

MT. CALVARY ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Antwerp, OH held its annual Children's Christmas Program this past week on December 18, 2022 dur-

ing the regular worship time of 10:15 a.m.

Rev. Mark Peters and the congregation welcome everyone to join in worship ev-

ery Sunday with Christian Education for all ages at 9:15 a.m.

The church is located at 3497 County Rd 424.

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at 102 Peckhart Auburn, IN. In support of Indiana's FFA Scholarship Foundation, a fund raising auction will be held at 1:00 pm both Tuesday and Wednesday, featuring a variety of donated items. Their last auction raised over \$22,000.00 for scholarships.

In addition to the Fort Wayne Farm Show, Tradexpos produces the North American Farm & Power Show in Owatonna, MN, The North Star Ag expo in Medford, MN, The Wichita Farm & Ranch Show along with The Topeka Farm Show; both in Kansas.

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Mr. Dave Gullen from Geenex Solar recently was in town to donate \$4000 towards village splash pad project. Below Mr. Gullen is shown presenting the donation to Sheryl Vetter and Kirk Collins, both Hicksville Community Fund board members. Time is running short for this year end donations however donations will be accepted through out 2023 as well!

Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

December 26

• PC Libraries CLOSED

December 28

• Antwerp Village special meeting @ 7:15am, reading Ordinances 2022-27 & 2022-29 @ Town Hall
• Route 49 Girls BB Tourney finals @ Antwerp

December 29-30

• Route 49 Boys BB Tourney @ Edon

January 2

• PC Libraries CLOSED

January 3

• Grand Opening & Ribbon-cutting @ Speice's Barbershop, Paulding, 10am

January 4

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

January 15

• Paulding KofC Free Throw Contest @ PHS, 1pm

January 16

• PC Libraries CLOSED in observance of MLK Jr.

February 25

• Wine & Cheese Tasting @ JPHS



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OHIO STATE PATROL INVESTIGATES REST AREA DEATH

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Donald K. Richardson Jr., age 40, of Lima, Ohio was found deceased in his 2011 Buick Lacrosse while a trooper from the Van Wert

post was performing a rest area check on December 17, 2022.

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—Michelle Dooley
—Jennifer Ramsier
—Paulding County
Christmas for Kids Coordinators

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OBITUARIES

PAULDING FFA CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Scripture of the Week

ANTWERP, OH:
Ronald F. Davidson, Jr., 64, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Saturday, December 17, 2022 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.



“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’”
 — Luke 2:11-14



At the end of month Mrs. Miller conducted SAE home visits as our members prepared for the Paulding County Fair which took place in early June.

During the month of June, the Paulding County Fair took place, the chapter had over 80 members that participated in many activities. We had 40 members that had livestock projects and over 100 that had still projects. The chapter had at least one livestock project in each barn. As a chapter we had many members participate in the Lonnie Miller kickball tournament, in which we ended up taking first place in the tournament and we received a trophy. We had five members that were royalty members on the court for the king and queen contest. The chapter had many members who received plaques or best of class ribbons on their still projects and a lot of our members won awards for their livestock projects. We had 4 members who won grand champion and one member who won reserve champion. We had a successful fair!

In July the officer team went to Sugar Grove, Ohio near Hocking Hills for their officer retreat. This retreat was a great opportunity for the new officer team to get to know each other better so that they could work as a team for the 2022-2023 FFA year. The officer team did many team bonding activities with each other as well as a potluck with the Chief Logan's FFA Officers. The officer got to hike half a mile of the Wahkeena Nature Preserve which everyone enjoyed.

In the month of August, the chapter had their member and parent meeting, where they learned a little bit more about FFA from the officer team and their advisors. There were over 165 members and parents along with many FFA Alumni members that attended the meeting. The Alumni members prepared everyone that attended a sausage sandwich so that they had something to eat while the officers talked about all of the differ-

ent CDE's that our chapter offers.

During the month of September, our chapter had 9 members compete in the District 4 soils CDE in Upper Sandusky. There was one team for rural soils and then there was another team for urban soils. The rural soils were made up of: Kobe Foor, Jamy Hunt, Brooke Kilgore, Mason Schlatter, and Tyler Schlatter. The urban team was made up of: Jalyn Klopfenstein, Caydence Rue, Colby Singer, and Brooklyn Schlatter. Both of the teams had to take a general knowledge test, a survey test, and judge 4 different soil pits. When judging the pits both teams are looking at the soil texture, soil structure, slope, drainage class, and compaction. Both of the teams did very well and learned a lot.

In October, our chapter had 12 members travel to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 95th Annual National FFA Convention. The members were there for 4 days and had a very busy schedule. On the first day of Convention the members got to go to top golf, this was a great time for all the members to be able to bond with each other. The next day the chapter toured the Indy 500 and then attended the opening session of the FFA convention where Tamika Catching was the keynote speaker. Then later that evening the chapter attended a concert where Lauren Alaina and Jimmy Allen performed. On the 3rd day of convention the chapter went to the 2nd general session, during this session our chapter was recognized as a 3-Star National Chapter which was the 2nd year the chapter had been Nationally recognized. Then on the last 2 days the chapter got to go to the Indianapolis Zoo and the World's Toughest Rodeo finals. Finally they ended the National Convention by attending the American Degree ceremony, where the chapter watched 4 of Paulding FFA members receive their American FFA Degrees. The four members were: Kyle Harris, Colton Howell, Nolan Johanns, and Sydney Reineck. Our chapter also started the Paulding FFA Annual Fruit Sale in the month of October, all of our members did a great job at selling as much fruit as they could to help out our chapter.

During November, our chapter had 7 members compete in the sub-districts job interview contest that took place at Crestview. Those members were Grace Goyings, Addison Hunt, Jamy Hunt, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Tytus Manz, Caydence Rue, and Mason Schlatter. These members spent a lot of time preparing their resumes, reference letters, and cover letters for this competition. They even did mock interviews so that they could get practice in and know what they needed to improve before actually doing the competition. There was one member from each division that advanced to Districts, those members were: Grace Goyings, Addison Hunt, Jamy Hunt, and Caydence Rue. These four members continued to prepare themselves for the district competition by doing another mock interview. Grace Goyings Placed 1st in her division at districts which means she got to move on to the prelims for the State Contest. Addy Hunt, Jamy Hunt, and Caydence Rue all placed 2nd in the divisions at districts. Grace Goyings ended up placing 2nd in the State Prelims Contest.

The Paulding FFA Aquarium team also competed at the state contest, the team was made up of Jamy Hunt, Carter Manz, Clayton Manz, and Tyler Schlatter. The team placed 2nd overall and they even earned a banner. Carter Manz placed 1st and he will be recognized on stage at the State Convention. Jamy Hunt placed 9th as an individual.

In the month of December, our chapter had a gingerbread house competition, each class split into two groups and made two different gingerbread houses, then they got judged by the staff members at our school and the top 3 winners won an ice cream treat. All the members also decorated cookies during class to celebrate the Christmas season before exams. The FFA officer team also had their Christmas party, they had a lot of fun bonding with each other and playing different holiday games.

We are so thankful for the support of our school district, FFA Alumni and the community as our chapter continues to grow and thrive we couldn't do without everyone's support!

MATT'S MISHAPS



How do you celebrate the nocturnal holiday of New Year's Eve? We've lived overseas in a country where they try to eat a dozen grape, one grape on each of the twelve gongs of the clock striking at midnight.

“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



Y2K & Bath tubs
 Do you remember where you were at for Y2K? Remember? It was that great concern (that turned out to be nothing) for a cataclysmic shutdown of everything upon arriving at midnight on January 1, 2000 with computer operating systems all going haywire.

We had moved overseas in 1999 and were living in a place where computers had largely not been integrated into many areas of life. These foreigners had no idea what the American Y2K fear was all about and they had little interest in the subject. Some in America were quite concerned and others just took advantage of it. I knew men who had been eyeing a new generator and all sorts of goodies at the hardware store. Y2K was the perfect excuse to buy all sorts of things their wives would never have allowed otherwise, “Honey, I'm doing it to keep us safe.” Yeah right!

When you live overseas, you often are with other Americans to celebrate holidays. We went to visit a couple for the New Year's celebration who lived a few hours from us. After the road trip to their apartment, I asked to use the bathroom. I found it a bit odd to see that their bath tub was completely full of water. As we walked around

their place, we noticed lots of containers, pots, and a laundry hamper filled with water to - reserve drinking water. They also had an overstuffed pantry. Yes, they were preparing for Y2K. Needless to say, I didn't ask to take a bath.

As the fireworks for the New Year went off, my wife and I were enjoying the excitement of doing the holiday in another country. However, the other couple seemed a bit apprehensive during the fireworks. Their faces said, “When is it all going to shut down?” and they looked a bit disappointed when all the utilities kept working just fine. The tub was drained later the next day when they determined all was clear. It was not a subject that we brought up with them and the new year marched forward.

Every time I see a full bath tub of water now, my first thought is, “Don't get a bath in it! It might be our drinking water for a few days.”

Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story!
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PICKING UP THE PIECES

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitacker

This was too good not to tell so am writing this and the author was anonymous.

