tied at 50-50.

In the extra session, the Flying Jets bucketed 11 points while limiting Heritage to three as Adams Central rallied to take the 61-53 victory.

Luke Saylor led the Patriots with 29 points while Kobe Meyer and Dalton Wasson each scored nine markers for Heritage. Nyles Knapke and Howie Kaiser recorded four points and two points, respectively, for the Patriots.

Braysen Yergler topped Adams Central with 26 points and Ethan Poling chipped in 14 markers.

Other scorers for the Flying Jets were Isaac Schultz (six), Ryan Tester (five), Nick Neuenschwander (four), Ethan Brown (four) and Micah McClure (two).

Heritage, now 3-11 on the season, returns to the court on Saturday as the Patriots visit Bluffton.

WRESTLING SITES ANNOUNCED

Sectional wrestling will get underway on the weekend of February 26 around northwest Ohio and locations for area teams was released by the Northwest District Athletic Board recently.

In Division II, Van Wert will join 11 other schools in the sectional at Defiance with many being familiar foes. Western Buckeye League members Celina, Defiance, Elida, Lima Shawnee, Ottawa Glandorf, St. Marys and Wapakoneta join the Cougars at the tournament along with Bowling Green, Bryan, Napoleon and Wauseon.

The top four finishers advance on to the district at Norwalk on March 4 and 5.

Division III action takes place at a pair of locations in the area as Archbold and Lima Central Catholic both hosts tournaments.

Antwerp and Paulding will both make the trip to Fulton County to battle at the home of the Blue Steaks. Other schools in the tournament include host Archbold, Ayersville, Continental, Delta, Edgerton, Evergreen, Fairview, Hicksville, Liberty Center, Montpelier, Swanton and Tinora.

Finishers in the top four at this sectional will move on to the district tournament at Rossford.

Also in Division III, Wayne Trace will travel southeast to the Lima Central Catholic sectional tournament. Joining the Raiders will be grapplers from Ada, Allen East, Coldwater, Columbus Grove, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. John's, Kenton, Lima Bath, Lima Central Catholic, Lincolnview, Parkway and Spencerville.

Those wrestlers placing in the top four at the LCC sectional will make the trip to the district tournament at Troy.

PURDUE FORT WAYNE INTRODUCES FULLY ONLINE OPTION FOR MASTER'S DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS

To support students regionally and globally, Purdue University Fort Wayne has redesigned its Master of Science in Mathematics program to allow for all coursework to be completed 100% online. Flexible in-person and hybrid options are also available.

"Purdue Fort Wayne is committed to serving the community and our students with outstanding academic programs like our Master of Science in Mathematics program," said Peter Dagnev, professor and chair of mathematical sciences at Purdue Fort Wayne. "With this program, we can train students at a higher level so they are in position to succeed in their profession, at the schools where they teach, and beyond. We consider the flexi-

PAULDING FFA OFFICER TEAM ATTENDS HUNTINGTON LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



Pictured left to right are 5 of the Paulding FFA officers who attended the leadership conference. Tyler Schlatter, Jami Hunt, Jaylyn McCloud, Carter Manz and Lathan Schneider.

By: Reporter, Carter Manz

On Thursday, January 22th, 5 members of the Paulding FFA officer team attended the annual FFA Leadership Summit at Huntington University. When they arrived they took a tour of Huntington's campus.

Then they were first greeted by Mr. Nate Perry, coordinator of Ag Operations at Huntington, who discussed his hopes for the future of agriculture and then the schedule for the day. There was a panel discussion of former students onto the stage and they told us about the opportunities Huntington Uni-

versity Ag program gave them while in college and as they started their careers in the agriculture industry.

Then 3 of the Indiana FFA state officers conducted a variety of different team building activities with the students. The leadership exercises taught chapter officers to develop a stronger team working together to lead.

There were over 140 FFA members from Ohio and Indiana who attended this conference. The officers learned a lot at the Leadership Summit and are excited to attend again next year!

bility of the curriculum and the opportunity to develop expertise in a variety of strategically selected areas as particular strengths of our program."

Students may pursue a focus in pure or applied mathematics, applied statistics, data science, mathematics education, or physics.

