

ANTWERP WRESTLING HAS HISTORIC OPENING WEEKEND



The Antwerp Junior High and High School wrestling squads opened their respective seasons at separate tournaments over the weekend. On the junior high side at Wayne Trace High School, Zac Salas was able to finish 3rd in the 134-pound weight class. Salas finished his day with 4 wins to only 1 loss and 3 pins. Meanwhile, at the Montpe-

lier Invitational, the high school wrestlers were able to place 3 of their 5 wrestlers in the top 3 of their respective weight classes. Finishing in 3rd place at 144 pounds with a 2-2 record was sophomore Miles Doster.

The Archers also crowned 2 champions on the day as well. Sophomore Skyler Octaviano was crowned champion

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PAULDING INTRODUCES NEW GOVERNMENT SITE AT MCDONALD PIKE DRIVE



Paulding County Commissioners welcome the public to the new MPO building, Mike Weible, Roy Klopfenstein, and Mark Holtsberry.

The Paulding County Commissioners scheduled an Open House for December 2, 2022. The entire county was invited to tour the new County office building. The facility has been slowly prepared over the past year with various county government services relocating their

offices to 451 McDonald Pike Avenue.

Not all Paulding County agencies have changed their location, but a good many have, including Soil and Water, Emergency Management Agency, Title Office, Board of Commissioners, Juvenile Review, PCBDD, Sheriff (main

office is still at the jail).

Every county employee that spoke with the West Bend News expressed how much they appreciated the new county office building. Commissioner Mike Weible stated his opinion by expressing his appreciation of the aesthetics

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

December 12

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

December 13

• Holiday Appreciation Celebration @ PC Senior Center, 5:30pm

December 14

• Walk Through Winter @ OSU ext. Office, 12-1pm

December 15

• Caring & Sharing Chocolate Walk, Youth Leadership Bldg, Paulding, 5-8pm

December 17

• Siberian Solstice @ Huber, 7pm
• Holiday Vendors/Outdoor Kids movie @ Grounded CC
• Food Pantry Distribution @ Cecil Comm Church, 12-3p

December 18

• Huber Jr Choir Concert @ 6:30pm
• Readers' Theatre @ Woodburn UMC, 6pm
• Blue Grass Praise Band @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm

December 20

• Antwerp Comm. Band Concert @ Huber, 7:30pm

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DOUBLE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

On December 8, 2022, shortly after 12:00 p.m., deputies were dispatched to 6502 Road 123 in Latty Township for a welfare check. Co-workers of 60-year-old Celecitas Pelegrino Williams were concerned she had not reported to work for 2 days, she hadn't called off and she had not answered her phone.

While conducting a check of the property, deputies located Celecitas and her 81-

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CINCINNATI, OH:
Kimberly Dawn (Cox) Woodring, age 44, passed away Thursday, December 1, 2022 at Atrium Medical Center of complications from the flu. She was surrounded by friends and family.

Kim was born to Barry Cox and Deborah Cox in Gallipolis, Ohio on August 18, 1978. As a military child, Kim attended schools in Ohio, Wisconsin, Maryland, Germany, and Virginia, graduating from West Springfield High School in Springfield, Virginia. Kim went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts from Cedarville College and a Master of Science and a specialist in education (Ed. S.) from Miami University. Kim worked as a school psychologist for Cincinnati Public Schools for 19 years, touching the lives of countless children.

Kim married the love of her life, Rick Woodring in Maui, Hawaii on June 15, 2012. She was an active, strong and vibrant woman, who loved her family fiercely and would do anything for them. She also loved an adventure; always planning something new to do and "dragging" the family along (whether they wanted to go or not). She hated to waste a single moment or day and was often heard saying "What's the plan?" She will be remembered forever in the treasured memories made.

Kim started running cross country in high school and fell in love with it. Running was her escape and her peace. She was an active member in both the Mojo Running and Triathlon clubs, and loved them like family. She ran many marathons and triathlons, including multiple half-Ironman races.

Kim was a woman of faith and had a heart for service. She was always willing to help anyone. Just last week, she volunteered with "Give back Cincinnati" serving Thanksgiving meals to those in need, something she had always wanted to do.

Kimberly Dawn (Cox) Woodring is survived by her husband Richard (Rick) P. Woodring, children Caleb Bays, Grace Woodring and Grant Woodring at home, parents Brarry (Barbara) Cox and Deborah (Jim Blum) Cox,

brother Tim (Deborah) Cox, Ethan and nephew Olivia and Ethan Cox. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Lena Mae and Carrel Cox and William and Betty McDaniel.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at Hodapp Funeral Home 6410 Cincinnati-Dayton Rd., Liberty Twp., OH 45044 from 3 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to "Greater Project" (a local Cincinnati charity run by a friend of Kim's) at <https://greaterproject.org/>.



ANTWERP, OH:
Mark "Fred" Feasby, 62, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, December 1, 2022 at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

Mark was born in Hicksville, on February 16, 1960, a son of the late Jean (Thompson) & Paul Feasby. Mark worked as a welder at Sims Manufacturing in Payne for much of his life, and more recently at Sabre Industries in Hicksville. His true passion, though, was woodworking. He was well known for being an expert cabinet maker. Mark enjoyed watching The Ohio State Football and Nascar, spending time with his family and friends and relaxing at the lake.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Sue; step children, Tracy Wolfe, Amy Rickman, & Adam Wolfe; siblings, Steve (Terri) Feasby & Cindy (Randy) Bell; sister-in-law, Denise Feasby; 4 step grandchildren; 2 step great grandchildren; & 7 nieces & nephews.

Mark was also preceded in death by his brother, David "Boot" Feasby & step granddaughter, Kate Thorndyke.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.



ANTWERP, OH:
Lynne Eileen Carr, 58, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Indiana University Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Lynne was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on October 21, 1964, to Joyce and David Carr. Lynne was a 1984 graduate of Antwerp High School. She also got her culinary arts degree from Ivy Tech. She was employed as a chef at Two Bandits Brewing Company in Hicksville, Ohio.

She was a caring daughter, sister, aunt, and niece and to anyone who knew her. She was always the first to help people and animals and filled everyone's life around her with love and joy.

She will be sadly missed by her mother, Joyce; sisters, Jennifer & Beverly Carr; nieces Lydia Carr & Evelyn Wilson; nephews, David Addis &

Blandon Howarth; & her beloved dog, Pablo.

Lynne was preceded in death by her father, Dave.

Viewing was Friday, December 9, 2022 from 1-2 PM at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W River St, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Service was Friday, December 9, 2022 at 2 PM at the funeral home.

She was laid to rest in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to Nature's Nursery 7790 Co Rd 152, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com



ANTWERP, OH:
Denny Ray Lee, 76, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at his home.

Denny was born in Payne, Ohio, on March 7, 1946, son of the late Myrtle (Wirts) & Robert Lee.

Denny worked at BF Goodrich for 42 years. He was a talented writer and woodworker. Denny cherished time spent with his wife, coffee with his siblings and lunch with his buddies. He enjoyed cruising in his golf cart, working in the yard and cheering on his grandchildren at their sporting events. Denny especially loved spending time with family and friends. He was a kind soul who would do anything for anyone. Denny lived by the saying, "Live life so that you'll be missed." There are no truer words to describe this wonderful man.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Karlann; daughters, Laura (Mick) Proxmire, Mandy (Jeremiah) Hruschak, & Emily (Jeremy) Hughes; siblings, Bob (Peggy), Larry (Dee), Floyd (Challis), Randy (Judy), Terry Lee & Kathy (Leo) Koenn; grandchildren, Luke, Jarod & Garret Proxmire, Ty, Nathan, Landon & Ross Lee, Ella & Carson Hughes.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jeremy Lee, & brother, Harold Lee.

Viewing was Sunday, December 11, 2022 from 2-8 PM at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W River St. Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Service is Monday, December 12, 2022 at 10:30 AM, with viewing one hour prior at the funeral home.

He will be laid to rest with military honors at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the First United Presbyterian Church of Antwerp, 126 W River St, Antwerp, Ohio 45813. Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

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Scripture of the Week

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

— John 15:5,8

MATT'S MISHAPS

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

—Matt

Potted, Artificial or Live



After finishing up college, I got my first job not in a small town, but in Chicago and lived in the house of an elderly lady as her boarder. When Christmas was approaching she asked if I would go to her basement to bring up her artificial Christmas tree. I expected to find a heavy box with a picture of a pine tree on it and then lug the heavy box up the narrow steps. Instead I found a large, completely decorated Christmas tree in the corner of the basement with dusty plastic on it. After a lot of effort and scratches, I jammed the fully decorated tree up the narrow steps and shoved it through the doorway as ornaments fell off the tree. I had never thought to store a Christmas tree with the decorations left on it.

As our first Christmas overseas approached, we lived in a place where the tradition of Christmas trees didn't really exist. The most common option to get a Christmas tree was to go to a florist and buy a little potted pine tree and decorate the 2ft twig they called a tree. When we heard that the large department store in the city center would be selling artificial trees, we got the bus and traveled there as there was no parking. We were delighted to find that they did indeed sell artificial trees and had a 6ft tall chubby one. The box was very heavy and bulky. Not until we got to the bus stop to travel back home did we wonder how to get it on the city bus. The bus finally arrived, already full of Christmas shoppers. The bus driver didn't look happy to see us



We love celebrating Jesus' birthday with a live cut tree when back in small-town America.

trying to get the Christmas tree box through his doorway, past him and the ticket machine and then find a seat for it. However, we managed it, and the tree had its own bench seat for the ride home. The other passengers looked perplexed, if not shocked, to see a box with an artificial tree traveling home with them. The tree lasted 20 Christmas seasons, but only had that one bus trip - thank fully!