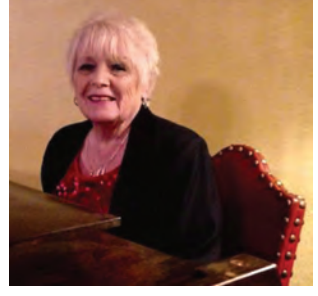
I was at TJ Maxx yesterday and heard a loud crash and something shattering. Being nosy, I walked towards the sound and saw some people whispering and looking back to the end of the next aisle.

When I walked down that aisle, I saw that an older lady had hit a shelf and many things had fallen to the ground and broken. She was kneeling on the floor embarrassed, frantically trying to clean up. I felt so bad for her. Every one was just standing there staring at her. So I went and knelt beside her and told her not to worry and started helping her pick up the broken pieces.

After about a minute, the store manager came and knelt beside us and said, "Leave it, we will clean this up." The lady, totally embarrassed said, "I need to pay for all this." The manager smiled, helped her to her

feet and said, "No ma'am, we have insurance for this, you do not have to pay anything!" If you have read this far, give me another minute.

Wherever you are, close your eyes, and imagine God doing the same for you! Imagine the broken pieces of your mistakes or the pieces of your broken heart from all the blows life has thrown at you all over the floor and you're there trying to collect all of the pieces and fix them yourself.



Now imagine God comes and kneels right down beside you, smiles and says to you, "Leave it all there, I will clean this up for you."

He loves you that much and wants to put all of those pieces back together if you will let Him. With Him we have this insurance and it's called GRACE! And it's free! All you have to do is ask Him to forgive you, help you, and to heal you. He's faithful, I promise!

—Author Unknown

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
I was asked by the school board to check out various opinions about sex education in public schools. I would like to hear yours?

My opinion frankly is that the public school has no place teaching sex education. Many children are being forced into it far too early.

Sex education brings disaster when it is not taught in the context of Biblical morality, which is forbidden in the public schools. God created sex and also gave its purposes, place and rules. When those are left out, the children's view of sex is reduced to that of an animal which fits in really well with the secular humanists who have control of public schools in America today.

Fathers should wake up! God commands them to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord - Ephesians 6:4. Giving children sex education with no moral direction is like handing out loaded guns at recess and saying, "Now go

have a good time playing cops and robbers, and remember there are no rules."

Checking the record shows that sex education in the public school has not solved as many problems as it has created. As was predicted by many when sex education entered into the public schools, there has been a growing epidemic of fornication, venereal disease, homosexuality and abortions among our youth.

We cannot put all the blame on the kids. Most of it rests on lazy, selfish, permissive parents who think food, clothes and a roof over their head is all a kid needs or deserves. I believe that the best answer for sex education is for the church to provide materials for the parents to teach their children when and to the degree the child or youth is ready.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

PERFUME, TEARS, & HAIR

By: Doris Applegate

Usually people think of perfume with joy and happi-

SANTA VISITS ANTWERP MANOR ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS



Pictured with Santa receiving her gift is Antwerp Manor resident, Diann Bergman.



Pictured with Santa receiving her gift is Antwerp Manor resident, Barb Seibert.

Santa stopped by to deliver some early Christmas gifts to the residents at the Antwerp Manor Assisted Living facility. Santa, also known as Nash Zartman, had fun delivering the gifts to everyone. The residents certainly enjoyed having such a cute young visitor. Many people in the community contributed to the bag of gifts that Santa's Aunt

Erica Johann's organized. The residents and staff are very appreciative of the amount of time as well as the monetary donations that went into this thoughtful gift. We are so BLESSED to be a part of such a loving and kind community. For the many blessings we have been given in 2022, we say, "Thank you and Happy New Year."

ness but not with tears. In Luke chapter 7 verse 44 we read the following: Jesus was visiting one day in a Pharisee's house when a woman also entered and started crying at the feet of Jesus, wiping her tears with the hairs of her head, also pouring expensive perfume oil on his feet. Many thought that this was a terrible waste of precious oil that could have been sold and given to the poor.

Jesus said to Simon: "I entered your house you gave me no water for my feet, but she has washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her hand. Thou gave me no kiss but this woman since the time I came in has not ceased to kiss my feet.

My head you did not anoint but this woman has anointed my head with ointment. Wherefore I say unto you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much, but to whom little is forgiven the same loveth little. And Jesus said to woman, "Your sins are forgiven, your faith has saved you, go in peace.

In this wonderful story of redemption we see where Jesus is very willing to forgive the worst sins of any person.

This woman was probably a prostitute and was very grateful to be forgiven. It doesn't matter the sins that we commit, they are all paid

for by the blood of Jesus when he willingly gave his life for the sins of the world.

We must realize that we are a sinner and need forgiveness and come to Jesus. Many people today say that there are many ways to get salvation but this is not true. We must remember that Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and life. No one comes to God the Father only by me."

Do you realize that all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God? Thank God that we can be forgiven and enter Heaven when we die! Have you asked Jesus to forgive your sins? This is the question of the day. In the book of Romans it says: "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved."

I pray you will do this today. Amen

CHELSI GIESIGE NAMED TO TRINE UNIVERSITY'S VICE PRESIDENT'S LIST

Chelsi Giesige of Paulding, a Trine University student, was named to the Vice President's List for the Fall 2022 term.

Giesige is majoring in Finance.

To earn Vice President's List honors, an undergraduate student must be registered for

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Irl Vernon Dindot was a young man born July 21, 1893 in Delphos, Ohio. The son of John Jenkins Dindot, born December 2, 1853 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Laura (Bayman) Dindot born in 1856. This couple married in 1878.

By 1900, the Dindot family, John, Laura and ten children, Irl being the seventh child, were living in Delphos, Ohio. John was a painter. Irl was a school age child. By 1910 the Dindot family, John, Laura and six children, were living in Latty, Ohio. Irl was a farm laborer working on the family farm.

In 1912, Irl joined the Navy. He served four years and made his home in Grover Hill, Ohio. On June 2, 1917, at the East Latty precinct, Irl registered for the draft. Living in Grover Hill, he was a seasonal farmer working for a fellow named George E. Starr in Grass Lake, Michigan. Irl was listed as medium height and build, hazel eyes and dark brown hair.

On December 15, 1917, Irl was stationed at Cincinnati, Ohio with the United States Navy Reserve Forces. On being called to active duty, December 31, 1917, Irl will be as-

signed to the ship, Philadelphia. He served with this ship until January 12, 1918. Then sent to serve on the ship, U.S.S. Conestoga and served until November 11, 1918. He was at sea for 331 days. Released from active duty, October 31, 1919. He also served at the Naval Demobilization Station in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Irl was honorably discharged, January 5, 1922.

By 1923, Irl had moved back home to Latty, Ohio to live with his parents and two brothers. That all changed as he met a gal named Addie Mae Yoh. The couple was married May 19, 1923 in Van Wert, Ohio by the Rev. Ira Steele, with judge Charles E. Lawhead looking on.

The happy couple moved to Washington Township. On January 7, 1925, Irl's father John passed away. He was buried in Middle Creek Cemetery. By 1930, Irl and Addie were living in Washington Township. Addie's mom Alice moved in with them.

On February 11, 1933, a son, James Vernon Dindot was born. In 1938, Irl's mother, Laura, passed away and buried in Middle Creek Cemetery. Hard work and bad health caused Irl Vernon Dindot to pass away in Paulding, August 25, 1939. He too, was laid to rest in Middle Creek Cemetery. Addie never remarried and passed away in Columbus, Ohio, December 19, 1972. She was buried with her sailor in Middle Creek. As for their son, James, he graduated from Grover Hill High School and went on to become a Doctor and graduated from Ohio State University.

He joined the National Guard where he attained the rank of Captain. He passed away March 22, 1987 in Conroe, Texas. He was never married.

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FIRST LADY WELCOMES OHIO NATIONAL GUARD TO PARTICIPATE IN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FOR MILITARY CHILDREN



First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, right side of table, is joined by National Guard family members, state adjutants general and National Guard senior leaders for a roundtable discussion on support for National Guard children in the White House Roosevelt Room, Washington, D.C., Nov. 28, 2022. Veronica Ballard, left side of table, of Fredericktown, Ohio and daughter of Ohio Army National Guard Maj. Andre Ballard, was one of seven National Guard children from throughout the United States who were invited to share their experiences with the first lady. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Zach Sheely)

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general, and Ohio Army National Guard Maj. Andre Ballard and his daughter Veronica were invited to represent Ohio during a recent roundtable discussion in Washington, hosted by First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, on ways to support National Guard children as part of the ongoing Joining Forces initiative.

The conversation focused on the experiences of seven National Guard children, who traveled from throughout the United States to participate in the roundtable, and how their

communities and schools can support them.

“It was clear from the start of the meeting that Dr. Biden was interested in Veronica’s opinion,” Harris said. “Veronica shared the importance of her father visiting her school and explaining to her classmates what serving in the military means to him and his family. As one of only seven children selected from across the United States, Veronica’s experiences that she discussed at the roundtable will help shape how schools and communities can better serve our military children in the future.”