To earn a master's in mathematics at Purdue Fort Wayne, students must complete 30 credit hours, which include core mathematics courses and additional graduate level courses with substantial mathematical or statistical content. Courses may be from areas such as physics, engineering, or business, as well as statistics, mathematics, or computer science.

A graduate degree in mathematics provides students with a diverse skill set they can use in many positions such as actuary, data scientist, mathematician, data analyst, university professor, cryptographer, and more.

"We redesigned this program to provide students with a solid foundation in mathematics that will feed easily into a doctoral program," stated Ronald Friedman, dean of the College of

Science at Purdue Fort Wayne. "This path is perfect for students with a major or minor in math, for those with a math background who want to advance in their industry, and for teachers who want to further their education."

Accommodating students' work-life schedule was a primary focus when redesigning the program. Because it is offered in-person, online, or as a hybrid of both, individuals can decide how they want to take their classes. To illustrate this benefit, a student can start a class online and, if needed, also attend the in-person classes.

Currently, students hailing from as far away as Africa and Asia are taking graduate-level courses in person at Purdue Fort Wayne in pursuit of a master's in mathematics. Dagnev believes this new option to earn the same degree with coursework that can be completed fully online may open the door to even more international students.

Additional information can be requested at pfw.edu/grad-info. Anyone ready to apply may visit pfw.edu/graduate-studies/apply. Call 260-481-6111 to learn more about all online programs at Purdue Fort Wayne.

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LEPC MEET AT OSU EXTENSION; DISCUSS UPDATES

The regular Local Emergency Planning Committee of Paulding County meeting took place on Wednesday, January 26th at the OSU Extension building in Paulding. Several members from around the county attended this meeting to discuss pertinent details about the county's emergency planning.

Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA Director, opened the meeting and presented the financial statement. Dave Foltz made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Edwards seconded it. The minutes were approved by the group.

The HAZ Mat Plan was approved and good for another year. The Mitigation plan is still in the grant phase. The training facility now has the occupancy permit and Vantage will start in the Spring. Bryan is using it now.

The Financial Report was submitted to CIRC. COVID has been relatively high.

The LEPC Grant Application has been submitted. Mr. Bohn said he would like to get the HAZ MAT training should be starting soon, but he needs to get it going. Bad Company is working with Mr. Bohn and the Hospital on getting this training starting. PCH is doing in-person training. It is not a requirement for EMTs, but it is encouraged for those working at incident sites with patients. The full scale exercises were postponed for two years due to the pandemic. We are going to attempt to do this at the training facility involving school busses and semi-truck and cars. We can get an exemption to have the training and it is in state-law. Matt McDougall said the dates could be May 11 and 25th for the Table Top training. They decided on May 2 for the County at the Crane TWP Fire building at 6pm, food provided. Ed will ask Bob Herber if they can use the building.

The Mitigation Plan is due to be updated and Ed is in the process of getting grants and quotes. Ed said there must be participation from Paulding County government, municipalities, townships and the community. Ed said we need two or three from all agencies. The Emergency Operation Plan Updates have had request sent out for updates. Two portion failed - Mass Fatality, Contacts of government. Cyber Security is being added and that will be included with the help of Phil

Jackson. Ed is having Tracy Busch write up the security plan.

There are new county offices at the "Fritz House". The demolition crew is in ahead of schedule making the renovations going well. There are multiple county offices moving in there. EOC (Emergency Operations Center) is out there functioning now. This should help with the efficiency of the agency that was low rated by the state. Much of the training has gone virtual. This will remove the 911 from the Sheriff's Office. The offsite building would be a real time backup. There are many things involved that will take time to get the dispatch entirely setup in the new office.

Bill Edwards addressed the group with COVID situation in the state and county. The Health Department has used the Library as a distribution center. Jason Landers gave a report on the school on how two negative tests are required to come back to school before the five days. Julie @ PCH has a struggle having enough beds and rooms. There was a traffic accident that involved 11 patients. There are 7 ER rooms and now they are full all day long. They had to send some people would have to go to another hospital. The nurses are calling as many as 80 hospitals as far North as Chicago.