When we are back in the States around the Christmas season we go to a local tree farm and cut our own. We prefer a large live cut tree, instead of a small potted one from a florist or an artificial one, but the important part is to remember the reason why we celebrate the season to begin with.

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BAKED IN A PIE
Penny For Your Thoughts
 By: Nancy Whitacker

I know I am guilty. I love pie. Pie can finish off a good meal and I have even saw people eat their pie first at dinners.

Have you ever went to a dinner and for dessert there was a big table full of all kinds of pie? If you are anything like me, you might go up and look at the gorgeous pies and get the piece you want first. (yes I have done it)

A local restaurant offers a free pie with an entree every Wednesday night. If you don't get there early you might not get your choice of pie. I got lucky this week and got a piece of peanut butter. It was very good.

Of course, today's pie making is not like it used to be. I remember my grandma rolling out pie crusts and using plain old lard and we did not even worry about our diets.

There are still some people who make their own pie crusts, but I found out it is easier to buy frozen crusts. Do they taste as good? (that is determined by dedicated pie eaters)

In researching different kinds of pie I might want to make, I found some very strange ones.

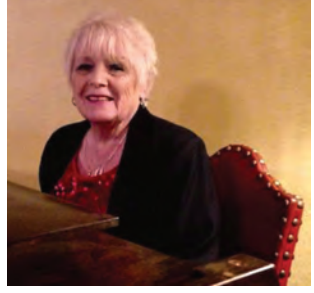
Included were: camel pie, vinegar pie, beef and beer pie,

green tomato pie, green grape pie, sweet chicken pie and ostrich pie.

Then do you recall the nursery rhyme "4 and 20 blackbirds baked in a pie?"

Of course we know we have chicken pot pie, but I can't seem to call it a pie. If it isn't sweet, fruity or creamy, it is just not pie.

One time when I was a new wife, I made a mulberry pie. I was so proud of it, but I did not know you had to take the stems off the berries. I was



so humiliated I cried. No more mulberry or elder berry pie making for me.

Wouldn't it be fun to be a pie tasting judge? If there is ever a pie contest I hope I get to be a judge.

Now for some reason some people call pizza a pizza pie. I know my grandparents when they first tasted pizza, they were disappointed that it wasn't a pie.

Did you know that the Amish serve raisin pie at funerals? This is not a favorite pie of mine.

Lots of us have good old recipes for pie. What is your favorite kind of pie and how do you make it?

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

PCRH RECEIVES PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR QUALITY & OUTCOMES FROM CHARTIS CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH

As part of the National Rural Health Day celebration, Paulding County Hospital today announced it has



been recognized with a 2022 Performance Leadership Award for excellence in both Quality and Outcomes. Compiled by The Chartis

Center for Rural Health, the Performance Leadership Awards honor top quartile performance (e.g., 75th percentile or above) among rural hospitals in Quality, Outcomes and Patient Perspective.

The Performance Leadership Awards are based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™, the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. INDEX data is trusted and relied upon by rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations and state offices of ru-

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PPEC MEMBERS DONATE \$11,692 TO 7 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



Antwerp Local Schools' Positive Behavior Program to purchase bookworm vending machine with \$2,000 PPEC donation.



PEVS Lifewise Academy to purchase Recap Cards with \$2,098 PPEC donation.

Members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative recently donated \$11,692 to 7 local charities and community projects through the cooperative's Operation Round Up program.

About 80% of PPEC members round up their electric bill and donate those pennies to this fund, making a huge impact in the co-op's north-west Ohio and northeast Indiana communities.

Participating members round up their monthly electric bill to the next dollar, with the extra pennies being used to help fund charities and groups in their communities. Each quarter, the funds are dispensed to local causes that applied for funding.

The most recent donation recipients include:

- Antwerp Local Schools - Positive Behavior Program; \$2,000 to purchase a bookworm vending machine
- Caring & Sharing Food Pantry; \$1,294 to purchase a vacuum sealer and shopping cart.
- John Paulding Historical Society; \$800 to purchase a digital projector for new programming.

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year-old husband, Bruce B. Williams, deceased in a barn on their property. Preliminary observation of the scene indicated the Williams' deaths were caused by another person.

As the scene was being processed, a call was received from the Ashtabula County, Ohio Sheriff's Office indicating they had interaction with Clay Dockery, 23 years of age. Dockery is from Paulding County. Dockery was in possession of a vehicle owned by Williams. Dockery admitted to Ashtabula authorities he had killed both Williams' and stole their vehicle.

Dockery was taken into

- Kiwanis Club of Paulding County; \$2,000 to help fund a new playground at Lela McGuire Jeffery Park.

- LifeWise Academy - Paulding Exempted School; \$2,098 to purchase Recap Cards for students.

- MAV Youth Mentoring; \$1,500 to support the Buddies program and supper club.

- Paulding County Economic Development; \$2,000 to purchase T-shirts for education/career opportunities

Photos of each recipient can be found on PPEC's Facebook page.

Operation Round Up was started in 2010 as a way to give back to PPEC's communities. Groups in both Ohio and Indiana can apply.

Organizations can apply for Operation Round Up assistance by contacting Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op's Marketing and Communications Manager Samantha Kuhn at skuhn@ppec.coop or visiting www.ppec.coop/operation-round. If you want to participate by rounding up your monthly bill, call PPEC's office at 800-686-2357. The average member's donation is about \$6 per year.

custody in Ashtabula County and charged with two counts of Murder, unclassified felonies, and one count of Theft, a fourth-degree felony.

Assisting Paulding County with this investigation is the Paulding County Coroner's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Ashtabula County, Ohio Sheriff's Office.

Dockery will await court proceedings in Ashtabula County, eventually be extradited back to Paulding County. At that time, an arraignment date will be set in Paulding Municipal Court on the above-mentioned charges.

There is no other information expected to be released at this time.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry
 The Folded Flag

This is a different twist on a story, but hang on for the ending.



This story is about a Civil War Veteran named Nelson Hand. Nelson was born in 1829. Records are hard to find after the whereabouts of his birth place.

By 1850, Nelson was living in Richland, Allen County, Ohio as a carpenter. Nelson, plus his four brothers and two sisters, were living with a lady named Margaret Claybough. Not sure who she was, but provided them with a home.

On May 19, 1852, in Allen County, Ohio, Nelson married a gal named Mariah Russell. By 1860, Nelson, Mariah and four children, were living in a town called, Orange in Hancock County. Nelson was engaged in farming. Sometime after that, Nelson and family moved to Paulding County.

As the Civil War broke out, the call for more troops were needed from Ohio. Paulding County organized a Company of men, forming Company H. 132nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On May 12, 1864, this Company was ordered to Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio. On May 14, 1864, this Company was mustered into service to serve 100 days. They were shipped by rail, to Washington D.C. to serve as guard and picket duty. Nelson was selected to serve as Corporal.

On August 27, 1864, the Company boarded trains and was sent back to Columbus,

Ohio, where the Company was mustered out of service, September 10, 1864. By 1870, Nelson and family were still living in Paulding. Nelson, Mariah and now eight children, were living on a farm.

On June 8, 1873, Nelson was in Lima, Ohio, unclear of the circumstances, he passed away. His body was brought back home to Paulding. His body was laid to rest in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Jackson Township. He did receive his upright Military tombstone. He is buried in Section B., Lot 18, Grave 1. On August 17, 1892, his son George, filed for Nelson's Civil War Pension.

Now for the rest of the story. I always replace flags in Jackson Township cemeteries, all four of them, on Memorial Day. And I go back on Veterans Day to see if any need replaced. This year on Veterans Day, while in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, I noticed from a distance, that Nelson Hand's flag was gone.

So I walked over to place a fresh flag at his grave site. That is when I noticed someone had picked up the old flag and folded it up, military style, and tucked it within the flag marker. In amazement, I took the flag and put it in my pocket and placed a new flag in its place. I believe I will keep this folded flag as a reminder of the sacrifices that our Veterans went through. But I have to wonder, who did this gesture for Nelson Hand?

As when it comes down for my estate sale, years away, I hope, who will find this flag, and what will become of it after that? Oh well, now you all know the rest of the story!

...Until Next Time!

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of the classic architecture of the Courthouse, but continued on by saying this was a vast improvement to the "dungeon" in which the Commissioners and their staff were located in in the basement of the courthouse.

This new facility is highly accessible to the public since both the title office and the Commissioners can now be visited without the steep steps of the previous location.

Maintenance Director, Tim Yenser, who had been working with local companies to make the building more

user friendly and accessible to the county residents. It takes over 6 months, but the site has improved every time we have set foot. Tim and his crew are continually working to bring the suggestions to light!

Many County Residents stoped in during the 2 hour time slot and conversed about the upgrades that everyone was noticing! One such was Jane Nice saying she couldn't believe how nice it was compared to how the building was previously!

Any future changes that may take place will certainly be reported in the West Bend News!