The Ballards reside in

Fredericktown, Ohio. Maj. Ballard works full time for the Ohio Army National Guard as a logistics officer and is assigned to 73rd Troop Command, headquartered at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus.

Founded in 2011, Joining Forces is a White House initiative to support military and veteran families, caregivers, and survivors by focusing on the areas of employment and entrepreneurship; military child education; and health and well-being. Learn more at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/joiningforces/>

COVID 19 UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY

The week of December 19, Paulding County had 25 new cases, 2 new hospitalizations and 0 deaths, and Paulding County ranking is 24th 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.

VFW AUXILIARY ANNOUNCES KICK-OFF OF ANNUAL YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

VFW Auxiliary 3360 Defiance, Ohio is excited to announce the kick-off of the VFW Auxiliary’s annual Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. Local students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to compete for \$34,000 in national scholarships.

Students must submit an original two-dimensional piece of artwork. Digital art, photography and jewelry are not accepted. The entry must have completed during the current school year and the entry form must include a parent or guardian’s signature.

Students begin by competing at the local VFW Auxiliary level. The first-place winner from each Auxiliary advances to the Department (state) competition. Department (state) first-place winners compete for their share of \$34,000 in national awards, and the national first- place winner is awarded a \$15,000 scholarship. National first- through thirteen-place winners are featured in VFW Auxiliary Magazine and on the VFW Auxiliary website. All Department (state) winning entries are judged at National Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri in July and will be displayed at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

The VFW Auxiliary started the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth. Approximately 4,000 students participate each year and in addition to \$34,000 in national scholarships, local and state VFW Auxiliaries throughout the nation award more than \$150,000 in Patriotic Art Scholarships every year.

Student entries must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary 3360 Defiance, Ohio March 31, 2023.. Interested students, parents and teachers should contact local chairman, Christine Taylor, at (419) 587-3400 or at rctaylor1966@tds.net for more information.

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WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/5/22

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, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker and Councilman Martin were not present.

Chief’s Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent’s Report: The wreaths and banners have been placed on Main Street. The lights hanging off of the water tower need replaced and consequently are not turned on at the moment.

Mayor’s Report: The Mayor gave an update on the lights that are to be replaced on Main Street. He also gave an update on issues that are occurring with light pole locations on Main Street. The Mayor also described the potential need for Council to consider an Ordinance at the subsequent meeting confirming that there are no changes to implement regarding Council District boundaries. The Mayor gave an update on the INDOT Stellar Project. He also asked Council members to sign the plat for the Ashlar Pointe addition provided to the City. These signatures do not constitute approval to connect to City water and until additional testing is approved by the Superintendent, this will remain the case. The Mayor went over details describing the potential of broadband internet in the new housing additions.

Clerk-Treasurer’s Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the November 21st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the November 21st meeting as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer presented end-of-year paperwork for the Council’s consideration. This included certification that City employees, on behalf of the City, did not award contracts that would benefit them financially. The nepotism form and the handbook acknowledgement form were also distributed to each employee present. Times and dates for 2023 meetings were presented for consideration with suggested changes noted. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that the Board of Works approved payment for the final invoice to Fox Contractors for the lagoon clean closure project, less final retention. This resulted in the SRF draw down loan to be utilized in full with the remainder invoice balance to be approved by Council at their meeting on December 19th.

Councilmen’s Report: Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 22-1411 (Amend Water Rates) by title only, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to approve the third reading of Ordinance 22-1411, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ordinance 22-1411 as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1411 is ratified as presented. Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Ordinance 22-1413 (Designating EDTA #1 as Ashlar Pointe and EDTA #2 as Homestead Place) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 22-1413 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ordinance 22-1413 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1413 is ratified as presented. Councilman Gerig moved to read Resolution 22-269 (Transfers w/In Funds) by title only, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 22-269, second by Council-

PAULDING MS DECEMBER POSITIVE PANTHERS



Positive Panthers for the month of December are Skiller Good (6th), Riley Cox (7th), and Brody Lindsey (8th).

PAULDING MS DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Students of the Month for December are Ross Meyer (6th), Jarrett Griffith (7th), and Leonel Reyes (8th).

woman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 22-269 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Resolution 22-269 is ratified as presented.

Audience: A pair of residents came in to discuss the property at the old PNC building and mentioned that several other residents have also complained. They asked if there is anything that the City can do to assist with this issue. The Mayor and Council went over the City’s position and that a particular nuisance violation would be necessary in order to force action on part of the owner. It was suggested that if signatures were collected, the Mayor would send a letter alongside those signatures asking the owner to consider his impact within the community.

Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

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

STUDENTS NAMED TO TRINE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT’S LIST

Trine University students were named to the President’s List for the Fall 2022 term. To earn President’s List honors, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.750-4.000.

Evan Mohr of Payne
Alayna Willitzer of Cecil
Join the conversation, #TrineU.

Trine University, an internationally recognized, private, co-educational, residential institution, offers associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in the Allen School of Engineering & Computing, Ketner School of

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New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds
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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
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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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Socialism??
I see a lot of people talking about our becoming a socialist society under this administration. Trying to take our guns, our rights, rewriting the constitution, making everything so expensive we can't afford anything and relying on the government for everything! And some uninformed people think this is a good idea, especially the young people who want others to pay off their loans and everything

else. See how well this worked in Germany under the Hitler rule?? In a way we already have socialism in place with the ridiculous seat belt law. I look in the court results every week and 40%-60% of the fines and cases are for this un American law! And I see recently a lot of " saved by the belt" awards being given out. Nothing wrong with that and I'm not against wearing them as they do save lives. I won't be in a car without one on because in 1968 I bumped a car in a shopping center when it pulled out in front of me and I hit my face on the steering wheel even at a slow speed. Never drove without one since. But they don't tell you how many have been killed when wearing them. But I'm sure the ratio in favor is much higher to the positive for wearing them. In 1967 A friend had one of the first Fire birds I had seen and was showing a friend how good it handled the curves. He lost it and hit a tree sideways and they said his passenger would have been killed if he was wearing his seat belt. So there's a gray area for this issue. But to have to pay money because you don't want to keep yourself safe is the mark of a socialist society at work. It should be personal choice as a lot of people I know don't like to wear them. And why is not wearing them doing any damage to anyone but yourself?

Look at the court results, drug arrests sometimes a fine too many times dismissed by the state or court?? Aren't these people a threat on the roads?? And texting or being on a cell phone paying no attention to driving, what a joke. Very seldom a fine, usually a pat on the wrist, or take

some stupid, useless course then go right back out and do it again. Awhile back I watched a female driver going East on Jackson Street drive right through the stop sign at Dix St. never slowing down and holding the cell phone over the wheel laughing at something! I witnessed this same vehicle do this twice! Why is this crap less dangerous than not wearing a seat belt?? Back to the court cases, the drug and cell phone abuses, pats on the wrist but oh jeez get stopped for no seat belt and they are ready to get the rope out and hang you from the nearest telephone pole or tree!! It's treated like a major crime when all you are doing is endangering yourself. And where does the money from this " crime" go, obviously not for the maintenance of our roads or things the towns need.

Years ago they did the same thing with motorcycle helmets till it was protested and removed as a law and left up to the rider. This seat belt sham was shoved down our throats without the everyday person being able to vote or have any say in it. And how do they supposedly see so many not wearing them as they are colored the same as the interior and mounted to where they don't show up as much even while wearing them?? I'm not cutting down our law enforcement people, but their time could be better spent on more serious matters. And I say YES wear them, I don't feel comfortable without them on. But to have our socialist thinking government agencies telling us to wear one or give us money that we will waste on useless projects like we waste taxpayer money on is wrong. I know nothing will ever change with this ridiculous law, our government is only interested in keeping us poor and under their terms. And that so-called course those cell phone addicts have to take must be a joke, just like in the days years ago when we got a ticket for speeding. We went in, paid a fine then back out to do it again. It wasn't much money back then though much more now. Get in their pocket books deeply, maybe that would hit home. Nothing more scary than to be driving and seeing a car coming at you drifting towards the center line while the addict in it is looking or poking away at their stupid cell phone and you see this wherever you go anymore! I'll just keep looking at the court results and shaking my head at the jokes of the fines and what

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OAKWOOD BEGINNING BAND STUDENTS



Pictured are front row left to right: Addi Mason, Kinlee Sherry, Lauryn Bernal, Alli Roddy. Back row: Madison Durham, Kelsey Starr, Symon Manz, Brandon Krabill, Zavier Nunez, and Legend Buckler.

The Oakwood Elementary School's Beginning Band students treated their

family and friends to their first concert of the year on Thursday, December 15,

2022. They are under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp.

they are given for before I go out on the roads to face the deadly criminals that aren't wearing their seat belt and try to dodge those innocent people on their cell phones and hope I make it from point A to point B safely.

Thanks to the West Bend News for allowing us to voice our opinions on everything, the mark of a first class newspaper.

—Gregg Gorman, Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wake up Antwerp
I just read an eye opening "Letter To The Editor" by Carolyn Laukhuf in the December 12 issue of this paper. You Antwerp people need to give some serious thought to her message.