Jason made a motion to adjourn Bill Seconded it. All Approved.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library has been busy delivering COVID tests to our communities. According to the State Health Department our shipments may be delayed. Please like and check our Facebook page for updates. All PCCL locations will be closed Monday, **February 21** for President's Day.

The Overdrive app is ending and will soon be unavailable. Please try the Libby app for downloadable books. The Paulding Adult Department will be having their Cookbook Club on **Monday, February 28th** at 5:30 pm. Check out our facebook page for the theme. Please follow our facebook page or call 419-399-2032 for current adult programs.

The Children's department will continue with Storytimes on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. A celebration of love will be held the week of Valentines, **February 14-19**, with activities all week long. The month of February is Bring your Child to the Library month, so grab your children and come check us out. Be sure to get your library card if you do not already have one.

The Antwerp branch will continue story times every Wednesday at 11. Stop by and listen while Stephanie reads a story, followed with a craft. Check out Monday, February 14th for Valentines make and takes.

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

The Grover Hill branch looks sweet as candy in the month of February. Watch the branch transform into an old-fashioned neighborhood soda shop with materials and programs dedicated to one of the sugary days of the year. **Thursday, February 3rd** at 5:00 pm, the Photography Club meets for its second session with a photo challenge. Teens through adult welcome. **Cooking Club** will meet on **Monday, February 7** at 6:00 pm and the Tween to Teen After School Thursday will be the **10th**. We will be focusing on candy and treats with old-fashioned rock candy on a stick.

There will also be a candy and bake sale benefiting the Friends of the Grover Hill Library the week of **February 7th through the 12th**. Munchkin story times for kids ages 6 and under are **Monday, February 14th and Monday the 28th** at 10:30 am. Book Club meets the third week of the month on Wednesday the 23rd at 4:00 pm. The selection for the month is "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. Do not forget our weekly Free Friday take and makes activities, plus the end of the month drawing which will take place **Monday, February 28th**. For more information call 419-567-1717.

The Oakwood branch is busy with story times each Monday at 11:00 a.m., the knitting machine is available daily and there is a puzzle exchange. **Feb. 2 Good Morning Book Club** 11 am-12 pm. **February 7** we will be using the cricut to make Valentine Days mugs 5-6:30 pm. **February 10** is Senior Bingo at 11:30 a.m. **February 12** is the Kids Book Club ages 11-16, 10-11 am. **February 17** Quilt it, quilt block of the month from 3-7 p.m. **February 24**, Kids Cookbook Club 5-7 p.m. **February 28** we will be making macrame key chains 5-7 p.m. Call 419-594-3337 for more information.

The Payne branch will have a Teddy Bear Workshop Afterschool Special on Monday, **February 7**, 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Reserve your spot today, by calling 419-263-3333 or stop in and register, supplies limited. Storytimes are Tuesdays at 11:00 AM, enjoy a

story, snack, and activity with Miss Kris. Stop by and check out our "Winter Blues" books and sign up to win a free book.

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet Monday, February 14th at 6:00 PM in the Buy the Book bookstore, located in the Annex at Paulding. January is Friends Group sign-up month but there is still time. If you would like to support the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Ask any staff member for the registration form. The Friends would love to see fresh faces in 2022. The Friends Group is a fundraising 501c3 that helps support library programs. Black Swamp Bookworms will meet **February 14th** at 6:30 PM in the Annex. The club is reading "The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Please join them.

STUDENT FROM PAYNE NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

At the end of each semester, the Manchester University Office of Academic Affairs publishes the Dean's List.

Erica Mohr of Payne was named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List.

Mohr was among 357 students named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List. Mohr is majoring in English/language arts education.

Students earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher who have completed at least 12 semester hours with no more than three hours of Pass/Not Pass grades are included on the Dean's List. Students with more than one hour of Incomplete (I) or Not Recorded (NR) grades at the end of the semester are not eligible for the Dean's List.

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lead principled, productive, and compassionate lives that improve the human condition.

MERCY COLLEGE OF OHIO ANNOUNCES HONORS LIST

Students were awarded honors for the Fall 2021 semester at Mercy College of Ohio. To be named on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours. To be named on the Honor's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 6-11 credit hours. To be named on the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled for 14 or more credit hours.