'SACRAMENTAL ARTWORKS IN AMERICAN CHURCHES'

By: Marek C'zarnecki,

A common pronouncement... is that a church is not a building, it is its people. When a parish closed, that community of people disperses into other parishes. Without our physical sites and signs, however, we forget who we are, and we lose the material objects that link us to a very deep, historical communal identity. In American culture, we lose our personal and transpersonal depth when the sites that ground us in our history and spiritual ancestors disappear.

Instinctively, with the demolition of churches, its members sense that the institution and its dogma are less than permanent, and in the hands of mercurial forces. How could a building...stand only a hundred years? The intent of its architects and its donors was that it last forever, not a mere lifetime.

Voices: Journal of New York Folklore 29 (Fall/Winter 2003)

FIRST UMC YOUTH GROUP LAUNCHES SHOE DRIVE TO RAISE MONEY FOR SUMMER MISSION TRIP

First United Methodist Church Youth Group is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser now until January 7th to raise funds for their mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The youth group will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of

gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. Those dollars will help cover the cost of the mission trip. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at First United Methodist Church at 113 W. Central Avenue, Van Wert.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow

small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Teresa Shaffer, Youth Director. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us. By doing so, we raise money for our mission trips, and we have the chance to help families in developing



nations who need economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone."

By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to the Youth Group at First United Methodist Church, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives around the world.

About First United Methodist Church Youth Group

Youth in grades 6th - 12th grade can join the youth group. They meet on Sunday's from 12-1:30pm until May. They share a meal, have special events, local mission projects and lessons regularly and anyone is welcome to join.

WOODBURN UMC PRESENTS CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary, the Woodburn United Methodist Thespians will be presenting a Reader's Theatre production, produced and directed by Dawn Patterson, and presented by special arrangement with Christian Publishers.

This performance will include monologues from two different authors: So Little They Knew by Marion Fairman and Voices of Christmas by John W. Carter.

The members of the cast include the following (in order of appearance):

Innkeeper's Wife---Dawn Patterson
Shepherd's Wife---Brandy Patterson

Joseph---Richard Hall
A Magi---Peter Greer

*We will also be asking the congregation to aid in singing Christmas hymns.

The crew includes:
Music---Dawn James
Sound /Lights---Jerry Womack

Programs---Dawn Patterson

Following the Reader's Theatre performance, the children of the church will enact the Nativity scene, followed by a very special dance and sign language presentation by our angels to O Holy Night and Silent Night. This part of the program is under the direction of Amanda Evenson. We will conclude the program with the lighting of candles by the congregation.

Pastor Tom Utnage and the members of the Woodburn United Methodist Church would like to invite the public to join us in our celebration of the birth of our Savior by attending our worship in music, theatre, and dance. There will be refreshments to follow the performance in the Fellowship Hall, provided by the ladies of the church. Woodburn United Methodist is located at Highway 101 and Becker Road (4300 Becker Rd.) behind the Woodburn Xpress Gas Station in the middle of Woodburn.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
The doctor said there is a good chance our expected baby may be handicapped. He wants to have some tests taken so we can make a decision about an abortion before the pregnancy gets too far along. What are your thoughts?

Unless the tests can help save the life of the baby or improve its chances for a safer arrival, don't even take the tests. Even entertaining thoughts of abortion is wrong. Since when

does someone have to be perfect to maintain the right to live? Some of the people who have had the greatest influence upon my life are people with severe birth defects. The abortionists would have had them all murdered.

I have also known of cases where doctors and tests have been wrong, and perfectly normal babies have been slaughtered before birth. Or, some chose not to follow the doctor's advice to abort and delivered a perfectly healthy baby.

Abortion is a devastating sin. Our life and personhood begins at the moment of conception. Study Psalm 51:5; Job 3:3; Matthew 1:23; and Luke 1:36-44. In Deuteronomy 27:25 God places a curse on those who take a reward for slaying an innocent person. The blood of the innocent is crying out against our so-called civilized nation, which is now guilty of slaughtering around one million billion babies each year. God is presently judging America for the sin of abortion as well as other atrocities.

To be continued!
Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

COVID UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY

This week Paulding County had 32 New Cases. 3 New Hospitalizations and 0 Deaths.

Paulding County's ranking is 64th in the state of Ohio. In Paulding County the transmission level is currently High and community level remains Low.

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

Call (419) 399-3921 to schedule your vaccination appointment. Get tested if you have symptoms.

PCHD has FREE COVID-19 Test Kits available at this time.

VANTAGE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Vantage Career Center is currently opening the nominations for the Class of 2023 Vantage Alumni Hall of Fame. This is a great time to highlight a Vantage Alumni from your community that brings achievement and honor to their career field, communities and Vantage. We ask that you take this time to share a Vantage Alumni that sticks out to you today by simply going to the form in this link and filling out the necessary information. <https://forms.gle/oMRfeSnLWhAoYubH6>

Last year, Candy Lammers (1994) and Bryon Wells (1999), both graduates of Van Wert City Schools, were nominated and inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame. Here is more information regarding the Hall of Fame and we welcome you to share your nominations to possibly be inducted into our Alumni Hall of Fame, Class of 2023!

The purpose of the Alumni Hall of Fame is to recognize graduates who have, through their performance and achievement, brought credit and honor to themselves and to Vantage Career Center after their graduation. Their exemplary public, personal, and career achievements will serve to inspire and provide leadership to future graduates to achieve and serve in the same distinguished manner.

NWEC DONATES \$1,050 TO DEFIANCE COUNTY AG SOCIETY FOLLOWING HOT AIR BALLOON APPEARANCE



NWEC's Director of Human Resources Tracey Carter presents Defiance County Agricultural Society President Jerry Sanders with the \$1,050 donation.

Did you see hot air balloons fill the sky this summer at the United Way's Defiance County Hot Air Balloon Festival? Those who saw North Western Electric Cooperative's (NWEC) Touchstone Energy® balloon know the community-focused co-op is a sponsor of the festival and long-time donor of local initiatives that improve quality of life.

NWEC recently presented a \$1,050 donation to the Defiance County Agricultural Society, a sign of the co-op's commitment to community.

The Touchstone Energy balloon provides a highly visible means of demonstrating good corporate citi-

zenship at local civic and philanthropic events. Every day that the balloon participates in an event on behalf of the local sponsoring Touchstone Energy cooperative, a monetary contribution is made to a local charity of their choice.

Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are a national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric utilities across the country committed to providing high standards of service to customers large and small. More than 750 Touchstone Energy Cooperatives in 46 states are delivering energy and energy solutions to about 32 million consumer-members every day.

Criteria for Selection and Eligibility: Honorees must be a graduate of Vantage Career Center. A period of ten (10) years must have elapsed between graduation and eligibility for induction into the Hall of Fame. Honorees should represent a broad range of talents, achievements, and/or community service. Nominees will be considered based on professional careers and community involvement. A person may be nominated more than once, and a person may be nominated and inducted posthumously. A can-

didate is nominated by an individual choosing to complete this form. The Hall of Fame Committee will conduct a preliminary screening of candidates. Qualifying candidates will then be requested to complete a questionnaire. All nominations should be returned by January 6, 2023 at 11:59p.m. to: Stacie Peters, Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin St., Van Wert OH 45891. Please be advised that all nominees are eligible for 4 years of consideration.

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Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

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

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- 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

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This fall, my extended family held a reunion at the Antwerp Park. Several attendees walked over to check out the All Veterans Memorial; I went along with them to explain a little of its history. Many were surprised that funds to complete the project had been raised so quickly and that a small town had such a beautiful and fitting tribute to area veterans. They all were amazed at the planning and

research that went into the project and at the number of names engraved on the tablets. EVERYONE was reverent and respectful.

While there, we noticed a sign and small flags directly adjacent to the Memorial. Upon reading the sign, we were all in disbelief that the future site of Holly's Beach, a splash pad, is to be constructed so close to the spot that holds immeasurable meaning to the veterans and their families who sacrificed for you and me. This memorial in our town is as meaningful to them as are the grand memorials in Washington, D.C. If you have been fortunate enough to see even just one of them, or perhaps the replica of the Vietnam Wall near Fort Wayne, can you possibly picture a splash pad just a few steps away?

So, why have I chosen now to write a letter? My husband, Vern, a veteran of the Korean Era, and I received a special invitation to the Veterans Day program at Hicksville School. The entire program was exceptional, but one sentence from Superintendent Keith Countryman's welcome remarks struck a chord with me. He said that here at school, not only do we honor veterans on Veterans Day, we try our best to honor them every day. In my humble opinion, that is precisely how it should be with each one of us.

Please understand that I am not opposed to any wholesome activity for the youth of our town, but I am opposed to and saddened by the proposed location of the splash pad. A few years ago,

the late Karen Sanders and her committee diligently led the effort to change an idea into a reality. Thanks to them, we now have an outstanding memorial, a solemn place where residents, as well as visitors from near and far, come to reflect and better understand the price of freedom. Karen, a speaker at the dedication August 29, 2010 stated, "This memorial honors all veterans and is to be considered sacred ground." How can that possibly be with loud voices, squeals, and laughter so close? How can that possibly be with children running around here and there, some, undoubtedly, unsupervised? How can that possibly be with the granite tablets, in all probability, becoming handy drying racks for wet beach towels? And, at this juncture, I have not even attempted to address the likely damage from chemicals in the water to the flags, the soldier, and the remainder of the monument.