I was so impressed by what she said, that I drove to Antwerp to find out where your Veterans Memorial was located. It is just plain beautiful. It, as well as our memorial here in Hicksville, are products of people exercising much thought and heart.

By that last sentence, I mean you have to understand that this memorial represents what these people and thousand of others and their families went through so that we can live as free people in a Christian based nation. We

have something that most people in this world don't have.

Things like American history, respect for others, How to live respectfully and raise a family that doesn't have two mothers, but does have a loving mom and dad just isn't taught today. We're turning out less intelligent students that know more about sex, drugs, alcohol and other radical liberal garbage than what it takes to live a meaningful life.

Look at how many can't make change or even sign their name. Look at all those who have multiple sex partners and think nothing of it when they murder the baby and then let our tax money pay for their so-called moment of fun.

I put the above two paragraphs in to make the point that not enough thought goes into many of our decisions. I seriously doubt that anyone even bothered to consider all of the pros and cons to this proposed location.

And now for my opinion. I feel it would be a humiliation, not only to families of those listed but to all of Antwerp. Our town in Florida, where we spent 14 winters had a splash pad. It was always loud and had kids on everything and everywhere.

Right now I can picture your kids screaming and

climbing on the lower part of the Civil War Veterans statue and falling off...maybe killed. After all, kids will be kids and today's parents don't control them very much.

I don't believe people today have the same respect for these memorials as I and a few others do. My Uncle Claron, who spent his whole adult life in rural Antwerp was a WWI Navy Veteran. My brother, Bob, was a navy officer in the Korean War. A distant cousin of mine, a marine, was the last American to die in Korea, just hours before the armistice ending the war was signed. His picture was on the cover of Life magazine with a story inside. All three are now in the Hicksville cemetery, which borders my back yard.

Hicksville is also raising funds for a splash pad but I feel we have put more thought into the location. They want it in the same general area where kids play other things, like baseball. We have acres of area around our Veterans Memorial, but who wants to create a circus area next to something so sacred?

I just want you to put some serious thought into it before you proceed. Thanks for listening.

—Richard Mastin, Hicksville, OH

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
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Payne: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree
INDIANA LOCATIONS
Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain
Monroeville: Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General
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WARRIORS CRUISE TO WIN OVER PATRIOTS



Woodlan's Addie Goheen steals the ball and makes an end run to the warrior side of the court, scoring two points! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Host Woodlan jumped out to a big lead after one quarter and rolled the rest of the way to a 60-28 victory over visiting Heritage in a battle of East Allen County Schools and ACAC girls basketball rivals Saturday.

The Lady Warriors took a commanding 19-4 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before expanding the margin in the second quarter, outscoring Heritage 16-11 to push the margin to 35-15 at the intermission.

Woodlan then picked up 14 markers in the third quarter while the Patriots scored eight, giving the Lady Warriors a 49-23 advantage going to the final period.

Taylor Kneubuhler topped Woodlan with 30 points and Brooke Kneubuhler chipped in nine markers. Addie Goheen added eight for the Lady Warriors followed by Avah Smith (seven), Gabi Klopfenstein (three), Kaitlyn Crosby (two) and Zoe Eager (one).

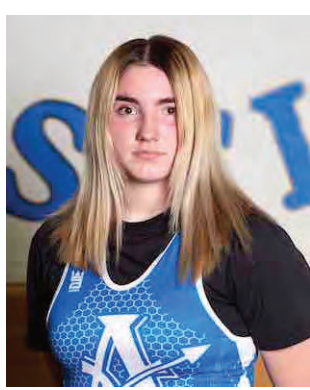
Smith led the way for the Lady Warriors with seven

boards while Taylor and Brooke Kneubuhler both grabbed three rebounds. Brooke Kneubuhler dished out six assists for Woodlan and Goheen finished with four helpers while Briana Roney contributed three assists.

Klopfenstein, Smith, Brooke Kneubuhler and Taylor Kneubuhler all had two steals for the Lady Warriors, who improve to 10-3 overall and 4-1 in the ACAC.

ANTWERP WRESTLING HAS EXCITING WEEKEND

In a weekend full of exciting matches, both the junior high and high school wrestling squads set career milestones. On the junior high side at Bryan High School, both Archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 6 of their respective weight classes. 8th grader Maddi Doster went 3-2 on the day on her way to a 6th place finish at 172 pounds. Doster's 3 wins and 3 pins were not only the



Maddi Doster

first of her junior high career, but the first wins and pins of her life in wrestling as she is a 1st year wrestler. The junior high also crowned a champion in Zac Salas at 134 pounds. Salas was undefeated on the day with a 3-0 record and 1 pin. This is also Salas' first tournament championship of this very young season.

Meanwhile, at the Kooper McCabe Invitational in Galion, Ohio, the high school wrestlers placed 2 wrestlers in the top 2 of their respective weight classes. Sophomore Skyler Octaviano had yet another impressive weekend as he upset the #1 seeded wrestler and placed 2nd at 132 pounds. Octaviano recorded 3 wins to only 1 loss with 2 pins for the tournament. Earning a 1st place finish for the 3rd tournament in a row was senior Eli Reinhart at 157 pounds. Reinhart recorded an impressive 5-0 record with 3 pins, 1 technical fall and 1 major decision. Like the junior high, the high school squad also had some career firsts with freshman Griffin Kosch recording the 1st win and pin of his high school career. Congratulations to all the archer wrestlers for their accomplishments this past weekend. Keep up the hard work and as always GO ARCHERS!!

BREWER LEADS ARCHERS PAST MUSKETEERS

Antwerp broke open a close game by dominating the middle two quarters as the Archers pulled away from host Fort Jennings for a 69-46 victory in non-league boys basketball action Tuesday night.

The two squads were tied 13-13 at the end of eight minutes of action before the blue and white took control in the second stanza.

Antwerp poured in 20 points in the second quarter while limiting the Musketeers to seven as the Archers grabbed a 33-20 halftime advantage.

In the third period, the Paulding County squad added 24 more markers and held Fort Jennings to 13 as Antwerp extended the margin to 57-33 entering the final stanza.

Landon Brewer topped all scorers and led Antwerp with 26 points while Carson Altimus and Reid Lichty also reached double figures with 13 and 12 markers, respectively.

Parker Moore added eight markers for the blue and white and Ben Savina chipped in six points for Antwerp. Derek Hines and Zaine McMichael both picked up a bucket as well for the Archers.

Jarron Swick topped Fort Jennings with 19 points and Owen Calvelage recorded ten markers for the Musketeers.

Other scorers for the orange and black were Ian Howbert (seven), Jaret Maag

WEST SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT WITH INDIANA UNIVERSITY



Pictured signing his national letter of intent to play football for Indiana University is Sam West along with his parents Aaron and Christie West and Grandparents Keith and Joyce West.

(five), Adam Hoersten (three) and Brandt Menke (two).

Antwerp's junior varsity was also victorious as the Archers posted a 44-26 victory.

LADY LANCERS OUTLAST RAIDERS IN OVERTIME

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Solid free throw shooting by Lincolnview and too many Wayne Trace turnovers spelled defeat for the Lady Raiders who came up short on the road in overtime 49-44. With the win the Lancers improve their season record to 6-3 while the Raiders fall to 3-5.

Free throw shooting in overtime became Lincolnview's friend - hitting 11-13. It was enough to seal the win for the Lancers. In the extra session Carsyn Looser, who finished with four points, was perfect at the line, hitting all four of her attempts. Team mate Makayla Jackman, who led the Lancers in scoring with 13, hit all three of her tries while Keira Breese hit 3-4 and Emerson Walker connected on 1-2 at the charity stripe to keep the Lancers in control.

The Raiders led early in the contest and enjoyed a 10-7 advantage after one quarter of action. However, the second period proved less favorable for the Raiders, committing 11 turnovers while hitting just one field goal. The red, white, and blue trailed the rest of the contest until working their way back to knot the score at 36 a piece to send the game into overtime.

Gracie Shepherd was back in uniform for the Raiders and finished with 13 points. Abby Moore and Harper Myers added nine each with Careen Winans chipping in five. Rounding out the Raiders scoring was Lexi Moore and Caroline Winans each with four. Wayne Trace won the rebound battle 36-28 but too many turnovers were costly in the Raiders come-back effort. The Raiders totaled 24 miscues while the Lancer finished with 13.

Lincolnview placed three in double digits led by the 13 points from Jackman followed by 11-points each from Walker and Addyson Stevens. Breese added six with Looser and Kendall Hoffman each finishing with four.

MCMICHAEL LEADS ARCHERS TO FINALS



Caroline Rohrs is runner up with points as she scores this 2 point basket for the Archers in the third quarter! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Aewyn McMichael scored 15 points to lead the Antwerp Lady Archers into the finals of the Route 49 Classic with a 45-41 semifinal victory over Edon Thursday evening.

Hayleigh Jewell chipped in a dozen points for Antwerp, which now will play Edgerton in the championship game on Wednesday, December 28th.

Also finding the scoring column for the blue and white were Caroline Rohrs (nine), Emma Townley (four), Lydia Krouse (three) and Faith

Clem (two).

