

POLAR EXPRESS COMES TO ANTWERP



Last Sunday, The Holly Beach splash pad committee hosted their Polar Express event, and it was a magical experience for everyone involved.

Children of all ages came together to enjoy Christmas fun while raising funds for Antwerp's very own splash

pad. Grant's Catering generously donated their venue!

We are so thankful for our Antwerp branch library, friends of the library, and Miss Steph for reading the Polar Express and providing crafts to the children. Local businesses/patrons such as Petals & Vines, Pin-a-Rama,

Lisa Bragg, Bunco Babes, Judy Sawyer, Al Manella (Hicksville Subway), and Memories by Tawnya all donated items to make this event special.

This helped the committee raise an additional \$2,000 for the Holly Beach splash pad. We hope the families, especially the children of this community, realize what a major role they have played in helping fund this wonderful project!

PAULDING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO HOST FREE THROW CONTEST AT PHS

Paulding Knights of Columbus is once again hosting a free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9-14 at the Paulding High School Gym on Sunday, Jan 15. Doors open for registration and warm-up at 1:00, with contests beginning at 1:30. Feel free to call or Text Chuck Schroeder at 419-819-7107 for further details.

Merry Christmas!

NEXT PCBW GUEST: MyFARM 102.7FM



This week on PCBW we sit down with Dusty Sonnenberg. You know Dusty as the radio show host for MyFarm, the weekday morning Ag program on My102.7. In this interview, Dusty will share his background, and how he has settled in as one of the premier Ag business voices for

Ohio agriculture! Listen in on Tuesday and Thursday at 8 am and 5 pm on MY102.7 FM. Thank you to Tiffany Goings with Paulding County OhioMeansJobs for making this program possible. You can find all PCBW episodes online and on Spotify, Google and Apple Podcast.

ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD ACCEPTS \$2,000 CHECK FROM SOLAR COMPANY



Dr. Miller accepts the check from the Mink Solar Farm in the amount of \$2000 for the lego LEGO STEAM learning options. This video can be observed on the West Bend News Youtube channel.

The Antwerp School Board meeting took place on Thursday, December 15th at the Antwerp School board room. Geenex Solar made a

\$2,000 donation to the school for the STEAM program. This is an early stage Solar Development.

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

December 20

- West Ohio Food Bank Distribution @ PC Fairgrounds, 12-2pm
- Antwerp Comm. Band Concert @ Huber, 7:30pm
- PC Carnegie Library Board Meeting @ Paulding Library Meeting Room, 5:30pm

December 21

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

December 23

- Christmas movies @ Grounded CC, all day

December 24

- Christmas Eve service @ Cecil Comm Church, 4:30pm
- Christmas Eve Candlelight service @ St. John Luth. Church, Hicksville, 9pm

December 25

- Christmas Day service @ St. John Luth. Church, Hicksville, 10:15am

January 1

- New Years Day service @ St. John Luth. Church, Hicksville, 10:15am

January 4

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

January 15

- Paulding KofC Free Throw Contest @ PHS, 1pm



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PAYNE, OH:

Myrtle Doris Moore, 91, of Payne, Ohio passed away at home Friday, December 9, 2022. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio 45880.

COLUMBUS, OH:

Ramon Mardell Jackson, 87, of Columbus, formerly of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Friday, December 9, 2022 at Taylor Springs Health Campus, Columbus. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

CECIL, OH:

Sallie H Gebers, 81, of Cecil, Ohio passed away Saturday, December 10, 2022, at the Country Inn in Paulding. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

PAULDING, OH:

Ivan Jr. Aldred, age 70, passed away December 13, 2022, at the Laurels of Defiance.

PASSING OF RETIRED K9 OFFICER JANO



PAYNE, OH:

Michael G. Cox, 74, of Payne, Ohio passed away Saturday, December 10, 2022, at Parkview Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family.

Michael was born in Fort Wayne on May 19, 1948, a son of the late Peggy Darlene (Zartman) and Murlin Cox.

Michael graduated from Payne H.S. in 1966 where he was a 3-sport athlete. He went on to serve his country as a forward observer in the Marine Corp and subsequently in the Vietnam war during the TET offensive years 1967-1968. Michael returned to the states where he began working in the trades as a commercial insulator. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to begin and grow a very successful, multi-state commercial insulation business known as NedraCorp named for his loving wife Nedra.

He will be sadly missed and is survived by his wife, Nedra (Rondot) Cox; brother, Jack (wife Renee) Cox; his children, son David (Joe Garmyn), daughter Jessica (Kirk Ray); grandchildren, Sydney Sheedy, Owen Sheedy, and Samantha Sheedy, and 4 step grandchildren.

To those who new Michael, he was one of the most generous, giving, and kind-hearted people you would ever meet. He loved spending time with his family on the water and relaxing at the cabin up North. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and never missed a sporting event. He spent his life never looking back, always looking ahead, and lived the marine motto to "improvise, adapt, overcome..."

Visitation is Friday, December 16, 2022, from 4-7 PM at Dooley Funeral Home 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio 45880.

Service is Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 10:30 AM at Dooley Funeral Home with viewing one hour prior.

He will be laid to rest with military honors in Wiltsie Cemetery.

Memorials are to Christmas for Kids, PO Box 759, Antwerp,

Word has been received of Paulding County's retired K-9 Officer Jano's passing on Saturday, December 10, 2022.

K-9 Jano was the first commissioned K-9 Officer under the tenure of Paulding County Sheriff Jason K. Landers. K-9 Jano was born on August 24, 2012 and purchased by Paulding County on September 11, 2013. At that time, Deputy Gary Deitrick was assigned as his handler.

"When I was elected Sheriff ten years ago, I had a goal to implement a K-9 team. Our community supported that vision. Funds were raised and Gary picked out Jano as his partner and our first K-9. Those two did a fantastic job

AWARD PRESENTATION AT NEW HAVEN LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY



At the New Haven Lions Club's December 12th Christmas party, PDG don Cooper presented a Melvin Jones Award to Lion Pres. Dennis Stoll. This is the highest award a Lion can be awarded and Lion Pres. Dennis was praised for his years of service to the New Haven Lions Club.

establishing our program. I'm sad to learn of Jano's sudden medical issue resulting in his passing," said Sheriff Jason K. Landers.

Deitrick and K-9 Jano both received training with Allen County (IN) Police Department including obedience, evidence, area and building searches, and tracking and detection of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines and ecstasy.

K-9 Jano was retired from duty on April 18, 2019 when Deputy Detrick resigned for another position in law enforcement.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

St John Lutheran Church, 812 East High Street, Hicksville, Ohio announce their schedule for Christmas. Mid-week Advent Services continue on Wednesday at 11am & 6:30 pm.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 9:00 pm with prelude music starting at 8:30 pm. Christmas Day Service will be at 10:15 am. New Year Day service will be at 10:15 am and we will be doing the Lessons and Carols Service.

If you do not have a church home, plan to join us for these services. Questions can be directed to the church office at 419-542-6269. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 27:2-5 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

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oper company.

Bob Herber mentioned there was some changes with the school liaison report but nothing serious. Vantage was a quiet month according to Dennis Recker.

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

income: \$587,510.87

expenses: \$900,210.68

interest: \$24,521.73

42% of the fiscal year has been completed.

Travis Lichty recognized the players of the football team and he recognized Coach Hale as Coach of the Year. Eli Reinhart earned is 100th win in wrestling last week. The winter choir concert is Monday, December 19. The Route 49 Tournament is at Antwerp this year and boys are at Edgerton.

Tracy Stokes, Elementary principal, reported that there has been a lot of sickness in both high school and elementary. The Christmas program was on December 8th and they all did a good job.

Dr. Marty Miller stated there was a building and grounds update and new power lines will be put installed. These power lines will be put underground - the one at the end of the football field. Harold Gottke reported that he has been dealing with the security issues on the school system and teachers/staff need to go through a security training.

Dr. Miller continued with having the 2023-24 school calendar approved. There are a couple of options that are being presented.

Elise Boyer was introduced with the technology department. A \$5000 grant was received for the Innovation Center. The funds will be used for programmable robots. The fall

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 in America has been intense, stressful and humorous! Enjoy a light-hearted story with me from our last 20 years overseas!"

—Matt



Furry Christmas Gift

I grew up shaking and checking my shoes that were stored outside in the garage, before putting them on during the winter time. Sometimes mice would use my shoes as sleeping bags. I remember watching my grandpa milk a cow once, when all of a sudden, he started dancing and running around. The little baby mice in the rafters of the barn above his head started falling out of their nest. They fell right down the back of his shirt collar, down his back, and were squirming around & stuck in his overalls.



We moved most of our possessions from Indiana to overseas in a shipment of printer paper boxes. They worked pretty well, but absorbed smells and moisture - and eventually were easy for critters to get into. We now use plastic tubs.