Out of respect for Karen, her committee, the speakers at the dedication ceremony, and all of the patriots whose names are already etched in the tablets, the names that are added each year, and their families, it would seem that the placement of the splash pad should be reconsidered, perhaps near the far east end of the park or at an entirely different site in town.

I challenge you to ponder this. Should we honor our veterans every day, only on Veterans Day, or not at all?

Carolyn Laukhuf
Antwerp, OH

CAROL OF THE BELLS

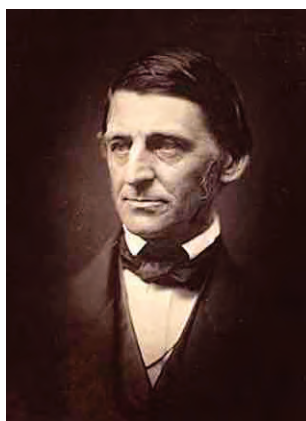
The winter of 1863 was quite bleak for the people of Cambridge. Especially for Henry, one of the greatest writers our country has ever known. Henry was so despondent he had quit writing, and it seemed his world was crashing down.

His country was in its darkest hour, having been divided by a great civil war. The war had been going for 3 years now with no sign of stopping. His beautiful family had been destroyed, and all he had left was one son, and he was struggling to recover from wounds he had suffered in battle. His wife had died in a fire a year earlier, and he had been so severely burned about the face, that for the rest of his life he would wear a beard and facial hair.

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He had begged his son not to go to war, but his son felt it was his duty. His son was injured and Henry went to Washington DC to bring him home, and worked patiently for months to restore him back to health. His son went back to the war and on December 1st had been wounded, and Henry had to go to Washington to pick him up, and begin nursing him back to health. As Christmas approached his son was still quite ill, and Henry was praying for his recovery.

Fanny had been the love of his life, and now she was gone. Killed in a fire a year prior, when she was melting wax to seal letters. Her dress caught fire. Henry was there but could not put the fire out soon enough. He had courted her 2 years before he could convince her to marry him, after all he was just a writer. Now he had quit writing, he was so dejected he had quit writing completely.

As Christmas day arrived he was sitting by the window in a melancholy mood. As he watched he saw children playing in the snow in his backyard. They were a picture of raptured joy, but Henry's depressed mood remained. Suddenly he heard a bell begin to peel and a half dozen church bells chimed in, and his countenance suddenly began to change.

"I Heard the bells on Christmas day

Their old familiar carols play

And mild and sweet their songs repeat

Of peace on earth, goodwill to men"

And as he thought this horrible war would never end, it had been going on for what seemed forever. But wait; God is in control. This war will end and our coun-

try will be united once more again.

"And in despair I bowed my head

"There is no peace on Earth," I said

For hate is strong and mocks the song

of peace on earth goodwill to men"

Wait, do you hear those bells! Do you hear the bells peeling out, peace on Earth Goodwill to men? We know that someday peace will rule this earth.

Just recently I learned that things did it turn out well for Henry Wadsworth

Longfellow. Eventually he remarried and had four more children. He also began writing again. He has been acclaimed as one of the greatest early American poets, with his poems, "Evangeline," "The Ride of Paul Revere," and "A Psalm of Life."

We must remember that evil and war make a big noise and present a large presence. But good is just waiting around the corner, and it will prevail. There will be peace on Earth and Goodwill to men.

—Jim Neuhaus

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ral health across the country to measure and monitor performance across several areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

"Although the last two years have placed unprecedented pressure on the rural health safety net, the dedication to serving the community that we're so accustomed to seeing from rural hospitals across the country hasn't wavered," said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "Let us celebrate the power of rural on National Rural Health Day and honor the facilities working tirelessly to provide access to high quality healthcare services to their communities."

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows

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

Cecil: 127 Maramart

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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

Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center

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

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

Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library

Payne: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library

Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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WARRIORS COME UP SHORT TO PATRIOTS



Woodburn Friday night in ACAC boys basketball action with the visiting Patriots recording a 56-51 victory over the Warriors.

Braden Smith scored 29 points to lead the Warriors in the contest while Trey Yoder and Alex Miller both scored nine markers. Drew Fleek picked up the remaining four points for Woodlan.

Smith also topped Woodlan with six rebounds while Yoder hauled in five. Lincoln Sparks and Drew Lichty both totaled three boards as well for the Warriors.

Dejay Gerig, Miller and Sparks all had two assists for Woodlan while Smith and Yoder each recorded one assist and one steal. Lichty also had one steal for the Warriors.

PANTHERS PLACE 2ND AT GIBSONBURG INVITATIONAL

wrestling participated in Gibsonburg invitational on Saturday December 3rd and placed 2nd. Participating in the invi-

Paulding Panthers Varsity

tational along with Paulding were Hopewell, Gibsonburg, Fostoria, Bellevue, Oak Harbor.

Adan Zacarios was named lightweight MVP going 4-1 on the day.

Others that competed for the Panthers and their records for the day:

- Toby Moreno Basarad 3-2
- Adan Zaccarias 4-1
- Jesse Shaffer 3-2
- Sheridan Matty 4-1
- Josh Lemieux 3-2
- Eli Jones 0-1
- Allan Griffiths 1-1
- Dawson Lamb 5-0
- Caiden Brier 5-0
- Matthew Bail 1-4
- Kobe Foor 3-2

HOT SHOOTING RAIDERS PICK UP DOUBLE-DIGIT WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Last Friday Wayne Trace stepped out of conference play to go up against Bryan. Played before the Raiders home crowd the red, white and blue took an early first quarter lead to eventually post a double-digit win 49-38.

The Raiders opened with a 17-8 advantage after one quarter of play and then settled for a 31-23 advantage at the break. In the third frame Wayne Trace continued to have the upper hand out-scoring the Bears buy three 14-11. Entering the final eight minutes of play both teams' offense shut down to some degree as both teams scored just four points each.

Wayne Trace shot the ball very well in the contest, hitting 15 of 24 attempts inside the arc for 63-percent and five of 10 behind the arc for 50-percent. Bryan connected on 8-23 from the two-point area while firing on 4-10 behind the three-point line. The Golden Bears put up 16 free throws hitting 10 while the Raiders were 4-5. In the turnover department Bryan coughed it up 15 times to the Raiders 13 miscues. The visitors took the rebounding edge by four over the Raiders 22-18.

Offensively for the Raiders Kyle Stoller picked up a double-double in leading the red, white and blue with 22 points and 10 rebounds. The junior connected on 8-12 of his two-pointers and 1-1 behind the arc along with 3-4 at the charity stripe. Another junior, Brooks Laukhuf, added 16 points including 4-5 trifectas. Rounding out the scoring with five points was Cale Winans along with four points from Tyler Davis and two markers from Tanner Laukhuf.

Bryan placed Sam Herold in double figures with 14 followed by nine points from Evan Cox, seven points from Joe Watson and four points each from Jace Kepler and Ayden Pelz.

With the win the Raiders

stand at 2-0 while the Golden Bears fall to 1-2.

BLACKBIRDS OUTLAST PANTHERS

Pettisville and host Paulding hooked up in a boys basketball overtime battle Saturday night at the 'Jungle' with the visiting Blackbirds outlasting the maroon and white for a 59-56 victory.

Paulding held a slim 14-13 lead at the end of eight minutes of action with the Panthers extending the margin to 29-26 at the intermission.

The maroon and white expanded the lead in the third quarter, outscoring Pettisville 16-11 in the period to post a 45-37 advantage entering the fourth period.

Pettisville, though, dominated the fourth quarter as the Blackbirds bucketed 11 markers while limiting the Panthers to three in tying the game at 48-48 at the end of regulation.

In the extra period, the Fulton County squad picked up nine markers while Paulding scored six to give Pettisville the 59-56 victory.

Cayden Jacoby scored 30 points to lead Pettisville and Jack Leppelmeier chipped in 11 markers for the Blackbirds. Joey Ripke and Kaleb Wyse aided the Fulton County squad with seven points apiece and Jaret Beck posted the final four markers.

Paulding was paced by Casey Agler with 20 points and Nick Manz also reached double figures with ten markers.

Ethan Foltz and Kane Jones both scored nine points for the Panthers followed by Peyton Adams (five) and Isaac Reeb (three).

Paulding did pick up a win in the junior varsity contest as the Panthers defeated the Blackbirds 35-26.

WARRIORS POST ACAC WIN OVER FLYING JETS

Taylor Kneubuhler scored 22 points and Avah Smith added 15 to lead the Woodlan Lady Warriors to a 60-46 victory over Adams Central in girls ACAC basketball action last week.

The Lady Warriors led at every stop in the contest, taking a 16-13 advantage after one quarter before pushing the margin to 27-23 at the intermission. Adams Central picked up 14 third quarter points and Woodlan added 13 as the Flying Jets trimmed the margin to 40-37 at the end of three periods.

Woodlan then put the game away with a 20-point fourth quarter.

Brooke Kneubuhler chipped in nine points for the Lady Warriors with Addie Goheen scoring six while Kaitlyn Crosby and Gabi Klopfenstein had three apiece. Briana Roney had the other two Lady Warriors markers.

also captured his 100th win as an Archer wrestler in high school. This makes him only the 2nd wrestler in school history to reach 100 wins in a career and puts him 2nd overall in total wins program history.