The two squads were tied at 8-8 at the end of one quarter before Antwerp jumped in front 17-10 at the intermission. The Lady Archers held a 36-30 advantage going to the final period.

Natalie Wofford topped Edon with 17 points followed by Emma Hickman (13), Maddie Gearig (five), Jaycea Craven (three), Addison Briner (two) and Grace Ripke (one).

RAIDERS DROP GMC OPENER AT HOME

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

It was not the start to

Green Meadows Conference play Wayne Trace was expecting. Playing at home to open their conference competition on the hardwood the Raiders fell to Ayersville by ten 57-47.

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WARRIORS ENTER BREAK WITH VICTORY



Woodlan junior Braden Smith launches the ball for a three point basket in the first quarter against Fremont. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Woodlan Warriors go into the Christmas break with an 8-1 record after defeating Fremont 72-64 Tuesday night in a non-conference boys basketball battle.

Host Woodlan led at every stop, taking a 21-12 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action before holding a 39-32 halftime lead. The Warriors were on top 53-49 going into the final stanza.

Braden Smith and Trey Yoder bucketed 18 and 17 points, respectively, for Woodlan with Alex Miller chipping in ten markers.

Other scorers for the Warriors included Dawson Lichty (nine), Dejay Gerig (seven), Lincoln Sparks (five), Drew Fleek (four) and Luke Meyer (two).

Yoder added 13 rebounds on the night to complete the double double with Lichty and Smith both grabbing five boards.

Sparks dished out four assists for the Warriors while Smith had three helpers. Sparks, Lichty, Meyer and Gerig all picked up a steal as well for Woodlan.

BULLDOGS TOP BRAVES



New Haven Varsity Basketball beat Belmont, 64 - 55, on Friday night, December 16th.

Bulldog Stat Leaders:
D. Brooks - 18pts, 8reb, 5ast, 4stl

K. Hammel - 13pts, 3reb, 4ast

M. Garcia - 11pts, 1ast, 1st Other Scoring:

J. Cottrell - 10pts; J. Robertson - 5pts; J. Hardy - 5pts; M. Graham - 2pts

After winning their first three nonconference match-ups the Raiders were ready to make a statement in the early going of GMC play.

After the opening quarter both teams were knotted at 11 a piece and at the half the Pilots were up by a single point 23-22. The third period saw the visitors create a little separation from the Raiders, outscoring the red, white and blue by seven to enter the final

eight minutes holding a 42-34 advantage. Wayne Trace never managed to get over the hump in the fourth period and found themselves on the short end of the opening conference showdown.

Brooks Laukhuf paced the Raiders (3-1, 0-1) with 16 points with team mate Tyler Davis finishing with a double-double, scoring 14 points while grabbing 10 rebounds. Kyle Stoller also finished in

double digits with 13. Rounding out the scoring was Hunsdon Myers and Tanner Laukhuf each with two.

For Ayersville, who evens their overall mark at 3-3 and 1-0 in league play, Weston McGuire led a trio of double-digit-scorers with 16 followed by 11 points each from Garrett Flory and Carter Michel. Tysin Schlachter finished with eight to go along with 10 boards. Brady Clark collected nine points with Ben Amoroso rounding out the Pilots scoring with two.

FRESHMEN LEAD RAIDERS TO A NINE-POINT WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

After dropping their last four contests the Lady Raiders returned to their winning ways on Saturday. Hosting the Big Green of Ottoville the red, white, and blue picked up a 39-30 non-conference win. The Raiders, who averaged just 25 points in their previous two outings had a more productive output offensive scoring 39 points.

Both teams battled through three quarters with Ottoville leading 22-18 heading into the final eight minutes of play. The Raiders turned it up a notch on both ends of the court and scored more points in the fourth period than what they scored in the three previous quarters combined. While the Raiders scored 21 fourth quarter points, they managed to hold Ottoville to just eight in a solid defensive effort. With the win Wayne Trace improves their season record to 3-4 while the Big Green falls to 4-3.

Leading scorers for the Raiders came from a trio of freshman including Careen Winans who recorded 14 points. Coming up with a double-double was freshman Lexi Moore who chipped in 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and team mate Careen Winans, also a freshman added five points Rounding out the scoring for the victorious Raiders were Harper Myers adding five, Abby Moore chipping in three along with a team high four assists and Elise Miller adding two points.

The Big Green place just four players in the scoring column with Erica Thorbahn leading the way with 12 followed by Isabella Furley eight, Skyler Turnwald six and Becca Turnwald four.

CARDINALS RECORD WIN OVER PANTHERS

Host Cardinal Stritch opened a seven-point lead after one quarter and the Cardinals went on to record a 47-34 victory over visiting Paulding Monday night in non-league boys basketball play.

The host Cardinals took a 13-6 advantage at the end of one period before widening the margin to 23-11 at the midway point of the contest. Cardinal Stritch then recorded a 34-24 lead entering the final stanza.

Kam Hughes topped Cardinal Stritch with 21 points while Owen Carter chipped in ten markers and Christian Burton finished with nine.

Tommie Taylor had three points for the Cardinals with Christian Swilling and Owen Yost finished with two points apiece.

Paulding was paced by Ethan Foltz with 14 points and Luke Zartman recorded six markers.

Also finding the scoring column for the maroon ad white were Nick Manz (four), Casey Agler (three), Kane Jones (three), Grady Barton (two) and Peyton Adams (two).

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ARCHERS EVEN RECORD AT 2-2

Landon Brewer scored 21 points and Carson Altimus added 14 to lead the Antwerp Archers to a 54-45 win over visiting Delphos Jefferson Saturday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The visiting Wildcats took the early lead, posting a 12-8 advantage at the end of one period, before Antwerp answered with a 14-point second quarter to go in front 22-20 at the midway point of the contest.

Each team then scored 13 points in the third period, giving Antwerp a 35-33 margin entering the final stanza.

The Archers put the game away with a 19-point fourth quarter to wrap up the 54-45 victory.

Camden Fuller chipped in six markers for the blue and white with Zaine McMichael recording five and Reid Lichty picked up four. Parker Moore and Cohen Hitzeman also had a basket each for the Archers.

Isaac Gallmeier scored 14 points to lead a trio of players

FOURTH QUARTER PLAY LEADS VW PAST RAIDERS



Within the last couple minutes of the Van Wert game, Wayne Trace junior Brooks Laukhuf slips underneath to score for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

After a Friday night conference lose the Raiders were looking to bounce back Saturday with a home date against Van Wert. Unfortunately, for the Raiders, the Cougars put together a solid fourth quarter performance outscoring the red, white, and blue by nine to secure a 58-55 non-league win.

The Raiders led by one after the initial break 12-11 and then managed to push their lead to double-digits at halftime leading 33-23. In the second half Van Wert chipped away at the Raiders advantage and cut the lead to six 41-35 heading into the final quarter.

The Raiders, who fall to 3-2 on the season, had a huge scoring effort from Brooks

Laukhuf who scored 35 points but scoring from the rest of the Raiders was hard to come by. Laukhuf connected on 7-11 from the two-point area and behind the arc the junior was 6-7. At the foul line Laukhuf hit three of his four attempts. Finishing with eight points was freshman Tanner Laukhuf and six points a piece from Tyler Davis and Kyle Stoller.

Aiden Pratt led the Cougar attack with 20 points while team mate Garrett Gunter also finished in double figures with 10 points. Two Cougars finished with nine each including Nate Phillips and Luke Wessell. Rounding out the scoring for the winners were A.J. Proffitt and Carson Smith, each with five. The Cougars improve their season mark to 3-1.

in double figures for Delphos Jefferson while Trent Teman bucketed a dozen markers and Levi Rode chipped in 11 points.

Karder Agner connected on a trio of baskets and Cody Bailey hit a pair of foul shots for the Wildcats, who fall to 3-4 on the season.

Delphos Jefferson took the junior varsity contest as the Wildcats recorded a 31-27 victory.

BIG GREEN PULL AWAY FROM PANTHERS FOR VICTORY

The host Big Green of Ottoville jumped in front after eight minutes of action and never looked back in cruising to a 60-37 victory over visiting Paulding Saturday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The Big Green opened a 17-11 advantage at the end of eight minutes of play before widening the margin to 24-19 at the midway point. Ottoville expanded the lead in the third quarter as well, bucketing 19 points compared to 14 for the Panthers as the Putnam County squad pushed the lead to 43-33 entering the final period.

Three players reached twin digits for the Big Green, led by 18 from Alex Suever while

Carter Horstman added 15 and Hollen Schlagbaum bucketed 14.

Other scorers for Ottoville were Keaton Schnipke (five), Michael Turnwald (three), Trey Landwehr (two), Garrett Trentman (two) and Jace Langhals (one).

Kane Jones topped the Panther efforts with 14 points while Ethan Foltz and Nick Manz both chipped in six markers.

Casey Agler (five), Luke Zartman (four) and Isaac Reeb (two) completed the scoring for Paulding.