Living overseas has meant parking a vehicle in a below ground parking lot with a

third grad testing was very successful. Antwerp was at the top end of both Paulding and Van Wert Counties. The test will be taken again in April to show improvements. Boyer attended the leadership summit in New York City with Dr. Miller and Kyle Zartman.

Future of Technology Con-

storage space (large closet) behind the parking spot. All the extra junk that doesn't fit in the little apartment goes in that little storage space.

Once, when going down to our vehicle, I found liquid below it. I lifted the hood and searched around for a while to discover that the brake fluid line had been roughly cut open. On showing the mechanic, he said, "Oh, that was a rat! They will chew through anything and have teeth of steel." We fixed the brake fluid line and I never thought more of it.

Later when getting Christmas decorations out off my storage space, I decided to rummage around through the boxes before carrying them up. I gave a jump when I found that the contents inside of one of the boxes had been stirred around. I found the furry culprit toward the bottom. It was a very big and very dead, furry rat. I concluded his brake fluid drink had sent him to his cardboard casket.

I believe it is a bad practice for husband and wife to keep secrets from one another. However, I didn't tell my wife that a rat was at rest in a box with her favorite family Christmas ornaments. I don't think she could see Grandma's ornaments hanging on the Christmas tree, without thinking about the rat if she knew.

I'd guess barns and stables and garages haven't changed purpose that much. They are the daily life places that are not only for storing stuff, but tend to attract unwanted little critters. The stable in Bethlehem surely had some of those same unwanted critters too, and that speaks to the great humility of our Messiah King who came to earth rescue us.

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

mattsmishaps@gmail.com
Matt's Mishaps, PO BOX 114, Grabill, IN 46741

ference will be in January 23-26 with Dr. Miller speaking in Louisiana and Mr. Gottke and Mr. Lichty will also be attending for support.

Band and Choir are requesting approval of their trip to Chicago this year and needed the boards approval.



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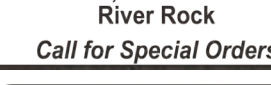
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FAMILY REUNIONS

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

I got a letter in the mail a couple of summers ago and I noticed it came from Florida. I said, "Hmmm. Who do I know from Florida?" It was from a Fran Range and once I opened it I was surprised and happy to find that it was an invite to a family reunion.

The girl who sent it was named Frances, but I always knew her as Tootie. She is my first cousin and I have a bunch of great cousins which I do not get to see very often. One family has, Tootie, Kathy, Jean Ann, Peggy and Tim. Another family has Judy, Bill, Sandy and Cindy and then they have children and grandchildren.

One group of family cousins live in Wisconsin so they did not attend the reunion. Then there are some cousins from around this area and for some reason, we just don't get together very much either.

On the invitation, it told us to bring some old photos. 3 of my kids said they were coming but only one did. However, they all informed me, "We don't want to show our old school pictures, so Mom don't go digging them out."

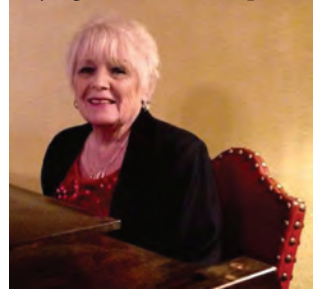
Naturally, I am proud of my family and I am interested in what all the rest of the family is doing. Food is always great at a reunion, so even though hot dogs, and other items were on the menu, I like to make something too.

Now, I recall when I was young, our church had reunions or what we called Homecoming. Wow was the food good and I could not hardly wait to dig into that good old fried chicken, mashed potatoes and some of the best desserts you ever ate. Lots of those things have changed and a lot of churches have Fellowship Halls to hold festivities in. So now, there is a lot less outdoor eating.

Back in the day, we set up

tables outside and even though the pesky flies were buzzing and wanting to try to steal a morsel, it did not seem to bother anyone. Years ago at reunions croquet was usually the game of choice. I hated the game croquet because I could never get the ball to go through the wires, plus once someone hit me in the head with a croquet mallet. Ouch!!!

Whether you have a big family or a small one, it is always good to show up at a



family reunion. You never know, maybe one of the family members may have won the lottery, had more children; has a great job or finished college.

Picture taking is always good to do at reunions. Looking at old family pictures and taking new pictures gives us a bit of the old and the bit of the new. Some people have family reunions every year at the same place and time. We are fortunate to get everyone together once in a decade.

Things change; people change; memories remain and new ones are made. Some of my old memories of my cousins are things we did and played in the 1950s. When the girls were little, we played cutout dolls and the boys played ball or acted like The Lone Ranger.

I, for one, look around at my surviving family members and am thankful to see them whenever we can get together. We are all sorta over the hill, but not down it yet.

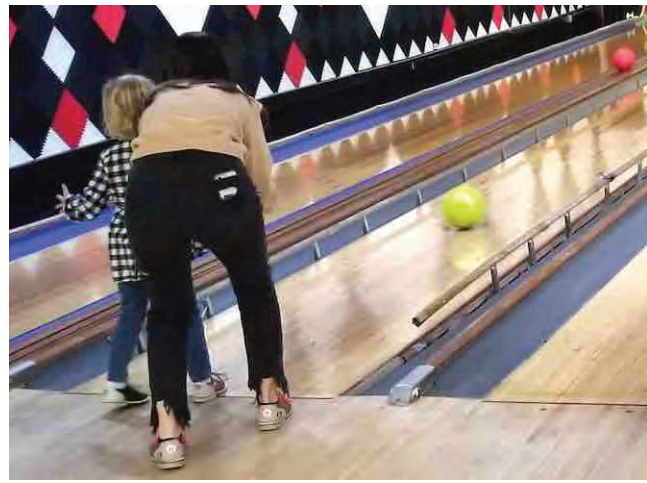
Family Reunions? We need more.

Does your family still have reunions? What has happened in your extended family? Isn't it good to relive old memories? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Tour Thoughts.

ANTWERP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO BECOME ANTWERP GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

At its special called session the West Ohio Annual Conference on Saturday, Nov. 19, Antwerp United

BOWLING WITH THE COUNTRYSIDE KIDS



Raelyn Schweinsberg helping out a Cloverbud by helping him bowl!

By: Krandon Crites Dhi Media 4-H Writer

ANTWERP - The Countryside Kids decided to go bowling at Pin-A-Rama Lanes on December 3, 2022 for a Christmas party. This place was also known as the Antwerp Bowling Alley a couple months ago until they renovated it to Pin-A-Rama. If you would like to check it out, it is located at 207 W Daggett St, in Antwerp, OH. They are known for their pizza, milkshakes, and burgers. If you don't like bowling check out their arcade games! When everyone arrived to Pin-A-Rama, we all split up into 8 groups. Cloverbuds and kids who wanted

bumpers were put on bumper lanes and middle aged and high schoolers were put on lanes with no bumpers.

After 2 fun hours of bowling at Pin-A-Rama, our club was getting ready to have some cookies before everyone left. There were many kinds including carmel, m&m, chocolate chip, hersheys, sugar, and frosted cookies along with some mini cupcakes. We thank our Club Advisor, Beth and Michael Schweinsberg for their help and the fun bowling day at Pin-A-Rama Lanes! We would also like to thank Pin-A-Rama and their employees for their help and allowing us to come.



Methodist Church's request to disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination was affirmed by a majority of the voting members of the conference. This concludes a multi-year process in which Antwerp United Methodist has been discerning how it should proceed in light of the developing situation with the denomination.

Over the last several decades and culminating in the last five years, the United Methodist denomination has been shifting in its understanding of who God is and in its understanding of the authority and interpretation of the Bible. Though its official statement is that the Bible is authoritative in terms of faith and practice, the reality of that practice within the denomination has been eroding. For many, the Bible is no longer the authoritative source but rather one of many sources that are thought to be beneficial, taking its place beside other sources on the "Self Help" shelf at bookstores. Some outright reject the Bible as wrong and irrelevant.

The media portray this difference as being over the issues of human sexuality. This, however, is simply a symptom to the bigger issue of how we understand the Bible. This big difference extends to our understanding of the nature of humanity and to our need for forgiveness and salvation. Though the words may be the same words used by many Christians, the meanings are redefined to water down the truth of Scripture and the

work of God in Jesus Christ.

Another issue at play within the disaffiliation decision is the fact that the denomination's bishops themselves are not upholding the standards set forth in The United Methodist Book of Discipline, the denomination's book that determines its beliefs and how it organizes itself. Some bishops openly violate the standards of practice and encourage the churches and people they serve to ignore them as well.

With these issues at the center of Antwerp United Methodist Church's decision, the church chose to leave the United Methodist denomination and affiliate with the new Global Methodist Church. This affiliation will become official January 1, 2023. The Antwerp community will see a new sign in the front of the church indicating this change.