Mercy College of Ohio is a Catholic institution with a campus in Toledo, and a location in Youngstown. It focuses on healthcare and health science programs. It offers graduate degrees in Nursing, Health Administration and Physician Assistant; Bachelor's degrees in Biology, Healthcare Administration, Medical Imaging and Nursing; Associate degrees in Health Sciences, Health Information Technology, Nursing, and Radiologic Technology; and Certificates in Community Health Worker, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Medical Coding, Ophthalmic Assistant, Paramedic, Phlebotomy and Polysomnographic Technology and specialty imaging.

Defiance, OH: Kelly Hartzell, BS Medical Imaging, Dean's List; Kyndra Myers, Assoc Radiologic Technology, Honors List

PATRIOTS BREAK SIX-GAME SKID

Heritage ended a six-game losing streak on Saturday night as the Patriots posted a 59-50 victory over visiting Southern Wells in ACAC boys basketball action.

The Patriots led at every stop, including an 18-11 advantage at the end of eight

Sudoku solution from page 9

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minutes of action. Heritage bucketed 14 second quarter points while limiting the Raiders to nine, extending the margin to 32-20 at the intermission.

Southern Wells did cut into the deficit in the third quarter by outscoring Heritage 13-12 to trim the Patriot lead to 44-33 at the end of three periods. The Raiders again had a solid fourth quarter with a 17-point stanza but the Patriots bucketed 15 to post the 59-50 victory.

The Patriots were paced by Luke Saylor with 16 points and Kobe Meyer added 14 markers as Heritage improved to 2-6 overall and 1-1 in the ACAC.

Other scorers for Heritage were Tanner Whitman (nine), Dalton Wasson (six), Howie Kaiser (five), Nyles Knapke (five) and Leroy Lepper (four).

Dustin Woodward had 15 points to lead the way for the Raiders and Kedrik Sonnigsen chipped in a dozen markers. Jenson Nusbaumer (six), Quinton Mullins (six), Brandon Kirtley (five), Austin Harris (four) and Evan Pennington (two) completed the scoring for Southern Wells, which drops to 1-7 overall and 0-2 in the ACAC.

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HELP WANTED

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

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Be it resolved by the Paulding County Board of Health the following fees have been adopted and become effective January 1, 2022.

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Full 2022 Environmental Fee Schedule may be viewed at the Paulding County Health Department 800 E. Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879

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NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE & PAULDING COUNTY RENEW WELDING PARTNERSHIP



Picture left to right. Instructor Mrs. Staci Miller, students Braxton Ricker, Carter Manz, Colby Singer, Josh Carper and Mason Schlatter absent from photo Caydan Price.

Northwest State Community College, OhioMeansJobs-Paulding County, Paulding High School, and the Paulding County Economic Development Office are elated to again offer an afterschool welding program at Paulding High School. This same program saw great success last year, as students gained skills, career exposure, and career opportunities. The course is focused on welding symbols, safety, blueprint reading, and advanced welding techniques. With continuous improvement always being a focus for the partners, this year's program will also feature a Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt certification. Input from local employers in Paulding County aided in the creation of this partnership, and ultimately the content offered to the learners.

OhioMeansJobs-Paulding County not only assists in funding these workforce initiatives, but provides the skills necessary to gain and maintain employment locally. Tiffany Goings, Workforce Supervisor at OhioMeansJobs-Defiance & Paulding Counties, understands the impact this investment will have upon the learners and local employers. "This is another example of a great collaboration between OhioMeansJobs Defiance & Paulding Counties, NSCC and Paulding HS to provide these young learners an opportunity to gain welding skills and an industry-recognized credential. This opportunity is just an example of the investment OhioMeansJobs is making to help upskill learners and providing them with transferrable skills." To date, the partnership between OhioMeansJobs-Defiance &

Paulding Counties and Northwest State Community College has enabled 37 individuals to gain skills and credentials across multiple sectors.