LADY ARCHERS ROLL TO WIN OVER EAGLES

Aewyn McMichael and Emma Townley combined for 15 first quarter points and 32 overall to lead the Antwerp Lady Archers to a 49-20 victory over North Central in Saturday afternoon girls basketball action in Williams County.

The blue and white opened a commanding 17-2 lead at the end of one period as Antwerp cruised to the non-league victory. North Central scored only two second quarter points as well with the Lady Archers picking up 15 in expanding the lead to 32-4 at the intermission.

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VETERANS DAY - FAIRVIEW FFA



Veterans eating breakfast served by the Fairview FFA.

By: Elizabeth Bok

The Fairview FFA Chapter began preparing for the Veterans Day Breakfast at their meeting on the 7th. After the meeting concluded the members enjoyed ice cream while also preparing

table centerpieces, for the Veterans Breakfast. On Veterans Day, the FFA Chapter came into the school early to prepare breakfast for the veterans attending the Fairview Veterans Day Assembly. When the veterans entered

the school they got to enjoy their breakfast before being escorted to the gymnasium. The whole school worked together to put on a very successful assembly to honor the veterans.

FAIRVIEW FFA JOB INTERVIEW CONTEST



(back L to R) Miguel Garcia, Cheyenne Zeedyk, Calvin Woodring (front L to R) Carrie Zeedyk, Robbie Bennett, Ruby Elston

By: Elizabeth Bok

On November 1st, Fairview FFA hosted the Sub-district Job Interview Contest. There were many Fairview members that competed in the event. To prepare for the Job Interview CDE students have to first, pick a made-up job that they want to interview for. Each individual has to create a cover

letter, resume, and fill out a job application form. There are volunteer judges to judge and handle the interview portion of the contest. During the interview, the participants focus on things like eye contact and the rate and speed of their voice. After the participants have handed in their information and completed an interview, they

write and turn in a follow-up letter. The top 2 finishers from each division move on to the district-level contest. The Fairview chapter had 6 members move onto the District 1 contest. Carrie Zeedyk, Robbie Bennett, Miguel Garcia, Cheyenne Zeedyk, Ruby Elston, and Calvin Woodring, all moved on to the District 1 Contest.

FAIRVIEW FFA GOES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION



Members at the Lucas Oil Stadium for a session

The Fairview FFA chapter enjoyed a great trip to Indianapolis, IN for the National FFA Convention and Expo. While in Indianapolis, IN they attended many sessions, including the American Degree session. They listened to a few speakers and two national

officers' retiring addresses. At the convention center, they also participated in activities such as: the career show, the shopping center, and the rodeo. FFA members also took many educational tours including Elk Farm, J & M Factory, Umbarger Show

Feeds, and Becks. Lastly, they enjoyed a night of top golf before returning home.

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Antwerp led 41-14 at the end of three quarters before cruising through the fourth quarter to record the victory. McMichael poured in 20 points to lead the way for the Lady Archers with Townley recording a dozen markers. Hayleigh Jewell (four), Caroline Rohrs (four), Faith Clem (three), Maddy Peters (two), Katryna Fish (two) and Maylynn Carnahan (two) all found the scoring column for Antwerp. North Central was paced

by Cailyn Meyers and Makinzy King, who each bucketed seven markers. Addyson Turner picked up the other six points for the Lady Eagles.

PANTHERS GET RIVALRY WIN OVER ARCHERS

In the Green Meadows Conference opener for both schools, visiting Paulding jumped in front and then held on for a 52-48 win over host Antwerp in boys basketball action Friday night at the home of the Archers.

Paulding held a slim 9-7 lead at the end one period before the Panthers expanded the margin in the second quarter.

The maroon and white bucketed 17 points in the period while limiting Antwerp to six, pushing the Panther lead to 26-13 at the midway point of the game.

In the third quarter, Paulding added 16 markers while the Archers scored 11 to give the maroon and white a 42-24 advantage entering the final period.

The blue and white matched their three-quarter total with 24 points in the fourth quarter alone but it wasn't enough as Paulding held on for the 52-48 victory.

Ethan Foltz and Casey Agler both reached double figures for Paulding with 17 and 14 points, respectively. Kane Jones added eight markers for the maroon and white followed by Nick Manz (six), Isaac Reeb (four) and Luke Zartman (three).

Three players found the scoring column for the Archers with Landon Brewer totaling 28 and Carson Altimus added 15 markers. Parker Moore chipped in five points for the blue and white.

The Panthers also won the junior varsity contest as the maroon and white recorded a 26-16 victory.

VW PEONY FESTIVAL CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

The Van Wert Peony Festival committee has announced the candidates for the Queen Jubilee XLVIII Pageant. Each school selected their representative from their own field of applicants, following the criteria set for them from the Peony Pageant Committee.

This year, 7 young ladies will vie for the crown, and title of Queen Jubilee XLVIII. This year, the pageant will be awarding a total of over \$3,500 in scholarships.

The 2023 Candidates are:

- Crestview: Kimberly Sites, daughter of Candi and Jamie Sites

- Lincolnview: Emma Hatcher, daughter of John Hatcher and Heather Torlina

- Parkway: Nevaeh Seals, daughter of Jeremy and Cassandra McMurry

- Paulding: Caydence Rice, daughter of Tina Collins

- Van Wert: Mackenzie Jones, daughter of Tim and Laura Jones

- Vantage Career Center: Riona Workman, daughter of Paul and Gina Workman

- Wayne Trace: Kiara Bahena, daughter of Katrina Bahena

The candidates will meet in January for a formal meet and greet with each other and the committee and begin preparations. The 2023 Peony Pageant will be held on Friday, March 31 at Lifehouse Church.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS NICE LIST



Oakwood Elementary teachers were surprised to see their names on a "Naughty or Nice" list when they arrived at school on Thursday, Dec. 15th. Mrs. Erin Schroeder won the spot of first place on the "Nice List" She is shown with four of her students as she points to her name. Shown with her are Brielle Schlatter, Trevor Manz, Isabelle Schlatter, and Kennedy Manz.

FAIRVIEW FFA MAKES COOKIES



Aubryn Viers and Emma Zeedyk making cookies.

By: Elizabeth Bok

During the heart of harvest season, the Fairview FFA chapter decided to take cookies to the local grain elevators. During class, a few of the members baked a few dozen of cookies. Later that night at the chapter meeting, the

cookies were packaged and ready to be taken to the elevators. The cookies were delivered to local elevators. The chapter was excited to be able to provide a small treat for the elevators during a busy season.

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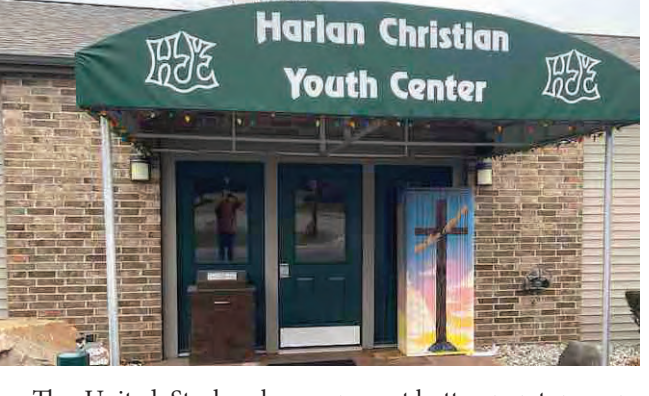
ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LET THEIR LIGHTS SHINE



Shown here are the children who attend preschool and daycare on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers made Christmas light headbands to celebrate the season. For more information about our program, call 419-399-KIDS (5437).

NEW COMMUNITY PANTRY IN HARLAN INDIANA



The United Steelworkers Local 715 Next Generation committee, in partnership with the Harlan Christian Youth Center, is happy to announce the opening of a new community pantry located at the Youth Center at 17308 2nd Street, Harlan, Indiana. "Give what you can, take what you need" is the foundation of the community pantry network that we are joining, led by Forward Indiana. Next Gen committee members and the Youth Center will be responsible for the upkeep of the pantry, and being sure it is appropriately stocked for the different seasons of the year, but everyone in the community is welcome to participate.

Recommended items include, but are not limited to:

peanut butter, pop top soups and canned items, microwave meals, granola bars, fruit cups, boxed meals, etc. Sanitary items, like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, menstrual products, and diapers are also helpful. Hats, gloves, and socks are also appreciated during the winter.

A special thank you goes out to Woodlan High School students Maggie Garcia and Katy Niles from Mr. Stebing's art class for painting the mural on the cabinet.

This is the second community pantry USW Local 715 has placed in eastern Allen County, joining one already in place at the Local 715 union hall located at 4311 Elm Street, Woodburn, Indiana.

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



On December 5, officers were called to Main St. and Canal St. for a motor vehicle accident.

On December 9, an officer investigated a motor vehicle accident at the laundry mat.

On December 10, officer assisted Antwerp EMS on Cleveland St.

On December 13, a domestic dispute was reported on W. River St. An officer responded and investigated then prepared a report to forward to the prosecutor.

On December 18, a resident of Park Avenue Villas reported that there was an unwanted person at her residence. The individual had left prior to officer arriving.