Congratulations to all of the Archer wrestlers for their accomplishments this past weekend and we wish you the best as you start your season. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

SCHLAGBAUM PAGES BIG GREEN OVER ANTWERP



Antwerp Junior Landon Brewer scores two points before half-time in Tuesday boys basketball action. Brewer finished the evening with 16 points added to the Archer side of the scoreboard. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Antwerp Archers opened the 2022-2023 high school boys basketball season Tuesday night but the visiting Otterville Big Green broke open a close game in the second half for a 55-38 victory.

The Big Green held a slim 18-16 lead at the end of one quarter before the Archers outscored Otterville 12-10 in the period to knot the game at 28-28.

In the third quarter, Otterville limited Antwerp to five points while scoring 13 as the Big Green jumped in front 41-33 entering the final stanza.

The Putnam County squad then wrapped up the game by putting up 14 points in the fourth period with the

Archers gaining five to set the final at 55-38.

Kellen Schlagbaum led the way for Otterville with 22 points and Carter Horstman chipped in a dozen markers.

Alex Suever added eight points for the Big Green and Michael Turnwald posted seven points for the Putnam County squad. Keaton Schnipke also had six markers for Otterville.

Antwerp was paced by Landon Brewer with 16 points and Reid Lichty scored ten for the Archers.

Others finding the scoring column for the Archers were Gaige McMichael (six), Camden Fuller (four) and Parker Moore (two).

WARRIORS CRUISE PAST BLAZERS

In a non-league battle outside of Woodburn, the Woodlan Lady Warriors jumped in front early and pulled away from visiting Eastside for a 48-36 win over the Blazers last week.

Taylor Kneubuhler led the way for Woodlan with 16 markers while Briana Roney and Avah Smith both reached

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PANTHERS SUFFER FIRST LOSS



The ball swooshes through the net as Paulding's Luke Zartman adds two points against Bulldogs's Isaac Schlatter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Visiting Defiance limited Paulding to five points in the final stanza as the Bulldogs recorded a 50-37 win over the Panthers in boys non-conference basketball action Friday night at the 'Jungle.'

Defiance scored a dozen points in the opening period while limiting the maroon and white to nine as the Bulldogs recorded a three-point advantage after eight minutes of action.

Defiance then expanded the margin to 20-16 at the intermission before the Bulldogs widened the lead again in the third quarter, outscoring Paulding 17-16 for a 37-32 margin entering the final pe-

riod.

Cayden Zachrich led the way for the Bulldogs with 16 markers while Braydn Shaw posted 15 points.

Other scorers for the Bulldogs were Isaac Schlatter (seven), Tyler Frederick (four), Aidan Kiessling (three), David Jimenez (three) and Xavier Irvin (two).

Luke Zartman topped the Panther effort with 13 markers and Casey Agler scored eight points.

Others finding the scoring column for the maroon and white were Kane Jones (five), Isaac Reeb (four), Peyton Adams (three), Ethan Foltz (two) and Nick Manz (two).

double figures with ten points.

Brooke Kneubuhler also chipped in seven markers for the Lady Warriors followed by Gabi Klopfenstein (three) and Kaitlyn Crosby (two).

Smith capped off another double double with ten rebounds while Taylor Kneubuhler and Brooke Kneubuhler both grabbed five boards. Roney and Brooke Kneubuhler each dished out four assists for Woodlan while Klopfenstein and Taylor Kneubuhler recorded two apiece.

Brooke Kneubuhler also posted two steals for the Lady Warriors.

Woodlan jumped in front 17-13 at the end of one period before the Lady Warriors widened the margin to 26-20 at the midway point of the contest. The hosts then extended the lead to 41-32 at the end of three periods.

LADY RAIDERS FALL TO BLACKHAWK BY 15

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Lady Raiders traveled across the state line into Indiana to battle the Blackhawk Christian Braves on the hardware last Thursday. The Raiders had trouble shooting the ball and as a result came up on the short end of a 48-33 final.

Wayne Trace hit 12-46 for 26 percent while at the charity stripe the red, white, and blue connected on 6-13. With the Raiders struggling from the field the Braves managed to hit 16-35 from the floor for 46 percent. At the foul line the Braves were 10-15.

Blackhawk was led in scoring by Malea Steele who poured in 18 points. Steele connected on 4-5 behind the arc and was perfect at the foul line hitting all six of her tries. Allie Boyer was in double-digits with 12 with a trio of Braves scoring six points each including Kenzie Kinnison, Aubrie Swain and Ema Kline.

The Raiders had six players score with Lexi Moore and Harper Myers leading the charge with eight points each. Moore led the team on the boards grabbing 10 rebounds. Careen Winans added five points with team mates Gracie Shepherd, Caroline Winans and Torre Sinn each with four.

With the win the Braves improve to 4-2 with the Raiders falling to 2-2.

BRYAN JUMPS OUT TO EARLY LEAD TO COAST PAST RAIDERS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Bryan girls' basketball team visited the Palace

last Tuesday and when the final horn sounded the Lady Golden Bears came away with an easy 62-39 win. Bryan improves their early season mark at 3-1 while the Raiders suffered their first set-back and fall to 2-1.

The Lady Bears had their way from the opening tip and secured a 20-13 first quarter advantage. The second period was all Bryan as the Bears doubled the score 38-19 at the break. Wayne Trace managed to outscore their opponent in the third frame 16-13 but it was too little too late. Down 51-35 heading into the final eight minutes of play the Golden Bears widened their lead, outscoring the red, white and blue 11-4 to finish with a 23-point win.

The winners placed two in double figures with Reese Grothaus lead the charge with 21 followed by team mate Ella Rau chipping in 14. Ella Voigt and Marah Smith each contributed seven points each with five points coming from Kailee Thiel and Anna Gray. Rounding out the scoring for Bryan was Blayze Langenderfer with two and Allie Aspaugh with a point.

For the Raiders, Gracie Shepherd led the way with 11-points followed by nine-points from Careen Winans. Lexi Moore contributed seven markers along with a team high 11 rebounds. Also scoring for the red, white, and blue were Caroline Winans with five, Elise Miller three and Ava Zartman and Harper Myers each with two.

Bryan shot 48 percent from the floor; connecting on 13-24 from the two-point area and 10-24 behind the arc. On the other hand, Wayne Trace finished with a 35-percent clip hitting 11-31 of their two-point tries and 3-9 behind the arc. The Raiders struggled with taking care of the basketball with 24 turnovers to just 11 for the Bears. The Raiders did win the battle on the glass with 39 rebounds to 26 for the Lady Bears.

UNHAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

Tips from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service to Keep Your Mail Safe This Season

(NAPSI)—Below are some common mistakes people make during the holiday season. These mistakes lead to a lot of frustration for you and pure delight for the bad guys:

1. Get swindled. Scammers use bogus charities and underhanded tactics to fraudulently take money from you and away from legitimate charities, especially at the holidays. Before you donate, check out the charity and look carefully at the name. Be sure to make your check payable to the organization and not to an individual. And don't let them pressure you to give money on the spot.
2. Advertise your vacation. A visible pile of delivered mail and packages in front of your home is an invitation for the bad guys to help themselves. If you will be out of town or away for an extended period, have your mail held at your local Post Office. Use the HOLD MAIL feature on the USPS.com website or choose the HOLD FOR PICKUP option when shipping.
3. Give away cash. Cash is untraceable. It's easy to steal,

KIARA BAHENA SIGNS WITH UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS



Kiara Bahena, a senior from Wayne Trace High School, recently signed her letter of intent to continue her athletic and academic careers at the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne. Bahena will take part in both

the cross country and track programs for the Cougars while pursuing a major in nursing. Attending the signing held at Wayne Trace were (front L-R) Alicia Bahena (sister), Kiara Bahena and Katrina Bahena

(mother). In the back row are Brendon Moody (USF Head Coach), Kyle Allison (USF Director of Cross Country and Track Programs) and Wayne Trace Cross Country Head Coach Terry Campbell.

4. Start a fire. Sending hazardous items can spark a fire in the mail system or cause someone harm. Check to see if your items are prohibited or restricted before going to your local Post Office location.
5. Neighborhood (un)watch. Large volumes of mail and packages make postal

6. Ignore your doors. If you don't keep an eye on your door and porch, you can be sure the bad guys will. If you have a camera system, make sure it's focused on capturing activity at your front door or mailbox.

7. Keep secrets. When you do not report a mail theft or fraud, the crook gets away with a crime. Report it! Call 1-877-876-2455. You can also report mail crime by visiting [USPIS.gov/Report](https://www.usps.gov/Report).
 8. Mess with the mail. Mess with the mail and you could go to jail.
- For more great tips you can use not just during the holidays, but all year long, visit the website at [usps.gov/holiday-2022](https://www.usps.gov/holiday-2022).

Chocolate Walk

December 15th, 2022
5-8 pm
 at the
Youth Leadership Building
Paulding County Fairgrounds

Please join us for a special Christmas event! Walk through a large collection of chocolates made by local Paulding County residents. Over 50 varieties will be available to choose from including dipped chocolates, fudge, truffles, cookies, hot cocoa bombs, and much more!