The Global Methodist Church was established May 1, 2022 as a response to the continued sway away from the traditional, orthodox, conservative understanding of the Christian faith. It holds to the high authority of Scripture and will maintain the almost 2000-year history and understanding of the faith as passed down over the centuries.

Though the name may be changing, the people and our beliefs remain. We look forward to welcoming you as we join together to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ to a world that desperately needs to hear.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Paul D. Yager was born in Paulding, Ohio August 25, 1892. The son of John O., born in 1858, and Clara L.



(Emmanuel), born in 1868, Yager. This couple was married in 1891.

By 1900 the couple was living in Antwerp, Ohio. John was working as a Fire Insurance Agent. The couple had four children, Paul born in 1892, Greachen J. born in 1894, Jeanne born in 1896 and Robert E. born in 1901.

By 1910, the Yager family moved to Paulding, residing on Coupland Street. All four children were in school and John was still in the insurance business. On June 5, 1917, Paul went to the north precinct in Paulding and registered for the draft. Paul was listed as single, tall stout build, brown eyes and brown hair. Paul was working in Saginaw, Michigan for the American Cash Register Company as a salesman.

On September 2, 1918, Paul joined the National Army out of Paulding. He was assigned to serve with the 36th Company, 9th Training Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade. He served with this unit until October 2, 1918. He was assigned to Company D, 5th Developmental Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade until he was honorably discharged December 6, 1918.

By 1920, Paul moved back home to Paulding and lived with his parents on Coupland Street working as a loftsmen. On February 11, 1920, Paul married a school teacher, a gal named Marianne Tate. They were married in Paulding by the Rev. R. Lincoln Lung.

The daughter of Samuel J. and Forest Rose (Ayers) Tate. Marianne went to college at Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio. Paul and Marianne moved to 1920 North Williams Street in Paulding.

In 1921, the couple was

blessed with the birth of a son Paul D. and in 1923 blessed with the birth of a daughter, Barbara. The couple moved to Van Wert, Ohio where Marianne took a job as a school teacher in the Van Wert school system. Paul worked as a clerk for the Railroad. They lived on 343 South Avenue Van Wert. In 1934, Paul's father, John passed away and is buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

By 1940, the Yager family was still living in Van Wert. On January 8, 1940, Paul passed away. He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery Lot 211-A, Grave 3. In 1947, Paul's mother Clara passed away. She was buried in Live Oak Cemetery. Marianne became a care supervisor. She continued her career working as a social worker at the Marsh Foundation and also Paulding Juvenile Social Worker. She remarried a fellow named Robert Wheeler. He passed away in 1961.

Marianne passed away in 1983 and was buried beside



Paul in Live Oak. Son Paul, became a Major in the Air Force in World War Two. Long career in business administration. He passed away in 2010. Barbara became a teacher and moved to Iowa. She passed away in 2012. Both were cremated and the location of their ashes are unknown.

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PPEC'S OPERATION ROUND UP PROGRAM FUNDS NEW EQUIPMENT FOR CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY IN PAULDING



Pantry Executive Director Jodi Schneider (far left) received the Operation Round Up contribution. Pantry volunteers Ann Olwin (second from left) and Nova Saigo (far right) assist our neighbor Brittany as she uses one of the new carts to gather food for her family.

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative presented an Operation Round Up grant to Caring & Sharing Food Pantry (C&S) in Paulding so they could purchase shopping carts and a vacuum sealer, helping them better serve their clients and the community.

The new carts will be used by the pantry's clients as they

shop for food for their families and move it to their vehicles. The carts feature a narrow width designed for easier movement through the narrow aisles of the pantry. Modified, bigger tires on the carts allow them to move smoothly on rough parking lot surfaces. The vacuum sealer will enable the pantry to repack-age bulk food items they re-

ceive. C&S serves people in Paulding County who experience food insecurity — that's 12.0% of the local population according to 2020 Feeding America data. People can visit the pantry two times per month and receive three days of food during each visit. This year from January through November, C&S served an average of 145 households and 345 individuals per month. Stated another way, so far this year C&S has provided 11,379 days of food to the people of Paulding County. Even for 11 months, that is a 52% increase over the households served in 2021. Of those served, 27% were children ages of 0 and 17 years, and 21% were seniors over age 60.

C&S also shares resources with other food pantries and projects in the county. So far in 2022, C&S has shared 2,102 pounds of food with other food pantries and 591 pounds of food with the bi-monthly fairgrounds food distribution program.

In 2021, C&S announced it will be constructing and equipping a 3,840 square foot building to house the pantry in the future. The new building will have a shopping area

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PAULDING FFA CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW



The 2022-2023 Paulding FFA Officer team: Left to right Mrs. Staci Miller, FFA Advisor, Officers: Tyler Schlatter, Caydence Rue, Jamy Hunt, Mason Schlatter, Carter Manz, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Kobe Foor, Brooke Kilgore and Mrs. Jennifer Bradford, FFA Advisor.

By: Caydence Rue, Paulding FFA Reporter

The Paulding FFA Chapter is proud to have over 110 members with 16- 8th grade students taking the 8th grade vo-ag class. The chapter has 8 FFA officers and 2 advisors who help to lead the chapter. The Paulding FFA Chapter has had a very fun and eventful year so far and we are looking forward to the new projects in the coming

months of 2023.

In January, The Paulding FFA started off the new year by putting the final touches on the state and American degrees applications as well as the officer books. The FFA chapter had 4 students applying for state degrees and 4 students applying for their American Degree. At the district level all of our officers' books received a GOLD rating for the 6th year in a row

with all of the books receiving a perfect score on their books. Great job to treasurer Mason Schlatter and his assistant Lathan Schneider for all their hard work on the treasurer's book. Wonderful job to our reporter Carter Manz and his assistant Jaylyn Mccloud on creating a beautifully done scrapbook for our chapter. Great job Jamy Hunt who completed the secretary's book for a gold rating as well. On January 21st, 4 members traveled to Central State University to compete in the State agriculture biotechnology contest. In this contest the team made a solution, identified laboratory tools, and made a presentation about food poisoning. The team was made up of Jamy Hunt, Paige Jones, Lily Roehrig and Carter Manz. The team placed 6th in the state and will receive a team plaque for all their hard work. This was the 1st time Paulding has competed in this contest.

In February, the FFA chapter planned many events in honor of FFA week. We didn't have school on Monday but on Tuesday we started the week off with a short ag quiz for a cookie sponsored by Ag Credit. Then on Wednesday we had a cornhole tournament with the student body and our annual teacher appreciation lunch! On Thursday, we had Jared Dunn, a state officer, visit and finish up the cornhole tournament. On Friday, we finished off the week with the annual ag olympics with the entire high school, a favorite event each year! There were also dress up days at school which included flannel fun and cowboy on the beach day. The chapter started their new community service project Crushing Cans for Cancer. The chapter collected pop cans at school with over \$500 earned which was donated to cancer research. The chapter is excited to continue this project and knows that everyone has been affected by cancer but together we can work together to find a cure!

In March, the chapter participated in the Ag Sales contest where they competed at state. Over 14 members filled out officer applications and interviews were conducted for the new office team. We also had over 10 members participate in Tractor Drive In Day during National Ag Week. Our members always look forward to driving their tractors to school during this event.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I apologize to everyone who hates me, the MAGA movement and the Trump Family, or the very least, those who disagree with us. I recently watched, for the first time, a video from November of 2016. I don't know how this happened, but I can't take all the blame. Maybe it was my family; my mother, six sisters or two wives. Maybe it was all of the women that I worked with, or the girls that I coached, or the female bosses that I've had over the years,

but I had no idea, in November, 2016, how oppressed American Women were!
I like to call out ignorance and ask people to seek accurate information, so I have to admit that it was my own ignorance. I had no idea that you (and half the country), honestly believe that the MAGA movement, while bringing jobs, God and Family back to this country, would somehow place you back, pre-world war, in a farm house with the only identity as child bearer. No wonder you're angry and hostile. I was only interested in policies that would preserve the greatest nation in history so that my children and grandchildren could enjoy a life as awesome as mine. I feel like I owe retribution to all of the women in my life that apparently have had it so much tougher than I, simply because of their anatomy.

It never crossed my mind that a woman could not be president. I have to admit that I felt a little guilty in 2008 voting against Obama, but I had to vote policy not skin color, and I voted for a woman as Vice President. I absolutely would have voted for Carly Fiorina in 2016 had she won the primary and I would love to see Tulsi Gabbard in the Whitehouse right now, and she's not even Republican. My most awesome sister (and all of my sisters know who she is), was a member of one of the first ever girls basketball teams assembled in Putnam County, and thanks to my education and experience, I know a thing or two about Title IX. The woman that lost that election in 2016 has sided with all of the decisions, policies and battles going on right now in our country that continue to diminish the honor

and respect our girls and women deserve, whether they are our leaders and bosses or bakers and home-makers!
—Chuck Schroeder
Paulding, OH

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designed to help clients, especially those with mobility difficulties, gather their food. An improved receiving area and increased storage space that will allow them to receive food donations more efficiently from additional sources and in larger amounts when it is available. This will offer opportunities for the pantry to provide more meals to our neighbors every month through direct distribution and through sharing with other pantries in the county.