On December 18, an officer was requested to unlock a vehicle. Officer responded and unlocked the vehicle.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Lonnie Williams II, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence, Pled no contest, Found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, No contact with victims, Risk assessment, Letter of apology to the officer, 30 days jail, 24 days suspended, Pay restitution; Disorderly conduct with persistence, Pled no contest, Found guilty, Same conditions as count A; Disorderly con-

duct with persistence, Pled no contest, Found guilty, Same conditions as count A; Obstructing, Pled no contest, Found guilty, Same conditions as count A; Failure to disclose information, Count E dismissed; Criminal trespassing, Count F dismissed; Disorderly conduct, Count G dismissed

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

Michael T. Webb, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Chance D. Hollingsworth, Antwerp, OH; Theft, Case dismissed per state, Without prejudice, Costs waived; Criminal trespassing, Case dismissed per state, without prejudice, Costs waived

Drew A. Strawser, Antwerp, OH; Theft, Case dismissed per state, without prejudice, Costs waived; Criminal trespassing, Case dismissed per state, without prejudice, Costs waived

Clay R. Dockery, Paulding, OH; Murder (2 counts); Theft; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Cases shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Bond set at 10 million with 10%

Toni M. Ruppert, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Calib Kochel, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Abby R. Yeager, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Zaden J. Davenport, Defiance, OH; Open container, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Obstructing, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed; OVUAC, Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided, Operator license suspended from 10/16/22 to 1/16/23

Irvin Wright, Chicago, IL; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aaron M. Lugabihl, Wauseon, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; 30 days jail, 28 days suspended

Jalen R. Welch-McClain, Van Wert, OH; OVI/under influence, Dismissed; Left of center, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jahnessa T. LaFountain, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bedford H. Miller, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Patrick M. Elkins, Cecil, OH; Hunting without permission; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mitchell G. Osting, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"



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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

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 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: *Kathy Burkard*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,
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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.

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PAULDING STUDENT COUNCIL SNACK DRIVE



The Paulding Junior High Student Council sponsored a snack drive for the Ronald McDonald House charity. In total the junior high students donated over 1000 snack items for local Ronald McDonald houses. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped such an amazing cause. #TogetherAsOne

FARMING

Like many folks my age I grew up on a farm. Like many folks my age I left the farm. I loved the farm, still do, my dad loved the farm and he was a prosperous farmer. I always felt I had an ideal childhood. The farm was a lot of hard work but it was enjoyable. You enjoyed the distinction of not being a "city kid." I lived just a couple of miles from Leo, and had cousins my age in Leo. I was a farm boy and they were city boys. They played Little League Baseball and I worked. I did high school baseball which played up for some of it. I had asthma from a young age, and it was pretty much decided that I wouldn't be able to farm. As I look back with modern equipment it would not have been that difficult. I took allergy shots from a Fort Wayne doctor at age 12, and it age 16 the asthma just seemed to disappear, and hasn't bothered me as an adult. Those of you that don't know me I am a seasoned citizen, in fact quite well seasoned. Old age is a pain but in some ways it is enjoyable. I guess we just have more to remember.

My dad went to Barr Street Market every Saturday and on an egg route every Friday, had a full contingent of chores, and farmed 300 acres, which was a lot in those days. He went to Barr Street Market for years, until the city in their in-

finite wisdom tore the beautiful two block long structure down. Then he went to South Side Market for the rest of his life. The kicker was that the Barr Street property had been given to the city to be used as a farmers market for perpetuity. So much for perpetuity.

I remember picking apples where the Hicksville school stands now. We also picked apples in an orchard just north of Farmer, Ohio, on route 2. My mother fell out of a tree in that orchard and broke her neck, and suffered the remainder of her life from that fall. I remember selling mini pickup loads of apples, and selling many gallons of cider. Still like cider, fresh out of the squeezer.

One of the things that has concerned me my entire life is the amount of good farmland that has been used for commercial purposes. A 1000 acre Amazon warehouse here, a new school there, and the constant succession of new additions. In Grabill we had 100 houses "planted" on a hundred acre Farm because the owner didn't like the people that make up the majority of our area.

Years ago, my daughter played Wayne State in Detroit in basketball. I'll never forget the block after block of bombed out factories and buildings. I have also traveled to Central Fort Wayne, and have watched South side Market since a youth. Could some

of these blocks have been cleared, for a factory, school, or gated neighborhood?

I guess we are all somewhere overwhelmed by the change in cell phones, self driving cars, or you name it. I guess it'll be a while, before us old duffers see the return of the single class basketball tournament in Indiana, or even one day voting.

—James Neuhouser

\$3.6 MILLION COMING BACK TO AREA CO-OP MEMBERS OVER THE HOLIDAYS VIA CAPITAL CREDITS

If you are a member of a co-op, make sure to check your electric bill this month! Member-owners of Paulding-based Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC), Bryan-based North Western Electric Cooperative (NVEC), and Malinta-based Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative (Tricounty) will see a lower electric bill around the holidays due to capital credits retirements. This month, PPEC is returning \$2.5 million, NVEC is returning \$611,249, and Tricounty is returning \$584,000 to current and former member-owners.

Current eligible co-op member-owners will receive the refund as a credit on their electric bill; former members who have moved off the co-op's lines will receive a separate check this month. These capital credits represent the cooperative's margins, or money left over after all expenses have been paid.

As not-for-profit community-focused organizations, co-ops use these margins for investments, such as building or replacing power lines, transformers, and other electric system upgrades to meet member-owners' evolving needs. This helps keep the co-op's service reliable.

"PPEC members contribute a portion of the capital necessary to grow the co-op and upgrade electric reliability," stated PPEC President and CEO George Carter. "Eventually, as the co-op is financially able to do so, the board approves the capital be returned, or 'retired' back to those members who contributed it originally."

Capital credits represent each co-op member's owner-

ship — or equity — in his or her cooperative. This member-owned business model is what sets electric co-ops apart from municipals or investor-owned utilities.

"Every member gets a piece of the co-op equity pie, so to speak," said Tricounty CEO Brett Perkins. "That's the co-op way, and it's one of the big perks of membership. That's why it's important to keep your contact information and address up to date with us, even after you move off our lines."

"We return the money to member-owners around the holidays because that's when many people need it the most — especially this year with the current economy and challenges," said NVEC President/CEO Darin Thorp.

To learn more about capital credits, contact your local electric cooperative. For PPEC, call 800-686-2357 or visit www.ppec.coop. For NVEC, call 800-647-6932 or visit www.nvec.com. For Tricounty, call 419-256-7900.

SINN NAMED TO OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY'S 2022 FALL SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

Claire Sinn of Haviland, OH is among 285 students who have been named to Ohio Dominican University's 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List.

In order to make the Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must have achieved a 3.5 GPA or better after taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Ohio Dominican University is a comprehensive, four-year, private, liberal arts and master's institution, founded in 1911 in the Catholic and Dominican tradition by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The University has approximately 1,280 students and offers undergraduate degrees in 42 majors and nine graduate degree programs. Ohio Dominican University does not discriminate against any person in employment or educational opportunities because of religious preference, sex, race, color, national or ethnic origin, non-performance-related handicap or veteran's status.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN JANUARY 2023

The Paulding County Carnegie Library will bring in the New Year with lots of excitement. The library will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023. If the weather outside gets cold stop by the library and warm up, pick up a book or movie. We will also be closed Monday, January 16, 2023, to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The library is still handing out Covid tests. They are located at the back entrance by the elevator or call ahead for curbside service.

The Adult section will continue "Coffee Talk" every Thursday at 1:00, stop in for some lively conversation. Be sure to check out the facebook page for upcoming events or just call 419-399-2032 to find out what is happening.

The Children's Room will continue with Story time every Wednesday at 11 and 1:30. "Do you want to Build a Snowman" program is coming in January with the option to pick the day you would like to attend. You may come Thurs-

NSSC RECOGNIZES NURSING GRADUATES AT PINNING CEREMONY



NSSC RN group: (row 1) Woodbury, Brown, Meyer; (row 2) Schroeder, Doriot, Stotz, Siegel; (row 3) Saldivar, Hutton, Hatlevig, Mummert, Bump.

ARCHBOLD, OHIO — Northwest State Community College recognized its Nursing graduates at a recent pinning ceremony in the following areas: Practical Nursing (PN) and Registered Nursing (RN). The pinning ceremony took place on Friday, December 16th on the Archbold campus.

Graduates of the nursing programs are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) and enter directly into the workforce, or they may transfer their credits for additional study. During the ceremony, the College recognized fourteen students for induction into the Alpha Delta Chapter of the Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society. In order to qualify, students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, with at least a B in all nursing classes.