All proceeds will go to the benefit of the
Caring & Sharing
FOOD PANTRY

THE LEFT TURN



Photo Credit: Linda Mansfield. USAC Racer Kody Swanson

By: Ron Burt

I've covered the driver, Kody Swanson several times in this column. On December 7th he signed a sweet deal with a solid racing team. On December 7th, Tim Bertrand, owner of Bertrand Motorsports, announced he signed Kody Swanson to drive for his team at four premier midget events in 2023. Swanson will drive a Bertrand Motorsports Beast with a Stanton engine in the Carb Night Classic at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park (IRP) in Brownsburg, Ind., on Friday, May 26; the Boston Louie Seymour Memorial at Seekonk (Mass.) Speedway on Saturday, July 15; the Twin 25 midget races at IRP on Saturday, Aug. 12, and the Howard Companies Championship Saturday at IRP on Oct. 21. All three of the events at IRP are marquee events of the United States Auto Club (USAC) and part of the National Pavement Midget Championship, while the Boston Louie Seymour Memorial is a cornerstone of the Northeastern Midget Association (NEMA) schedule each year. This will mark the second year of Swanson's participation with the Southwick, Mass.-based team, which has won 11 NEMA championships. The team finished first and second in the NEMA championship this year with Avery Stoehr of Lakeville, Mass., and Randy Cabral of Plymouth, Mass., respectively.

I will start breaking down the area racetrack schedules next week. December 8th, USAC will release their 2023 schedules for the Midgets, Sprints and Silver Crown Cars.

Last week some of our area Dirt Late Model and UMP Modified drivers raced at the Dome in St. Louis at the Gateway 2022 Nationals. The former NFL stadium was converted into a 1/5 mile semi banked racetrack for three nights. This is an annual event

that brings in drivers and fans from all over the country.

Sandusky Speedway just gave the new 350 Outlaw Supermodified/Outlaw Sprint Series a big shot in the arm. They will be on the show for the 2023 Hy-Miler weekend. The Outlaw 350's will be on the speedway Thursday, July 27th, to jump start the big Supermodified weekend. The new 350 class will run crate motors. Body styles will be Outlaw Sprints, Offset and Rear Engine Supermodified styles. Once this class starts it will be interesting to see how the car bodies will transition in style.

Until next week, keep you wheels on the track. Ron out! ohioportsblitz@yahoo.com

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Kent D. McVittie, Montrose, MI; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Seth J. Wagner, Oakwood, OH; Handle firearm; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs waived

Haylee Tracy, Paulding, OH; Menacing, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, Complete 20 hours community service, Become gainfully employed, no contact with victims, 30 days jail suspended; Disorderly conduct, Count B dismissed

Kurtis P. Puckett, Cecil, OH; Assault, Guilty, Fines and costs to come from bond, Placed on standard probation, Evaluation at Westwood and continue with treatment, Mental health evaluation, No contact with victim, 20 hours community service, Risk assessment, Probation determine online classes, 180 days jail, 155 days suspended; Trespassing, Count B dismissed;

Timothy J. Cooper, Lima, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Chad L. Long, Oakwood, OH; Improper loaded gun, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Unaccompanied youth, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jaimie L. Larson, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert W. Pachowiak, LaFayette, IN; Seat belt/Drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amanda L. Roberts, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tyler Dilworth, Salem, OH; Unsecured load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kyle L. Harris, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;

Criminal mischief, Guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, Placed on standard probation, Complete 10 hours community service, Maintain general good behavior, 60 days jail, 58 days suspended; Unauthorized use, Guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, Placed on standard probation, Complete 20 hours community service, Risk assessment, No alcohol or drugs, Restitution if requested, 183 days jail, 175 suspended

Matt J. Reighter, Payne, OH; Domestic violence, Case dismissed per state, with prejudice, Costs to defendant; Disorderly conduct, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior

Joette E. Jewell, Van Wert, OH; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed; OVI/breath (low), Guilty; Proof of insurance provided, IID in lieu of 3 days jail, 30 days jail suspended, Operator license suspended from 9/23/22 to 9/23/23

Levi Martz, Grover Hill, OH; No motorcycle license; Prohibited acts; Registration required; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Proof of insurance provided

Leighton B. Mullins Jr, Defiance, OH; Registration violation; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Ned E. Warner, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ernest D. Hall, Lima, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jeffrey S. Fitzgerald, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Charles N. Smith, La Mesa, Ca; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mariah L. Ritchie, Saint Marys, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Issaac L. Fenter, Defiance, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicholas J. Sholl, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Bobby J. Thompson, Antwerp, OH Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Jessica R. Sauder, Van Wert, OH; Drug abuse; Defendant has been indicted by Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas

Timothy J. Cooper, Lima, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Chad L. Long, Oakwood, OH; Improper loaded gun, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Unaccompanied youth, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jaimie L. Larson, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert W. Pachowiak, LaFayette, IN; Seat belt/Drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amanda L. Roberts, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tyler Dilworth, Salem, OH; Unsecured load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kyle L. Harris, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;

Case was waived defendant

Andrew D. Phillips, Osceola, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Beth Banks, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

SOLAR ENERGY

Solar power is a phenomenon that most do not understand, though it is a subject that is becoming more frequently brought up in our communities and in the media. Many see solar as overrated or even as a negative. We have witnessed the debates here at a local level about whether 100+ megawatt of solar is a good thing or a bad thing for a community. We know that Paulding County is a leader in alternative energy production, since we all can witness the hundreds of wind turbines as we drive south in the county. But what of solar? Should we give room for it in our communities? Is it worth the effort? Does it pay off? This article may help shed some light on solar for individual situations. I am not writing to promote solar on a large, industrial scale but to suggest that solar may indeed be a viable and valuable tool for homeowners, farms and companies to carefully consider. So, before we let the conversation get into a heated battle, let's take the simpler approach and try to understand solar energy production on a small scale.

First, let's go over the basics of solar. The terms that are used may not mean much to the non-electrical types but are important to understand. For example, what is a watt? A watt is simply the unit of measuring the "appetite" of power of an appliance or entity. A 75-watt lightbulb has an appetite to consume power and convert it into light and heat and even some sound. The more the watts required, the more power needed to do the task. Your solar array, or the arrangement of your solar panels, will be rated in watts, generally kilowatts (kW). A kilowatt is one thousand watts, and a megawatt is one million watts. Those great big solar farms rate their production in megawatts (mW) and some even in gigawatts (gW), which is a billion watts.

Every solar array needs to be sized for the needed power that will be consumed by the home or business. We can see the power a home consumes annually, monthly and daily on the monthly bill you receive from your power company. You will see a number that may look like this: "20,000-kWh." That symbol kWh means how many hours of watt production the home "consumes," so 20,000 kWh consumption just means that your home's power appetite needs 1,000 watts available for 20,000 hours a year. When quoting the sizing of a solar array for a home, we can assume that there is not 20,000 hours of full production sunlight a year, so we need to size the array larger to accommodate what hours of sunlight we do have available for our area. In Paulding County, we can figure that we have an average of 4.2 hours of sunlight a day. Of course, in the summer we have more and in the winter we have less, but the average is 4.2 hours. So, if we need 20,000 hours, we multiply 365 days a year by 4.2 and (Continued on Page 9)

VILLAGE OF PAYNE JOLLY JAMBOREE



Puckerbrush crew at the Hot Chocolate Station: Left to Right: Oliver Zamarripa, Rylee Johnson, Caitlin Pennington, Kyren Karhoff, Caitlyn Thomas.



Pictured: Residents at The Rock Celebrating it's 25th Anniversary

Over 100 children joined in on The Village of Payne's Annual Jolly Jamboree event this last Saturday, December 3rd.

The Payne Event Committee, composed of the Payne Ministerial Association, the Payne Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Austin Scheiner and several Council members, along with some local residents all collaborated with local businesses to create a Village wide event. "The Village Event Committee appreciates all of the businesses that participated to help make the event a success! We also want to acknowledge Mike Treece of Treece Electric for hanging our street lights. We look forward to this event every year and are so appreciative of everyone that helps put it together and to the residents that come out to celebrate with us." stated councilwoman Lyons.

Carol's Mainstreet Makeovers handed out homemade caramel corn, Puckerbrush Pizza had a hot



The Village of Payne's Christmas Tree was set up by Gavin Taylor, Councilman Allan Wobler and Brant Heck and decorated by Bill Lyons, Hunter Lyons and Evelyn Lyons.

chocolate station, goodie bags were provided at the Marathon Gas Station which also had the Salvation Army bell ringers. Make and take crafts were provided by Payne Library distributed at

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PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds
2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW
3rd Weekend- Payne ,
 (Paved lot east of Homier's)
4th Weekend- Antwerp ,
 (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month
 Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)
 Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)
 Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)
 Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

For Questions Call : 419-399-3630
or Visit : www.pauldingcountywmea.com

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Pictured are: Back Row: Grace Ringler, Scarlett Neff, Kohen Fore, Ashtyn Madden, Liberty Matthews, Callen Stoller, Nash Sinn, Jayce Beurle, Nuria Valdez, Megan Parker, Mailey Stoller, Evelyn Lyons. Front Row: Mary Gerardot, Gracelynn Coutts, Bennett Gerardot, Dodger Boyd, Hank Mullins, Clara Sinn, Gabby LaBoe, Madilyn Sinn. Absent: Connor Rupp

Wayne Trace Payne Elementary School is pleased to announce their November students of the month.

Eight of these students also received movie passes from the Van Wert Cinemas. Thank you students for

your ability to achieve the character trait of the month of "Contentment".