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The Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is located at 119 South Main Street in Paulding. It accepts donations of food and groceries when it is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Financial donations can be sent to P.O. Box 391, Paulding, OH 45879. Please indicate on the check if you want the donation to apply to regular operational cost or to the building fund.

For more information about the pantry, volunteering opportunities and fundraising activities, follow the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry on Facebook. You also can contact the pantry, at (419) 399-9562 or paulding-foodpantry@gmail.com.

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HERITAGE LIONS HOLD CHRISTMAS DINNER/FILLING OF CHRISTMAS GOODY BAGS



The Heritage Lions held a Christmas dinner for members, spouses and guests on December 13 at the Hoagland Community Center. A meal of fried chicken, ham, scalloped potatoes and green beans was catered in by Natalie and Lucas Foster, owners of the Hoagland Hayloft. Desserts were pro-

vided by several Lions members.

After the meal, Lion Jack Clear led the filling of Christmas goody bags for local shut-ins. Individual Heritage Lions members will personally deliver these bags and visit with the recipients.

48 bags, each destined for a specific person or couple,

were filled with summer sausage, crackers, and many other snack items. Money for the snacks or the snacks themselves were provided by Meijer, Darlington Farms, Thrivent, and Nolan's Repair. Children from the St. John Emanuel 4th grade class decorated the bags.

VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL SHRINE AND MUSEUM WINS HOOSIER HOSPITALITY AWARD

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum 2122 O'Day Road Fort Wayne has been selected as a 2022 Hoosier Hospitality Award Winner. This award is given to Hoosiers that have displayed a high level of service in tourism-related professions in Indiana.

The Indiana Destination Development Corporation held a ceremony to honor the Hoosier Hospitality Award Winners on Thursday December 8, 2022 at the Randolph H. Deer Events Pavilion at Newfields in Indianapolis. Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch presented the awards.

Kristen Guthrie, Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Visit Fort Wayne, nominated the local Veterans Shrine and Museum. Robert Thomas, curator of the museum accepted the award in Indianapolis. Robert said "We're extremely excited about winning this tourism award because our entire team has worked so hard to upgrade our memorial grounds and museum."

PAULDING HS ANNOUNCES NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announced their November Students of the Month. They are from left to right: Freshman-Rileigh Sanders, Sophomore-Abigail Bail, Junior-Landrey Fitzgerald, and Senior-Seth Wilkes.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

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QUICK START LEADS RAIDERS TO A 28-POINT BLOW OUT



WT Junior Kyle Stoller takes the shot near the top of the key. More photos at www.westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

A good first quarter start followed by an even better second quarter propelled Wayne Trace past Lincolnview last Saturday. Played at the Palace the Raiders posted an easy 60-32 win over their Van Wert County nemesis. The Raiders darted

out to a 16-5 first quarter advantage and went on to outscore the Lancers in the second frame 22-7 to enjoy a 38-12 at the midway point of the contest. With the win the Raiders improve to 3-0 while the Lancers are still looking for their first win as they fall to 0-4.

The Raiders were again led by Mr. Inside (Kyle

Stoller) and Mr. Outside (Brooks Laukhuf). Both combined for 44 of the Raiders 60 points. Laukhuf finished with 24 markers, hitting 9-12 of his two-point attempts, one of five behind the three-point arc and 3-4 at the foul line. Stoller added 20 points, hitting 8-16 from the two-point area and 4-4 from the charity stripes. Stoller was also in double digits in rebounds with 12 while recording a team high five steals. Tyler Davis had a productive evening with eight points, 10 rebounds and a team high four assists. Rounding out the Raiders scoring was Kyle Forrer with four followed by Carter Clemens and Hudson Myers each with two.

For Lincolnview, the Lancers placed nine from its roster in the score book led by the seven points from Holden Price. Also scoring: Chayse Overholt six, Austin Bockrath five, Reide Jackson five, Kohen Cox three, Kreston Tow two, Bennett Kill two, Steven Smith one, and Cal Evans one.

The Raiders connected on 25-46 (54 percent) from the two-point area but managed just one trey on 16 tries. The Lancers made just five two-point buckets on 19 attempts while hitting 6-18 behind the arc. Lincolnview committed 20 turnovers to just 11 for the red, white and blue. Wayne Trace dominated the boards with 40 rebounds and Lincolnview collecting 26. Wayne Trace dished off 16 assists to just six for their opponents. The Raiders were solid defensively all evening with 19 steals to eight for the Lancers.

LADY RAIDERS DROP FIRST GMC GAME AT AYERSVILLE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Lady Raiders opened up Green Meadows Conference play on the road and managed just 24-points of offense. Unfortunately for the red, white, and, blue, Ayersville scored 33 in the low scoring affair but it was enough to pick up the nine-point win. Ayersville improves their record to 6-1 overall and 1-0 in league action while the Raiders suffer their fourth setback on the season to stand at 2-4 overall and 0-1 in GMC play.

The Lady Pilots held a slim one-point lead after one quarter of play 7-6. In the second frame there was little scoring with Ayersville scoring four and Wayne Trace coming up with just two. The Pilots broke the game open in the third period by outscoring the Raiders 12-4 to take a 23-12 advantage heading into the final eight minutes.

The Raiders were without their senior leader and scoring leader Gracie Shepherd and therefore scoring for the Raiders struggled. Leading scorers for the red, white and blue were Harper Myers and Lexi Moore each with seven. Caroline Winans and Abby More chipped in five-points apiece.

Ayersville, like the Raiders, also placed four in the scoring column. Kaylee Dockery led the way with 12 followed by Neva Sheets and Ally Schindler with 10-points each. Kendra Waldron rounded out the winners scoring with one-point.

FT SHOOTING PROPELS PANTHERS TO FIRST WIN



It's Paulding Freshman Addison Pease who adds 3 points at the last second for the Lady Panthers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - The Paulding Lady Panthers used some excellent free throws shooting to post their first win of the season Thursday night with a 48-43 overtime victory over county rival Antwerp in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball action at the 'Jungle.'

The maroon and white were a perfect eight of eight in the extra session and the Panthers hit 15 of 20 overall on the night to finish at 75 percent. Addison Pease finished a perfect six of six in overtime from the charity stripe and was 10 of 12 overall to lift the Lady Panthers to the victory.

Pease ended the night with a game high 21 points for Paulding while Carlea Kuckuck added eight markers and Brianna Bermejo chipped in seven.

Elli Barton had six points for the Lady Panthers, which also got four from Brooklyn Bakle and two by Makayla Suffel.

It was Antwerp that jumped in front at the end of one quarter as the Archers took a 16-11 advantage with the blue and white still on top 22-19 at the midway point of the contest.

Paulding rallied to tie the game in the third quarter,

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From our family to yours, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



Antwerp's Emma Townley, junior, is open and shoots for 2 points against the Panthers in Thursday night's matchup! More pictures at westbendnews.net

outscored the Lady Archers 10-7 in the period to knot the game at 29-29 entering the fourth period.

Both teams then scored 11 points in the fourth quarter to keep the game tied at 40-40 heading into overtime.

All eight of the Panther extra session points came from the charity stripe as Pease hit six free throws and Kuckuck

added a pair. Hayleigh Jewell paced Antwerp with 17 points, including the three Archer points in overtime. Caroline Rohrs chipped in 13 markers for the blue and white with Aewyn McMichael scoring seven. Emma Townley and Lydia Krouse both had three points for Antwerp.

SECOND QUARTER PUSHES ARCHERS OVER PIRATES

The Archers of Antwerp picked up their first boys basketball win of the season Saturday evening as the blue and white used a big second quarter to record a 55-42 victory over Continental.

After the two teams were tied at 13-13 at the end of eight minutes, Antwerp dominated the second stanza by outscoring the Pirates 13-2 to grab a 26-15 halftime advantage.

The visiting Pirates did cut the deficit to 35-27 at the end of three periods but the Archers answered with a 20-point fourth quarter to wrap

up the 55-42 win. Carson Altimus paced the Archers with 18 markers on the night while Landon Brewer and Reid Lichty each reached double digits with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Parker Moore chipped in six points for the Archers and Zaine McMichael added five for Antwerp. Continental was paced by Konner Knipp-Williams with a dozen markers while Carson Etter and Mason Rayle both scored nine points. Rhenn Arme (six), Jonathan Etter (three) and Monty Rayle (three) completed the scoring for the visiting Pirates. Antwerp captured the ju-

nior varsity game as well as the Archers recorded a 31-21 victory.