Northwest State congratulates the following students for completing these health-care programs:

- Practical Nursing:**
 - Defiance County: Kelsey Ayres (Hicksville), Jasmyn Justice (Defiance)
 - Fulton County: Damaris Nethe (Wauseon), Arlinda Rohda (Wauseon)
 - Williams County: Mercedes Carr (Edgerton), Mary Safemaster (Bryan)
 - Registered Nursing:**
 - Defiance County: Madison Brown* (Defiance), Emily Woodbury* (Defiance)
 - Fulton County: Desiree Saldivar (Wauseon), Morgan Sanford (Wauseon), Morgyn Siegel (Archbold)
 - Henry County: Ed Bump (McClure), Amanda Hutton (Napoleon), Natalie Meyer* (Hamler), Katelyn Schroeder (Napoleon)
 - Paulding County: Trevor Speiser (Oakwood)
 - Williams County: Breanna Doriot (Stryker), Jessica Hatlevig (Edgerton), Sandra Mummert (Bryan), Vanessa Stotz (Edgerton)
- Names with a * denote Alpha Delta Nu honors recipient*

day, January 26 or Monday, January 30 each day is at 5:30. Registration is required and supplies limited. There will be fun, games and you get to make your very own stuffed snowman friend. Call to reserve your spot at 419-399-2032.

The Antwerp branch will be having Book Club, January 9 at 6:00 check our Facebook page for the title of the month. Monday, January 23 at 5:45 is Cookbook Club. Storytime is every Wednesday at 11. There will be a Crushed Glass Art on January 26 at 5:00. Space is limited call to reserve your spot at 419-258-2855. Call the branch to get in on the Bread Making class schedule we will be holding monthly! Stop in anytime during library hours and make a winter button.

The Grover Hill branch is planning for snow much fun. All programs from 2022 will continue. Senior Bingo for ages 50+ gathers on Thursday, January 12 at 1 for a light lunch and some friendly rounds of bingo. Munchkin Club story time for ages 6 and under, meet January 9th and 23rd at 10:30. The week of January 23rd through the 28th

will be Playdoh week. Dough making and molding activities of all shapes and sizes will be available all week for all ages and skill levels. Discussion for the January GHBL Book Club will be on Wednesday January 25th at 4. Follow our facebook page for the title to be announced after the holidays. Also check our facebook page for pictures, special moments and announcements, schedule changes and to keep informed of the local happenings. Sign up daily for a monthly drawing of books and prizes given out on the last day of the month.

The Oakwood branch will be hosting lots of fun events. Monthly calendars are available for pickup or check out the facebook page. We will offer hat making with the knitting machine all month. January 3 is the Good Morning Book Club from 11-12. January 10 come in and learn how to make hot chocolate bombs, from 1-3. Adults only and registration is required. Thursday, January 12 will be Senior Bingo and Lunch at 11:30. January 17 we will be hosting a homeschoolers book club from 1-3. Saturday,

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS HOLD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Shown here singing a rousing rendition of "Ring Those Bells" are from left: Mateo Ash, Lakelynn Sauber, Mariella Bland, Brynleigh Adams and Mylann Good.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers held their annual Christmas program last week. We entertained to a standing only crowd with Christmas

songs for our families and friends. Everyone then stayed afterward for cookies, punch and fellowship.

January 21 from 11-1 is the Kid's Cookbook Club for ages 6 and up. 12 and under aged kids need to have a parent present.

The Payne branch will be having Canvas and Cookies with Kris Williamson on Thursday, January 12 from 4-6. This program is for children aged 7 and up. Registration is required. Come hang-out at the first "Coffee Talk", on Wednesday, January 18 from 1-2. Cricket Class 101 with Tiffany is on Thursday, January 19 from 1-2. Saturday morning movies start at 10:30. Story time is every Tuesday at 11. Join us for a story and craft.

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will not meet in January. The next meeting will be February 13th at 6 in the south wing at Main. December is our annual registration drive to add new members. Everyone is encouraged to join our Friends' group to help support literacy initiatives for children and adults all year long. Dues are \$10 annually. Our major fundraiser is the used bookstore located in the Main Library's annex. Volunteer hours are available for community service credit. Bookstore hours are 9-noon Saturdays and 3:30 to 6:30 Wednesdays. Check us out!

Black Swamp Bookworms will meet Monday, January 9th at 6:30 in the annex. We are reading "The Ten Thousand Doors of January", a

multi-verse fantasy novel by Alix E. Harrow. Call 399-2032 to reserve your copy soon. Everyone is welcome to join us! XLOCAL X23.4

MADISON RUEN NAMED TO TRINE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Madison Ruen of Antwerp, a Trine University student, earned Dean's List recognition for the Fall 2022 term.

Ruen is majoring in Chemical Engineering.

To earn Dean's List honors, Trine University students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.500-3.749.

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NSCC FALL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AWARDS 106 DEGREES/CERTIFICATES

ARCHBOLD, OHIO - Northwest State Community College celebrated the December 2022 graduating class at their fall ceremony last evening, held as an in-person ceremony in the Voinovich Auditorium. The ceremony recognized the awarding of 106 degrees and/or certificates to 103 students from the divisions of Arts & Sciences; Business & Public Services; Nursing and Allied Health; and Science, Technology, Engineering Technology & Math (STEM) and Industrial Technologies.

NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez announced the President's Outstanding Student: Eric Shinger. Shinger graduates with an Associate Degree in Electro-Mechanical Engineering, after previously completing an Associate Degree in Network and Cyber Security one year after his high school graduation. Lana Snider, NSCC Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs followed Dr. Hernandez, and provided a statistical snapshot of the graduating class. Snider noted that 83% of the graduating class lives in the College's six-county service area (Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Van Wert and Williams counties), the average age of the graduates is 27, and the grade point av-

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BREAKOUT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Of the 106 awards, 83 were associate degrees and 23 were certificates. Awards by academic division included Arts & Sciences (9), Business & Public Services (25), STEM & Industrial Technologies (46) and Nursing & Allied Health (26).

STUDENT SPEAKER: NATALIE MEYER

The student speaker for this year's commencement ceremony was Natalie Meyer of Hamler. Meyer began taking College Credit Plus classes at NSCC in 2019 while attending Patrick Henry High School. Meyer received a Presidential and

Francis O. Fackler Scholarships, and is President of the NSCC Alpha Delta Nu Chapter (Nursing honor society). "I can proudly say that I truly feel that I am set up for success because of NSCC. I loved to volunteer and help others before NSCC, now I am even more eager to serve my community. Northwest State allowed me to not only continue the activities that I already do in the community but inspired and pushed me to want to do even more," Meyer remarked.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: SHIRLEY WAGNER

The keynote speaker for this year's commencement ceremony was Shirley Wagner, Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer in the State of Ohio (and 2012 Northwest State alum). In 2019, Wagner turned her attention to child advocacy, and she volunteers her time as a mentor and as a promoter of children's issues, including speaking before the Ohio House of Representatives to encourage adoption and foster care reform. "I never expected for my education to lead me to where I am today. I stand here before you as a living, breathing testimony of what you can do armed with a quality education received here combined with a resolution to succeed," Wagner said in her address to the students.

EMERITUS STATUS HONOREE RECOGNIZED

The College also recognized one individual that was awarded Emeritus status, an honorary title awarded for distinguished service to the academic community. The lone recipient was Pam Donaldson, who was awarded Emeritus Status posthumously.

Donaldson began teaching at NSCC in 1994, and was instrumental in building and providing professional guidelines for learners entering the Human Services program. Donaldson also served as an instructor for

Sudoku solution from page 9

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3	9	8	7	6	5	4	1	2
4	1	9	5	8	7	6	2	3
2	8	5	3	9	6	1	4	7
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Sociology, Cultural Diversity, and Abnormal Psychology. In addition to her instructor role, she served as a leader in the State of Ohio's curriculum and transfer initiatives, and served as faculty representative to the NSCC Education Association.

DEFIANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 12/22/22

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2022, in the Commissioners' Session Room. President Mick Pocratsky called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners David S. Kern and Dana Phipps; Sherry Carnahan, Finance Manager/Administrator; Stephanie Metz, Clerk; and Emily Meyer, Administrative Assistant.

The Commissioners met in General Session to approve and sign various resolutions, contracts, and documents. The Commissioners also reviewed the calendar of events and discussed upcoming meetings.

Nick Wichman, Defiance County Senior Services' Director, met with the Commissioners to provide a monthly update. Mr. Wichman reported the following: • The Ohio Attorney General's Office is holding a Scam Awareness for Seniors event at the Defiance Center on January 10, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Per the Ohio Attorney General's Office: This event is not sponsored by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. The Ohio Attorney General's Office does not specifically endorse or recommend Defiance County Senior Services, or any products or services affiliated with Defiance County Senior Services." • There is an Alzheimer Association presentation on Health Tips for Brain and Body on January 26, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. • The recent Auxiliary Bake Sale was a huge success; \$1,903 was raised for future senior activities and events. • The Center will begin to stay open until 3:00 p.m. beginning January 3, 2023.

Christina Deehr and Estee Miller, Maumee Valley Planning Organization, met with the Commissioners to discuss the Transportation Alternative Grant application for funding for improvements to the Defiance County East walking trail.

The Commissioners will be holding a Public Meeting to discuss the road vacation petition of portions of Banner School Road, Jewell Road, and Flory Road at 6:00 p.m. tonight. Any decisions from this meeting will be in the next news release.

There will be no session on Monday, December 26, 2022, due to the Commissioners' Office being closed in observance of Christmas Day.

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