Paulding High School continues to focus on adding value to the education they are offering to their students. Principal Chris Etzler is excited to bring back this program for his students. "The welding class brings tremendous value for our school. It allows us to offer something that we normally wouldn't be able to during the school day. One of the students in last year's class started a job the day after his graduation because of the class, and another student has already been contacted by businesses who want to offer employment. We are sending job-ready students out into the workforce immediately, and our local employers can take advantage of that." Staci Miller, Agriculture Education Teacher at Paulding High School, is thrilled with the opportunity to instruct the course again. "I am excited to continue with this program and partnership with Northwest State Community College and OhioMeansJobs. I believe this is a unique opportunity for our students, helping them to have a competitive advantage in the career tech industry. Our students are able to take the skills learned during this program and apply them to their future careers, which will help meet the demand for skilled labor locally."

The Paulding County Economic Development Office and Northwest State Community College continue to work side-by-side to answer the call from local employers. Tim Cosey, Economic Development Di-

rector, has been instrumental in communicating the needs of employers, allowing NSCC to create this program. "The Paulding County Economic Development office has continued to communicate with area businesses about what they require to survive, thrive and grow. The collaboration between NSCC, OhioMeansJobs, and Paulding High School, creates a partnership that is focused on growing our Paulding County skilled labor pool, and has the best interest of our employers at heart. We could not be more pleased with this program beginning its second year." Jim Drewes, VP of Workforce Development at NSCC, is solutions driven and believes this offering will meet a need. "With workforce, our goal is simple. We must listen to the needs of the organizations and learners we serve, and offer them a solution that will add value and produce positive results for their workforce and community."

VISIONING FOR THE FUTURE BRINGS WT COMMUNITY TOGETHER

By: Joe Shouse, Writer

Wayne Trace school officials invited residents of the school district to the first community meeting held last Thursday, January 27, in the high school gymnasium. The purpose of the gathering was to allow the public the opportunity to share their hopes, goals and vision for the district's future.

School Superintendent Ben Winans opened the informal meeting with a greeting to the 125 in attendance followed by a brief overview of what has transpired over the previous couple of months.

Winans pointed out that in the early 2000's the district underwent an Ohio School Facilities Project. Renovation took place at all three campuses including the Jr./Sr. High School, Payne Elementary as well as Grover Hill Elementary.

"The Board of Education has had several discussions about our facilities and this past fall the Board approved a resolution to move forward with a Master Planning Process. The process will be guided by the leadership of Garmann Miller Associates," Winans said.

The Master Planning Process includes taking a very extensive look at the district's current facilities, receiving feedback from the community, much like the

meeting held last Thursday. Additional community meetings will be slated in the near future.

"This process is expected to take roughly six to eight months. Once the process is completed we will have a better understanding of our current facilities and what our vision is for the future," Winans commented.

It was also pointed out that the renovation project some 20-years ago cost \$19.8 million of which 81 percent was state funded. That funding was approved by what was called at that time the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). Funding through the OFCC was a one time opportunity and is no longer available to the district.

Prior to turning the meeting over to the representatives of Garmann Miller Associates. Winans emphasized the desired outcome of the meeting.

"Tonight we simply want to allow the public to share information with regard to our district. The information we begin to gather tonight along with the information our Facilities Committee will receive from Garmann Miller Associates will allow the process to develop a plan for our district's future," Winans said.

A team from Garmann Miller Associates including CEO Eric Baltzell, Monica Brauw, Planner, Doug Rentz, Engineering and Architect Curt South shared information concerning the potential project.

The Associates shared they had toured the district's facilities and have submitted a facilities analysis featuring 28 different areas of the facility. Prior to answering questions to close out the session, Rentz explained that everyone in attendance received five stickers with various dollar amounts (\$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 and 50 cents). Everyone was encouraged to place their stickers in what they felt was most important when considering the ten selected themes or priorities displayed in the gym. The ten priorities included: athletics, attracting students/families, bus garage, community center building, curb appeal, one building campus, performing arts center, renovation of exciting schools, safety/security and STEM/technology/AG lab.

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The stickers placed on the various priority boards would be another indicator to help guide the leadership in the Master Planning Process.

It was also noted that within the process is an executive committee, steering committee, facilities committee along with the Raider community. Committee members were not revealed, however, Winans said the

committee members would be listed on the school's website soon.

Finally, the superintendent reiterated that once the community meeting concluded the Board would not be making any decisions.

"There is still much work to be done and data to be examined before the Board can begin to feel comfortable presenting a plan for the district's future.

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