BIG PANTHER FOURTH QUARTERS SENDS PARKWAY TO WIN

Visiting Parkway scored 20 fourth-quarter points and the Lady Panthers pulled away from host Antwerp for a 52-39 win in non-league girls basketball action Saturday afternoon at the home of the Archers.

Parkway was paced by Gabrielle Stober with 14 points while teammates Allison Hughes and Paige Williamson both recorded 13 markers for the black and gold.

The Lady Panthers led 12-5 at the end of one quarter and 26-15 at the midway point but Antwerp rallied in the third quarter.

In the stanza, the Lady Archers racked up 18 points and limited Parkway to six as the blue and white came back to record a 33-32 advantage entering the final eight minutes of action.

However, Parkway responded with a 20-point fourth quarter while holding Antwerp to six to finish off the 52-39 victory.

Hayleigh Jewell topped Antwerp with 20 points and Aewyn McMichael chipped in 11 markers for the Lady Archers.

Caroline Rohrs posted six points for the blue and white while Emma Townley picked up the final Antwerp basket.

Also scoring for the Lady Panthers were Brittny Bruns (five), Adria Miller (five) and Audrey Nichols (two).

ANTWERP WRESTLERS COMPETE AT LINCOLNVIEW

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in the Lancer Invitational at Lincolnview High School on December 10, 2022. Three archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Earning a very hard-fought 4th place finish was sophomore Miles Doster at 138 lbs. Doster finished his day with 2 wins, 2 losses and 1 pin. Placing 2nd at 132 pounds was sophomore Skyler Octaviano. Octaviano was able to win 4 of his 5 matches to go with 3 pins on the day. Earning another 1st place finish was senior Eli Reinhart at 157 pounds. Reinhart was perfect for the tournament at 4-0 with 3 pins. This marks Reinhart's 2nd consecutive tournament championship in as many tries this season. Congratulations to all of the archer wrestlers for their progress so far this season. Good Luck and GO ARCHERS!!!

WARRIORS WIN DOUBLE OVERTIME THRILLER



Woodlan's Trey Yoder goes in for a layout with an attempted block by Lion #24. More photos at www.westbendnews.net

The annual rivalry game between Woodlan and Leo took place Saturday night in boys basketball action with the host Warriors capturing a thrilling 68-63 double-overtime victory over the Lions.

The Warriors jumped in front at the end of one quarter 19-17 and expanded the margin in the second stanza, outscoring Leo 13-8 for a 32-25 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, the Lions answered with a 14-point period while the Warriors bucketed ten as Leo trimmed the deficit to 42-39 entering the fourth quarter.

Leo continued the comeback in the fourth period with a 14-point stanza and Woodlan scored 11 as the two teams were tied at 53-53 at the end of regulation.

After each team scored

four points in the first overtime, Woodlan won the second overtime with an 11-point outburst with Leo scoring six to set the final at 68-63.

Alex Miller paced the Warriors with 19 points and Trey Yoder added 18 markers for Woodlan. Dejay Gerig also chipped in 16 for the hosts followed by Braden Smith (eight), Drew Fleek (five) and Dawson Lichty (two).

Yoder topped Woodlan with ten boards to go along with three assists and Gerig grabbed nine boards. Smith also recorded five rebounds while dishing out a pair of assists with Fleek and Lichty picking up four boards apiece.

Miller topped the Warriors with four assists and Lincoln Sparks added three assists.

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THE LEFT TURN



Kolin Schilt (55K) The 2022 Oakshade Raceway Dominator Stock Track Champion. Photo Credit: Charlie Orns.

By: Ron Burt

I want to start off by thanking all of you that have taken time to email, message or call me to talk about racing this past year. When I started this column, I knew it would be hard to please everyone because of the many types of racing in the Tri-state area. I knew I couldn't focus on one or two types of cars and some of you like dirt while others like asphalt. Our Tri-state area is where national drivers and race teams like to compete. Our area is a racing buffet for race fans.

Some of my older readers love to talk about area tracks where they attended races growing up. Leading the list would be the old New Bremen Speedway. It was a 1/2 mile dirt oval that opened September 14th, 1926, and operated as a dirt track until 1966 when promoter, Earl Baltes had it paved. It ran as an asphalt track until 1979 and then the pavement was ripped up and it went back to dirt. The paved bullring

wasn't profitable. New Bremen Speedway lasted for one more year, as a dirt track. Earl Baltes closed it down and moved the races to his other track, Eldora Motor Speedway.

New Bremen started out as a track built for a local farmers' picnic on the property of Frank Kuenning. The first race in 1926 had four competitors. It was a local hit and over the next several years hosted four to five races a year. Improvements were made and more cars showed up and then it started to attract national drivers. Many of these drivers raced in the Indy 500 back then. In 1931 the drivers got together and demanded more prize money and they refused to compete in the fourth race of that year. The fans tore up the bleachers and a riot ensued. That put a stop to racing for several years. It started back up in 1947. The 50's saw many improvements to the speedway. The racetrack had several owners and promoters from

its beginning to end. During the life of the track open wheel and stock cars were the feature classes. You can see what's left of this historic racetrack by going to Google Maps.

What racetrack did you first attend races at? I would like to hear about your early days attending races on a Tri-state track. We would go to Bryan Motor Speedway on Sunday nights. At that time Bryan was a 3/8-mile paved track. If you're a former driver reach out to me and let me know what tracks, you enjoyed competing on.

Remember the Rumble in Fort Wayne will be December 30th and 31st if you need to get your winter racing fix. The racing event will feature Midgets, 600 CC Wing and Non-wing Micros and Karts. This event is held annually at the War Memorial Coliseum.

If you want the most bang for your buck, the Chili Bowl Nationals will be held in Tulsa this year. The Sagenet Center just hauled in 700 truck loads of dirt to build the track for the event January 9-14, 2023. So Far: 333 Entries, including 52 A-Feature starters, 62 Rookies, and 4 past Champions from 242 Municipalities across 35 States and 5 countries (USA, Aust., Can., NZ, UK).

Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com/

PANTHERS FALL AT MVCD

Paulding took to the road for a long trip to Maumee Valley Country Day Friday evening in boys basketball action with the Panthers falling 50-47 in the non-league battle.

Christian Majors paced the way for the Hawks with 22 points while Amani-Jordan Chandran-Dickerson chipped in 15 markers.

David Parcher chipped in seven points for Maumee Valley Country Day and Nikola Dimitric picked up the remaining six markers.

Maumee Valley jumped in front 10-7 at the end of one period and the Hawks held on to record a 25-24 halftime advantage. Paulding answered in the third quarter with a dozen points while Maumee Valley Country Day scored nine, giving the Panthers a 36-34 lead entering the final stanza.

However, the Hawks responded in the fourth quarter with 16 points while limping Paulding to 11 as Maumee Valley Country Day posted the 50-47 victory.

Nick Manz paced the morning and white with 11 points and Peyton Adams scored eight markers.

Others finding the scoring column for Paulding were Ethan Foltz (seven), Isaac Reeb (six), Luke Zartman (five), Casey Agler (five) and Kane Jones (five).

Paulding rolled to a 52-17 win over the Hawks in the junior varsity contest.

LADY WARRIORS RECORD ACAC WIN OVER TIGERS

Woodlan picked up an ACAC victory over host Bluffton Friday night as the Lady Warriors recorded a 42-34 win over the Tigers.

Avah Smith and Taylor Kneubuhler each totaled double figures for Woodlan with 17 and 12 points, respectively. Addie Goheen chipped in nine markers for the Lady Warriors while Brooke Kneubuhler picked up four.

Smith completed a double-double by grabbing a dozen rebounds to pace Woodlan while also totaling five steals.

Gabi Klopfenstein picked up three rebounds and three assists while Goheen dished out six assists and had three steals. Taylor Kneubuhler finished the contest with three steals as well for Woodlan and Brooke Kneubuhler posted three assists.

In a low scoring first quarter, the Lady Warriors seized a 7-3 advantage after eight minutes of action before Woodlan scored a dozen second quarter markers compared to eight for Bluffton as the Warriors took a 19-11 halftime lead.

Bluffton responded in the third quarter with 14 markers to cut in the deficit, holding Woodlan to 11 with the Tigers trimming the margin to 30-25 entering the final period.

The Lady Warriors then closed out the contest by scoring a dozen points in the final eight minutes to wrap up the 42-34 victory.

LADY WARRIORS DROP CLOSE MATCH TO NORWELL



Woodlan Lady Warriors played host to the Norwell Lady Knights in high school girls basketball on Tuesday night, December 13th. Pictured here is Avah Smith is on her game against Norwell as she goes up for a layup and scores 2 points for the Warriors. Woodlan played a tight game, but lost at the final buzzer, 42-49. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Good News doesn't just happen. It's made!