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH: GRATITUDE



Antwerp Elementary's Character Trait of the Month for November was gratitude. These students were "caught" exhibiting this trait: Back Row: Matty Zielke, AJ Honigford, and Emma White. Middle Row: Keegan Moreno, Roberta Poppe, Jocelyn Laker, Adelynn Slattman, Lily Mowery, Jayden Fish, and Brock Barker. Front Row: Riley Budd, Elise Graham, Riley Henschel, Lyric Smith, Cole Schneider, and Chloe Stapleton



Pictured: Carol Wannemacher of Carol's Main Street Makeovers handing out caramel popcorn.

the event, cupcakes were given at The Rock to Celebrate it's 25th Anniversary, and Good Times Saloon had a letter station for kids to

write letters to Santa. The showstopper was Santa who was escorted around town in our firetruck by our volunteer firefighter Joe Schmidt.

Pastor Dave Dignal of Edgerton Wesleyan Church stated, "The Jolly Jamboree was a wonderful time for the community to come together! Families were able to enjoy the warmth of joy as they celebrated the true Christmas spirit." Pastor Dignal also gave the blessing over the tree lighting ceremony before Santa lit the tree. The Paulding County Cloverbells sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" while everyone took the moment in. The Village of Payne is looking forward to next year's event as The Antwerp Exchange Bank has

planted a live tree that will soon become the tree to light every year as this event becomes the new tradition for the Village.

ANTWERP POLICE DEPARTMENT



On November 22, there was a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Main and River. An officer responded and investigated. Both vehicles were towed and a report was prepared.

On November 25, an officer was called to a residence on N. Main St in reference to a domestic dispute. The officer investigated and found it was just verbal and nothing physical had happened.

On November 26, the owner of Garcha Market contacted the police department in reference to an individual they no longer wanted at their store. The individual was notified.

On November 27, an officer was called to Dollar General in reference to individual shoplifting. An investigation was conducted and the individual was charged with theft.

On November 28, an officer performed a golf cart inspection for a resident.

On December 2, while patrolling, an officer saw individual on Daggett St and Cleveland with a warrant. The officer stopped the individual and arrested him on the felony

warrant.

On December 4, an officer assisted Antwerp EMS on S. Erie St.

On December 4, a resident of Maple St. reported that her male friend was at the house and when she asked him a question he blew up at her. She requested a welfare check on him and asked that the officer let him know she didn't want him back at her house.

On December 5, a resident of Park Avenue Villas reported he was receiving information in reference to a scam and he was concerned of the scam because he didn't want to lose his disability.

On December 5, around 5:00 a.m. a resident called in reference to a fellow resident of Park Avenue Villas. The caller said the resident was intoxicated and they felt the individual was suicidal. An officer contacted the individual and determined he was not suicidal.

On December 5, an officer assisted Antwerp EMS at Park Avenue Villas.

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!

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get 1,533 hours of sunlight available to produce electricity. Now, we divide 20,000 kWh by 1,533 and get the size of the array we need to cover 100% of your electricity. Through that equation, we get a figure of 13.05 kW. We also need to account for inefficiencies such as dirt on solar panels, electric loss through the lines and at each connection, so we add 15%-20% to that amount and we can see that you need about a 15kW array. I hope I didn't lose you there, but it is important to know how we get to the size you need.

Now, let me explain some of the components. You probably already know the basics about solar panels; they are the panels that take sunlight and convert it to electricity. It is a wonderful process in which sunlight is presented to a 2-part semiconductor and electrons are transferred, thus producing electricity. It is an interesting process, but the conversation on how that works can get pretty complicated, so we will let that be our simple explanation for now.

Once the electricity is produced, it flows as a Direct Current, or DC. DC current is the type of current you find in batteries. Your home runs on Alternating Current, so we must convert it from DC to AC. We do this task with an inverter. The inverter is not a power source, it only converts power from steady DC to alternating AC for use in the AC powered appliances in your home. Once you have your solar panels and they are connected to the inverter, you have AC power available. The only thing lacking is a way to connect it to your home. This is done with a simple connection between your meter and your home. It is connected after the meter so that when you produce electricity from the array, your home is able to consume it. Each electric company has their own preference on these less common meters that can go two ways.

The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

A 2-way, or bi-directional meter, simply measures the electricity you buy from the grid, and it also measures the electricity you send to the grid when you over produce. During your application process, the electric company will obtain the 2-way meter and install it on the day you complete the array. When you do not produce from the array, like cloudy days or at night, you pull your electricity from the grid. (Though, a surprising amount of energy can still be gathered despite

cloud cover.) When you over-produce electricity from the array, the extra electricity goes to the grid, and you are credited for that electricity. So, when you need electricity, you use your credited electricity first and then if/when that runs out, you purchase electricity as you usually would from the grid. This is called net metering. There are some rules that every electric company has about that process, so your solar installer

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NOTICE

ATTENTION: Lienholders and/or owners of the properties located at 405 N. First St on parcel 10-03S-001-00 in the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio. This is to inform you that the above mentioned properties appear to be in violation with Ordinance 22-03, an Ordinance that provides for the demolition of insecure and unsafe buildings located within the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio. You are hereby directed to affect the repairs necessary to place the properties in a reasonably safe condition, within Thirty (30) days. No repairs shall be made unless requirements of applicable government building/zoning codes are complied within making repairs.

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE
USDA, Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD E. ROHDY, JR., ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 18 024

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

**13753 Nancy Street, Paulding
Parcel Number: 23-51B-120-00**

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty-nine Thousand and No/100 (\$69,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the December 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://paulding.sheriffssaleauction.ohio.gov>

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on January 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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Stephen D. Miles, Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,
PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER

Plaintiff,

vs.

LEO P. SWALLOW, EL.AL.

DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-22-171

Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Leo P. Swallow and Unknown Spouse of Leo P. Swallow

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: P.O. Box 60, Piqua, Ohio 45356

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

The real property in question is situated as follows:

Situated in the Village of Grover Hill, County of Paulding, State of Ohio, and described as follows:

Lot Number Three (3) and Lot Number Six (6) of Jenkins Additions in the Village of Grover Hill, Paulding County, Ohio.

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Auditor's Parcel #26-02S-014-00 / #26-02S-015-00

Property Address: Cleveland Street, Grover Hill Ohio, 45849

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

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

By: *Kamryn Burdick*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
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STUDENT OF THE MONTH & POSITIVE PANTHERS



Pictured are of the Positive Panthers for the month of November. James Gonazales, Quinton Laker, Esperanza Kline



Pictured are Student of the Months for November. Audrey Trejo-Marlin, Jason Manz, Kayleigh Dunham

GUEST EDITORIAL: IT'S BEEN AN HONOR



It's hard to believe that six years have gone by so quickly as I finish these last few weeks as State Representative. It's been an honor to represent so many wonderful Ohioans at the Statehouse over my three terms. My wife Danette and I have met so many great people along the way who have been so kind and welcoming.

We have always felt so humbled having this God-given opportunity. We are incredibly blessed to live in NW Ohio and it's been a privilege to serve the people living in Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert and Auglaize Counties during my tenure.

Some of my fondest memories were when Danette and I knocked on doors, meeting people for the first time. We'll never forget the kindness that nearly everyone displayed. Many times people would quite literally pull us into their homes and offer us coffee or something to eat. Many times, people would want to either pray with us or for us. The parades, festivals and fairs in each county were always a fun way to personally connect with more people throughout the district.

As a lawmaker I've always believed in three core princi-

ples: limited government, fiscal responsibility, and free market concepts. My proudest day as a legislator was the day we passed the "Heartbeat Bill," SB 23 in the

Spring of 2019. That was a victorious day for the unborn across the State of Ohio and a day I will never forget for the rest of my life. Additionally, passing legislation honoring the legacy of Neil Armstrong was a highlight of my career along with helping pass SB 9 to reduce burdensome rules and regulations on businesses and our way of life. Another law I had a significant part in helping to pass was SB 52, giving local control to the people when it comes to wind and solar development. I'm also proud to say that in all three of my General Assemblies we were able to reduce Ohioans' personal income taxes by 12%.

We're not sure what the future holds for us but we're confident that God has a plan and will provide and show us the way forward. We hope and pray to have more opportunities in the future to be public servants. It's something that I feel both blessed to do and enjoy doing. Proverbs 16-9 says that "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." Danette and I have faith in that and know it is true. We will always believe in America and we know that our Country's greatest days still lay out ahead. Thank you and God bless you all and God bless America. It's been an honor!

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or your electric company will need to explain that in detail.

In summary, the basic system is solar panels, mounted on racking (there are multiple options, including both ground and roof-mounted), connected to an inverter, which is connected to the your electrical wiring in your home. It is not much more complicated than that.

Now, the big question everyone wants to know is the cost. Usually, there is sticker shock when people see a quote. But, there are many factors to consider. First is the tax credit. Currently, the tax credit is 30% of the total bill for installation you will get to deduct from your federal taxes. (Be sure to consult your tax adviser to ensure that you are applying the credit correctly.) Most homes need at least a 10-kW system, so we can use that as an easy example. For estimating, we use

RAIDERS ENJOY TRIP TO VAN WERT'S OLYMPIC LANES



WT Junior High Students at Van Wert Olympic Lanes.



WT High School Students at Van Wert Olympic Lanes.

Wayne Trace students in grades 7-10 who exhibited the Raider qualities of Respect, Responsibility, and Readiness during the first four months of this school year enjoyed a trip to Van Wert's Olympic Lanes at the beginning of this month.