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

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF WOODBURN:

The purpose of this publication is twofold:

First, to inform the community about the election process. The City of Woodburn holds a general election every four years to decide who will serve their community as elected officials. This includes the offices of the Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer, and the five Council seats. The last general election was never held as a cost savings measure due to only unopposed seats. The general election will take place in November of 2023. If more than one candidate for a given office file under the same party, a primary election will take place in May of 2023, which may or may not occur based on candidates who chose to file.

And secondly, to inform residents in the community what this process looks like if they wish to run for office. For any resident within the city limits who feels that they can provide meaningful contribution at the local level to direct and manage community affairs, I would encourage you to consider running for public office. Interested persons should contact the Allen County Election Board for additional guidance. You will need to start this process very early into 2023 to be installed at the start of 2024.

—Timothy Cummins, Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Woodburn

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.

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www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Stephen D. Miles, Attorney for Plaintiff

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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:
Situating 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:
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

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

LADY COUGARS SLIP PAST RAIDERS IN FOURTH QUARTER



Freshman Caroline Winans throws the ball up and scores for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

In a game that went back and forth it was the pivotal fourth quarter that was enough for Van Wert to ease past Wayne Trace in girls basketball action 29-26. Van Wert, who improves their season mark at 4-1, took their first lead of the contest midway through the final period when Soli Houg connected on a two-point field goal to push the Lady Cougars on top 25-24. Van Wert would widen their margin by three at 27-24 on a bucket from Erin Schaufelberger with just over a minute remaining in the contest.

Trailing by three the Raiders would answer when Gracie Shepherd connected

on a two-pointer to close the gap to one 27-26. Down the stretch in the closing seconds neither team would score until Schaufelberger went to the line with two free throws with just six seconds remaining. Schaufelberger responded hitting both attempts to secure the three-point win on the road.

The Raiders opened up with a 9-3 advantage after one quarter of play but the Cougars fought back to tie the score at the break 14-14. Wayne Trace would take the upper hand in the third frame and would enter the fourth quarter with a four-point advantage. However, Van Wert would come to life with an 11-point quarter while holding the Raiders to just four points.

Scoring for the winners were Houg leading the way with 11 followed by Schaufelberger with seven, Kyra Welch six, Maria Bagley three and Jordanne Blythe adding two to round out the Lady Cougar scoring.

Wayne Trace placed six in the scoring column led by the eight points of Gracie Shepherd followed by Harper Myers tossing in six, Caroline Winans five, Abby Moore four and Lexi Moore one. With the three-point set-back the Raiders fall to 2-3.

OAKWOOD STRATEGIC PLAN CONTINUES

Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO), in collaboration with the Village of Oakwood, held a recent meeting at the Cooper Community Library to gather public input regarding improvements needed in the village. Estee Miller, MVPO Community Development Planner led the discussion by reviewing the strengths, weakness, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis created at the public hearing in October.

Rising to the top of the potential project list were improvements and expansion to the existing parks, the addition of a sound system on N 1st street, safe sidewalks connecting homes to the school and down Walnut Street for safe walking to the markets, addressing the water quality, housing shortage, vacant buildings and more.

Miller then opened the discussion to address the biggest challenges facing Oakwood. Residents shared concerns about poor internet and cell phone service, lack of amenities and recreation opportunities, lack of job opportunities, and others. This activity assists MVPO in preparing to help the Village apply for a community grant in 2024. The needs and challenges expressed, as Miller explained, give MVPO an idea of what grant opportunities could potentially be looking at to overcome the identified challenges and projects.

Strategic planning will continue to be examined by the village council. Any residents with additional feedback are encouraged to reach out to the village council or Maumee Valley Planning Organization.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

John M. Talbott, Grover Hill, OH; Drug abuse; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

John G. Reese, Defiance, OH; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and cost

Codie J. Ledford, Cecil, OH; Domestic violence; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over; Warrant recalled on Municipal Court case
Travis A. Eccard, Oak-

wood, OH; Domestic violence, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, Submit an evaluation, No unlawful contact with victims, 20 hours community service, Risk assessment, Online classes, No alcohol or drugs, 180 days jail, 176 days suspended; Domestic violence, Count B dismissed per state, Costs to defendant

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

Sandy J. Brunelle, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Larry L. Woodard, Convoy, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

William B. Nostrant, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Bench trial held; Defendant found guilty; Pay all fines and costs

NSCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROVIDE VALUED INPUT INTO COLLEGE'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, December 9 at the Archbold Campus. As part of the meeting, the Board of Trustees members participated in a compression planning "dotting session", providing valued input into the College's new Strategic Plan, which will be in effect 2023-2026. The College has previously held external stakeholder listening and dotting sessions in all six service counties, as well as learner and employee sessions internally.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The current Strategic Plan (2020-2023) includes five goals or pillars:

1. Life-Changing Education (Create and maintain high quality, transformative, and safe educational environments that meet the needs of our current and future learners.)
 2. Learning For All (Promote collaborative partnerships that serve our learners and provide an equitable opportunity to succeed.)
 3. Organizational Excellence (Improve NSCC's institutional effectiveness to create a sustainable, stakeholder-focused and high-performing organization.)
 4. Empowered Team (Cultivate and sustain a positive culture that empowers team members to fulfill our mission.)
 5. Engaged Community (Create intentional communications and interactions between the College and its stakeholders to strengthen our community relationships.)
- You can view the full Strategic Plan at NorthwestState.edu/strategic-plan.
- In other Board action:
- Approved the promotion of Brittany Thompson to Director of Admissions.
 - Approved the employment of Adriana Lopez to Financial Aid Counselor, Gina Kasch to Fundraising Coordinator, and Susan Cheesman to Grants Officer.
 - Approved the transfer of Kristi Von Deylen to Administrative Assistant-Nursing & Allied Health, and Kara Flesher to Academic Advisor.

The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

BARBARA VANARSDALEN SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Barbara VanArsdalen (Director of Nursing, Paulding County Health Department) as the guest speaker at the December 15, 2022, club meeting. Barbara came at the invitation of Bret Mack (Fiscal Officer, Paulding County Carnegie Library). Barbara told the Kiwanians about the services that the Paulding County Health Department offers and the health statistics of Paulding County.

Approved the 2022 Affordability and Efficiency Report.

- Approved the 2021-2022 College Audit.
- Approved a new Board Self-Evaluation policy.
- Accepted a gift (ki-

nescope hand-held microscope) to the College.

- Approved miscellaneous employment contracts, and three resignations, and the renewal of Probationary Faculty and Non-Teaching Faculty contracts.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,

PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER

Plaintiff,

vs.

RUSSELL L. BAKER ET AL.

DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-22-190

Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

Spouse of Russell L. Baker; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Russell Baker; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Unknown Spouse of Russell L. Baker;

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 214 Maple Ave., Payne, Ohio 45880

Please take notice that a captioned has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Russell L. Baker to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 541 Page 0516 of the Paulding County Records. The real property in question is situated as follows:

Situated in the County of Paulding, in the State of Ohio, and in the Village of Payne:

Lot Number One Hundred Sixteen (116) of GIBSONS FIRST ADDITION to the Village of Payne, Paulding County, Ohio as platted and recorded in Plat Vol. 1 pp. 28-29 (Sleeve A-12), Paulding County Recorder's Office.

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ALSO, the West Half (1/2) of an alley vacated on July 11, 2001, as filed in O.R. Vol 470, page 11, Paulding County Recorder's Office which half of an alley is located adjacent to the entire easterly side of said Lot 116 aforesaid.

Auditor's Parcel: #19-09S-073-00
Property Address: 214 Maple Street, Payne, Ohio 45880

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*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

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

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Samuel Mitchell whose last place of residence/business is 7690 Road 87, Paulding, OH 45879, Tricia D. Mitchell whose last place of residence/business is 7690 Road 87, Paulding, OH 45879 but whose present place of residence/business is unknown will take notice that on August 25, 2022, Freedom Mortgage Corporation filed its Complaint in Case No. CI22149 in the Court of Common Pleas Paulding County, Ohio alleging that the Defendant(s) Samuel Mitchell, Tricia D. Mitchell have or claim to have an interest in the real estate described below:

Permanent Parcel Number: 28-34S-009-00, 28-34S-011-00; Property Address: 7690 Road 87, Paulding, OH 45879. The legal description may be obtained from the Paulding County Auditor at 115 North Williams Street, Suite 101, Paulding, Ohio 45879, 419-399-8205

The Petitioner further alleges that by reason of default of the Defendant(s) in the payment of a promissory note, according to its tenor, the conditions of a concurrent mortgage deed given to secure the payment of said note and conveying the premises described, have been broken, and the same has become absolute.

The Petitioner prays that the Defendant(s) named above be required to answer and set up their interest in said real estate or be forever barred from asserting the same, for foreclosure of said mortgage, the marshalling of any liens, and the sale of said real estate, and the proceeds of said sale applied to the payment of Petitioner's Claim in the proper order of its priority, and for such other and further relief as is just and equitable.

The Defendant(s) named above are required to answer on or before the **31st** day of **JANUARY**, 2023.

BY: REIMER LAW CO.
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TRUE LOVE AT CHRISTMAS



"I'll always remember the song they were playing the first time we danced and I knew, as we swayed to the music and held to each other, I fell in love with you." Erin and Ben are sometimes called the "Christmas Couple," because their love story is so connected to the holiday. They celebrate all year, by singing, "Away in a Manger," all year round, with their little girls. They enjoy the presents, the ornaments, the songs, the lights, the senses all year long. Especially the sense of smell. They enjoy everything that is associated with Jesus' birth.

Erin was a sophomore at Jones County Junior College, in Jettsville, Mississippi, just down the road from Laurel, her hometown. Erin was design director for the yearbook, and she was assigned an interview with Ben, one of the more popular guys on campus. You might say Ben was the BMOC, (Big Man on Campus.)

Actually Ben was big, 6 ft 6 and well over 300 lb. Erin was a tiny wisp of a girl. Everyone knew Ben, as he was always surrounded by a group of friends. The type of crush that every girl has a crush on. The first time they met was on December 7th, 2004. Ben came in on the designated hour, and Erin was ready for the interview.

December 8th, Ben was back for photos. December 9th they just happened to be in the cafeteria at the same time. December 10th was their first date, a ride in Erin's old VW to see the Christmas tree lighting in Mason Park. December 13th, Erin took Ben to meet her mother, which I must say was the spitting image of Erin. December 16th they decided that one day they would be married.

Christmas break came and Erin went home to Laurel. Ben made the 5-hour

drive home to be with his parents. Before he left Erin's mother gave him a bag of cookies, she had made especially for him. They came in handy as Ben had no money to stop and buy food. Erin and Ben were married two years later when they both graduated from the University of Mississippi. When Ben proposed they both just stood and cried. They now reside in Laurel where they have two daughters age six and two.

"Could I have This dance the rest of my life? When we're together it feels so right. Could I have This dance the rest of my life?"

They own a general store, Laurel Merchandise Company, a factory, Scotsman Manufacturing Company, and have started a scents store with 50 different spices. Christmas is a year round thing for them. They sing Christmas songs with their daughters all year long. "Our Town," where their goal is to remodel every old house in Laurel. Christmas is a big deal in Laurel, starting with the annual Kiwanis pancake breakfast, followed by the longest Christmas parade in the state.

Each year Erin and Ben celebrate "Love Week," by doing the same things they did the first six days they met. Eating in the cafeteria at their alma mater, and seeing the tree lighting in Mason Park, in an old VW. They celebrate the entire month of December, dressing formal to go to church. Erin gives her daughters the gift that she most remembers, a toy kitchen with a small stove and pots and pans. This early interest, and cooking with her grandma, led to her being a great cook.

They have several pear trees so each of their friends get a jar of spiced pears. They give each other the same stocking gifts each year. Erin

is a survivor of a disease that lasted for 10 years, a perforated appendix. A love story that started at Christmas, and continues throughout the year.

"Would you be my partner every night. Could I have This dance the rest of my life?"

—James Neuhouser

FROM THE MOUTH BY: ERIK R. LEHMKUHLE

Today's America is fraught with a dangerous social agenda. The far-left agencies, from politicians to corporate leaders to educators, are turning American democracy on its head. As an average American from Ohio, Erik R. Lehmukuhle dives deep into the issues plaguing our once-prideful nation and demonstrates where we went wrong and how we can rise again to the top by placing taxpayer money back into the United States through improving education in at-risk areas, focusing once again on family units, and promoting true equality for all races, sexes, and religions.

About the Author

Erik R. Lehmukuhle is an operations manager for a facility in Stone Mountain, Georgia. He and his wife, Chantell, have been married for six years and together, they have seven children and three grandchildren. In his spare time, Lehmukuhle enjoys weight lifting, long-distance running and spending his weekends watching football, but he finds the most joy in spending time with his family in any aspect, especially conducting debates on current events.

TIPS TO BETTER MANAGE HOLIDAY SPENDING

Increased expenses that can occur during the winter holiday season can make it hard for some consumers to avoid overspending. While this has become an annual issue for many people, increased inflation this year has more consumers looking for ways to stretch their budgets while still enjoying the festive season.

According to the 2022 Holiday Outlook by PwC, formerly Price Waterhouse Coopers, total holiday spending this year will be similar to last year, with the average consumer planning to spend \$1,430 this year. The international accounting firm surveyed more than 4,000 consumers.

"Despite citing fears of in-

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2022 MINDSET MARVELS



November 2022 mindset Marvels for Paulding Elementary are left to right: **Mad-dock Wolfle, Audrina Vance, Valentina Tellez-Munoz, Essie Deel, Mason Horner, Carl Wright.** Middle row: **Zarla Ross, Erick Hernandez, Ranger Grubb, Richard Froelich, Logan Schuchart, Sophia Spangler.** Back row: **Anna Baughman, Kenny Peffley, Kyler Manz, Wakita Monfette, Isabella Wesley, Mackenzie Reilly.** Missing from picture: **Aydenn Good, Abigail Cantu, Kinsley Pease, Carlie Lero.**

flation and the rising costs of transportation and utilities as deterrents to holiday spending, most consumers—74%—told us they plan to spend the same or more this holiday season as they did last year," PwC said in a written statement.

However, 65% of consumers said that price ranks as the highest factor that influences their holiday spending, with 75% of consumers reporting that they'll wait for the best deals before shopping.

That's why it's so important—especially this year—that as you plan for the holidays, you make sure that you have a clear picture of where you are financially, said Emily Marrison, an Ohio State University Extension program specialist in healthy finances. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

One way to do so is to consider creating a spending plan rather than a budget, Marrison said during a recent episode of "Extension Today," a production project done in partnership with NBC4 WCMH-TV. The weekly segment offers stories about gardening, cooking, and other tips, and resources for improving Ohioans' gardens, lives, families, and local communities.

"Calling it a budget makes it feel like our hands are tied, but creating a spending plan gives us more freedom and more control over what we're going to spend during the holidays," she said. "I really like to think about this from a joy factor standpoint—what brings you or your family the most joy?"

"This is something you can think about as you divide your spending plan into different categories, focusing on what you should be spending the most money on."

Marrison said a good spending plan starts with deciding the total amount that you can afford to spend, and then dividing that amount among multiple categories that can include food, deco-

ALAYNA WILLITZER OF CECIL AWARDED AT STEM SYMPOSIUM



Trine University students have been honored for projects presented at the university's sixth annual STEM Research and Design Symposium, held Dec. 9 on the concourse of the MTI Center.

The symposium featured 36 student projects representing multiple academic departments. Projects in-

cluded departmental freshman and research projects as well as Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU).

Awards were presented in the following categories:

Best REU Project: Alayna Willitzer, a biomedical engineering major from Cecil, Ohio, "Diclofenac Cytotoxicity in 2- and 3-D Rat Hepato-

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GOVERNOR DEWINE ANNOUNCES TAX CREDITS AWARDED TO VAN WERT FORWARD PHASE II



Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced state support for 12 mixed-use development projects that are expected to create more than \$1.29 billion in new payroll and \$2.3 billion in investments across Ohio. Van Wert Forward Phase II is one of the twelve projects supported with \$896,134 in tax credits from the Transformational Mixed-Use Development (TMUD) Program administered by the Ohio Department of Development. The TMUD credits are awarded to organizations that demonstrate an ability to spur economic growth and social well-being, producing long-term, positive change for a community.

The Van Wert County Foundation, the vision-driving force behind Van Wert Forward is pleased to announce that this support is appropriated for Phase II, which is part of the historic rehabilitation of 19 largely vacant buildings in the Downtown Business District of Van Wert. Phase II will rehabilitate five buildings to house 15 residential units and 7,440 square feet of commercial space. The project is expected to create 35 full-time jobs and 46 construction jobs.

The projects are receiving state support as part of the second round of the Transfor-

mational Mixed-Use Development Program. Projects will include the construction or redevelopment of more than 5.3 million square feet of transformational space to create new housing, retail, dining, office, lodging, and entertainment opportunities.

"These projects will transform not only the sites themselves but also the look and feel of entire neighborhoods," said Governor DeWine. "We're changing the face of these communities and bringing Ohio into the future. I'm looking forward to seeing the tremendous change these projects create in their communities."

The Transformational Mixed-Use Development program was created as part of the 133rd Ohio General Assembly's Senate Bill 39. The bill, sponsored by Senator Kirk Schuring (R-Canton), was signed into law by Governor DeWine and became effective in March 2021. Van Wert Forward was awarded \$2.6M in tax credits allocated to Van Wert Forward Phase I through the first phase of this program in March 2022.