In order to qualify for this trip, students needed to have strong attendance, good

grades, and no discipline referrals. This trip was sponsored in part by donations received as part of the school's PBIS program which helps to address students' social, emotional, and behavioral needs by supporting and recognizing positive student actions.

The Wayne Trace community would like to acknowledge Integrity Ford, Olympic

Lanes, R&L Truss, Inc., Fiesta Habaneros in Paulding, the Samaritan Foundation, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc., Van Wert Federal Savings Bank, First Financial Bank, Paragon Tempered Glass, Cooper Farms, Grover Hill VFW, and Dan Foss for their support of this and many other Wayne Trace programs.

KROASKOP SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Kevin Kroaskop (DHI Media) as the guest speaker at the December 8,

2022, club meeting. Kevin came at the invitation of Steve Doeden (Advertising Representative, Paulding Progress).

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INDOT AWARDS MORE THAN \$119 MILLION THROUGH COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT PROGRAM



LAWRENCE, Ind. – Earlier today Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Commissioner Mike Smith announced 229 Indiana cities, towns, and counties that received a combined \$119.4 million in state matching funds for local road projects through Community Crossings, a component of the Governor's Next Level Roads program.

"Modernizing and improving transportation infrastructure is a key component of driving economic development in the Hoosier state," said Gov. Eric Holcomb. "The Community Crossings program continues to help take communities to the next level by providing safe, reliable roads and bridges for residents and visitors alike."

Communities submitted applications for funding during a highly competitive call for projects in July and August. Applications were evaluated based on need and current conditions, as well as impacts to safety and economic development. Funding for Community Crossings comes from the state's local road and bridge matching grant fund. The Community Crossings initiative has provided more than \$1 billion in state matching funds for local construction projects since 2016.

"Community Crossings is a tremendous opportunity for towns, cities and counties to enhance local road networks across the state," INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith said. "INDOT looks forward to partnering with locals to deliver on projects that will have a positive impact on safety and bring business to Indiana. I'm excited to see the progress in these communities throughout the coming year."

To qualify for funding, local governments must provide local matching funds of 50 percent for larger communities or 25 percent for smaller communities and have an asset management plan for maintaining existing roads and bridges. State law requires annually that 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer. State lawmakers identified long-term funding for Community Crossings as part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Holcomb in April 2017.

The list of all communities receiving matching funds in the 2022 summer call for projects is available online.

The next call for projects will open in January 2023.

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/21/22

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Council Members Sarrazine, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker and Council Members Thompson and Martin were not present. Rachel Black with Allen County Department of Planning Services and David Dominguez with Baker Tilly were also present.

The mayor opened the public hearing for consideration of an increase to the water utility rates at 7:08pm after David gave a brief description as to why the city has presented this ordinance for consideration. A

resident went over data from the last several decades and had questions about why the proposed figure was so high. He also explained that he finds that the water is not drinkable. Another resident read a portion of the city's CCR report for 2021 that declares certain groups with health conditions may be more vulnerable to water contaminants, and that he is in one of those groups. The superintendent stated that the report explains that the city of Woodburn has passed any tests that either the State or IDEM has mandated for a producer of water. Another resident asked if the city softening the water would be a possibility at a future date. They also asked if the minimum bill could be lowered below a 2,000 gallon monthly minimum. Councilman Watts explained that in order to have access to the service, there is a minimum cost, in this case, calculated in gallons, but that this

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could be expected for any utility service. David then explained that most communities will have a monthly minimum consumption amount of anywhere between 2,000 and 3,000 gallons. Another resident inquired as to why these increases were occurring. Another resident asked why his sewer bill is going up throughout the year. The clerk-treasurer explained that sewer rate increases were changed in the first billing cycle of this year and that there were no additional changes during the year. A resident asked why certain charges were listed on this ordinance and the superintendent explained that a portion of these charges did not apply to him directly. A resident inquired as to why sales tax is charged when no-one owns it. The clerk-treasurer explained that this a state level tax and that the city of Woodburn has no control over it whatsoever. Another resident asked if the city could make future mailing letters more clear. The clerk-treasurer recognized that the mailer was difficult to read, and that in the future, will try to make it more readable. The clerk-treasurer referenced a letter from a resident that was submitted prior to

the meeting as he was not able to attend this meeting. The mayor closed the public hearing at 8:36pm.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
 Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The mayor spoke with the company that sells the light bulbs that go into the units on Main Street that are currently not working. He determined with the consultant that the non-functioning components need to be replaced with a more available alternative, and that this will take place soon. The mayor went over details regarding a light pole located in front of the Willy's restaurant that needs to be replaced by AEP. The Stellar Sidewalk project work on Carl and Becker should be completed by the end of the year with the remaining work to be accomplished next year.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the November 7th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the November 7th meeting as amended, second by Councilwoman Sar-

razine, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer is still asking for assistance from council and the mayor in collecting annual hydrant fees that were historically paid by the Maumee and Milan Townships. These invoices have not been paid under the explanation that a change in the collection of tax levy that has now gone to the East Central Fire Territory has impacted the reasonableness to pay.

Councilmen's Report: A rezoning request was submitted through Allen County and has come for final approval at tonight's meeting in the form of Ordinance 22-1412 (Rezoning Request RE: 21801 Woodburn Road). This ordinance was initially presented at the last meeting but due to the number of council members present at that meeting, has returned to be approved at this meeting. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 22-1412 by title only, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 22-1412, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ordinance 22-1412 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1412 is ratified as presented. Councilman Watts mentioned that 5 - 6 homes have started construction in the Homestead Addition.

Audience: Rachel described the reasons to introduce and pass Ordinance 22-1413 (Designating EDTA #1 as Ashler Pointe and EDTA #2 as Homestead Place). This is to designate the areas that are currently building new homes as economic development target areas in order to change the way those properties are taxed for a period of time. The collection of taxes from these areas will reimburse infrastructure costs for these areas. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to read Ordinance 22-1413 by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 22-1413, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. David went over questions regarding the potential changes to the water rates. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to read Ordinance 22-1411 (Amend Water Rates) by title only, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 22-1411, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig thanked the Superintendent and his crew for doing so well with leaf pickup this season.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm.

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

Sudoku solution from page 9

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9	2	8	4	3	5	6	1	7
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CARPENTRY STUDENTS CRAFT SLEIGH FOR CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK EVENT



Vantage Carpentry Students Craft A Gift That Keeps On Giving

Carpentry students at Vantage Career Center used their skills to spread holiday magic and cheer for the annual Christmas at Fountain Park event held in Van Wert. The idea originated from the Christmas committee to build a special sleigh addition to the already merry and bright scene at Fountain Park. The beautifully crafted sleigh was the cherry on top for many guests who have already attended the festively decorated area.

Vantage Juniors, Jude

Stoller (Wayne Trace), Ashton Milligan (St. John), McKinley Carter (Van Wert), Christian Wallenhorst (Van Wert) and senior Elizabeth German (Crestview) innovated a timeless project, beginning with the design, to building the structure and painting every intricate detail on the sleigh. "I really enjoyed the project. It's similar to what I do in the cabinet shop I work at, and it is a nice change of pace from building the house," says senior Elizabeth German.

To get the project started, the students made design

suggestions to the Christmas committee. Once the final design was approved, students were able to use the CNC router to cut the pieces and create the design. Once the students had all the pieces cut out, they sanded down the wood, fitted and screwed them together, taped it off and painted the finer, more elegant details. "It pushed them to get creative and learn new skills in the process. It's a project that will live in many families' holiday memories and we are proud to have had a hand in that," says Instructor Jerry Robinson. "This is a special gift and will be used for years to come."

Many guests of the Christmas at Fountain Park event have been able to sit in the sleigh and capture a photo to savor the holiday spirit. Service Club member Jay Gamble says, "On behalf of the Christmas in the Park Committee, consisting of the Optimist Club, Service Club, Downtown Main Street, and Van Wert Parks, we would like to thank the Vantage Carpentry students for creating this amazing project that allows our community members and downtown to create family traditions for years and years to come."

GABRIELLA CASPER PERFORMS IN UF'S FALL BRASS INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL

Gabriella Casper, of Paulding, recently performed in the University of Findlay's fall brass instrumental recital.

Casper performed "La Miranda" by Gerald Knipfel, arr. Leonard on the trumpet.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

PCH DONATES TO PC CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



Paulding County Christmas for Kids received a generous donation from the Paulding County Hospital this week.

It all started with the housekeeping department. Jenny Albert, the lead housekeeper, and Nancy Hancock inquired about doing a collection for Christmas for Kids and decided instead of housekeeping buying gifts for their co-workers they would do a collection for the Paulding County families in need this

Christmas. (Jenny is on the left with dark hair, and Cindy Raub is the other housekeeper).

Their generosity caught on and they started to receive donations from throughout the Hospital campus! They collected monetary donations, toys, and handmade hats. The hats were donated by the family of Nellie Retcher, who passed away in June. Nellie spent several years after her husband passed away making hats. She would crochet around 325 hats each year and take them herself to schools, churches, and homeless shelters to be given out.

Christmas for Kids is possible every year because of this kind of kindness, generosity, and help!

ANTWERP FAMILY HEALTH CENTER HAS MOVED!



The Antwerp Family Health Center of Community Memorial Hospital has moved. Dr. Todd Wiley's office along with Megan Ashbacher, CNP moved to their new location in Antwerp on November 1, 2022.

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