"Van Wert Forward had the amazing opportunity to travel to Columbus for this award and stand in a room full of influential leaders to present at length about the cool things happening in Van

Wert," shared Hall Block, VWForward Property Manager. "The fact our state partners believe in Van Wert has helped us get this project off the ground. We are so thankful for the awarded tax credits and the recognition it brings to Van Wert from all across the state of Ohio."

and Force Distributions between an Ankle-Stabilizing Orthosis and an External-Fixation Device to Reduce Fall Risk: A Geriatric Spatiotemporal Gait Analysis." Honorable Mention, Undergraduate Research in Engineering: Tyler Strasbourg, a biomedical engineering major from Oregon, Ohio, and Joseph Grigsby, a biomedical engineering major from Mount Sterling, Ohio, "Response of a Stepper Motor 3-D Printed Joint"; Konrad Dorsey, a design engineering technology major from Manilla, Indiana, Aidan Lapp, a design engineering technology major from South Bend, Indiana, Conor O'Neill, a design engineering technology major from Fairland, Indiana, and Isaac Krueger, a design engineering technology major from Fishers, Indiana, "Metal Shredder." Best Freshman Project in Biomedical Engineering: Madison Kinneer, a biomedical engineering major from Normalville, Pennsylvania, and Taylor Oster, a biomedical engineering major from Bedford, New Hampshire, "Progression of Ventricular Assistance Devices (VADs) in Patients."

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rations, entertainment, travel, holiday cards, charity, and gifts.

"Think about what are the numbers that you would like to see, and keep that in mind as you are creating your spending plan," she said. "Focus on allocating more money to the areas that bring the most joy to you and your family."

"It's totally OK to spend less in the areas that don't mean as much to you. And remember, you give your 'future self' a gift when you stick to the spending numbers you had in mind. It can be a joy when you check your bank balance after the holidays and you've stuck to the plan."

Here are some other tips to help you formulate a holiday spending plan that avoids financial pitfalls:

- Make savings automatic. Set aside a portion of your paycheck. Start saving now. Transfer to your savings a set amount of money from each paycheck.

- Start with a list of everything you'll be spending money on during the holidays. Include all gifts, foods, drinks, decorations, and charitable giving.

- Set reasonable expectations. Take a look at your monthly budget, decide how much you can really spend on those holiday extras, and plan your budget accordingly.

- To determine your holiday spending plan, review what you spent last year. Then, use that amount as a guide for this year. Remember to include all money spent on gifts, foods, drinks, decorations, and charitable giving.

- Once you've created your spending plan, stick to it.

- After your spending plan is made, prioritize where and how you'll spend. Be sure to account for everything: gifts, decorations, donations, a new piece of clothing, groceries, and baking.

- Prioritize. If you come up short, determine where you can do some trimming. Can you forgo new holiday decorations this year? Can you pledge to avoid spending money on yourself when you're out shopping?

- So many things about this year are nontraditional, so if your money is tighter this year than usual, think about starting new traditions that don't require you to spend as much money. For

example, instead of buying for everyone in your family, you can opt for a family gift exchange that will allow you to buy for one person instead of the whole gang. That way, everyone still gets to be involved in the holiday experience. If you need to, adopt a new tradition that requires no money spent at all, such as watching a holiday movie together, baking your favorite holiday treat, or taking a festive holiday walk.

- Keep an eye out for online and in-store deals and sales. Retailers are offering Black Friday deals over multiple weeks this year. Grocery stores often offer specials on holiday-related food items. And limit the number of shopping trips: The more you are in the stores, the greater the chance you'll make impulse purchases.

- Don't wait until the last minute. That's one of the best ways to go into debt during the holiday season. Take advantage of preholiday sales and free, online shipping.

Lastly, look ahead when thinking about your spending, Marrison said.

"Now's the time to realistically start planning for next year," she said. "Take the holiday budget you've set for this year—or what you wish it could be—and divide it by 12. Then, set up an automated plan to deposit that amount directly from your paycheck into a special savings account for holiday spending next year."

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Each day at WCCH centers on biblical study, prayer, and development. Predictability and permanency fill the air. All

of this is communicated through live-in houseparents and other staff. This long-standing combination within a family-centered mission helps children flourish and overcome difficulties.

Recently we discussed these ideas with Zaysha, one of our WCCH children, a 9th grader at Harlan Christian School. Zaysha loves painting and youth group. Her smile

lights up the room. We first met Zaysha at the Kalkaska Church of Christ. During the interview process prior to placement, we asked her to describe some goals she wished to accomplish at WCCH. Without hesitation Zaysha said, "I just want a safe home, a safe place to live."

Zaysha has been with us since September 2021. Her grades are now above average

and the spark is back in her eyes. Our experience with Zaysha reminds us of 1 Corinthians 3:18, "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

Woodburn Christian Children's Home provides a safe Christian home where chil-

dren like Zaysha come to know the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Your participation in the WCCH mission changes lives! Each child needs to know God's love and needs a safe home to live and grow. May God bless you this Christmas season as we celebrate Jesus!

—In Service to Him,
Joe Heins Executive Director

BESTRONG & COURAGEOUS Building Update



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We continue to pray for God's provision in funding the project. We know one of our greatest legacies for the next generation is to maintain a debt-free mission. To accomplish this, we need your help, and maybe even the help of your friends and business associates. Please consider giving today. Contact Joe Heins to schedule a visit to discuss your involvement in realizing God's vision. Help us Finish Strong!



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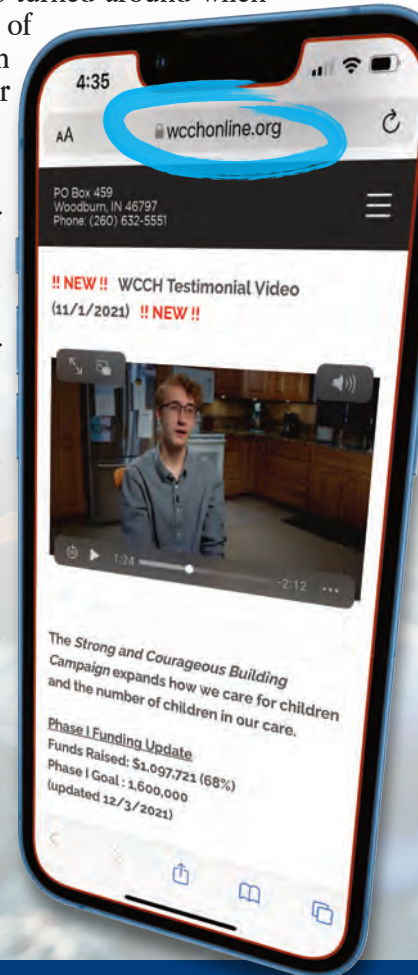
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Woodburn Christian Children's Home is blessed by the people who God provides to make this ministry a success.

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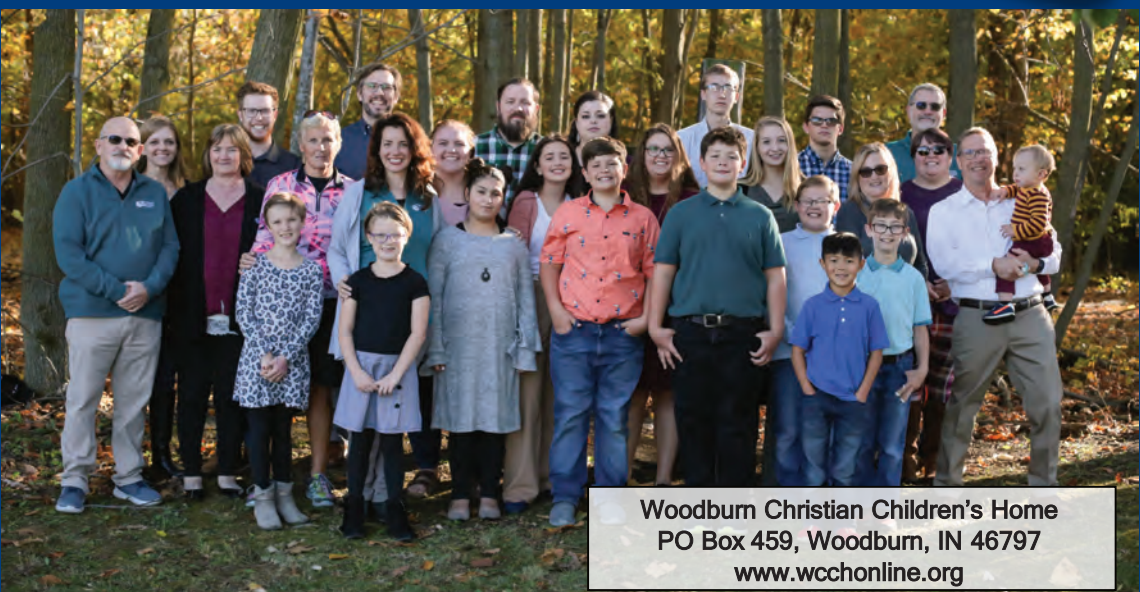


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