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PAULDING FFA CRUSHING CANS FOR CANCER



Pictured here left to right: Kyle Mobley, FFA Vice President, Shannon Ruschel with WMEA and President, Paige Jone holding their cans highlighting Paulding FFA "Crushing Cans for Cancer" community service project.

The Paulding FFA Chapter has developed a new community service project for 2022. "Crushing Cans for Cancer" will be going on February 14-25th at the Paulding High School.

The members of the Paulding FFA chapter along with the student body will be collecting pop cans that will be crushed and taken to the Kohart recycling. The funds from the project will go directly to the American Cancer Society. We are hoping to expand the fundraiser to include recycling cans at the Paulding County Fair and other venues.

The Paulding FFA chapter has teamed up with the WMEA Program; they will help provide assistance as needed with this project. We've all lost someone to cancer, and our members are very passionate about helping and giving back to our community and finding a cure for cancer! We are only able to collect pop cans at the school.

If you would like to donate pop cans please feel free to contact Staci Miller, with the Paulding FFA at 419-399-4656 Ext. 1170 or email her at s_miller@pauld- (Continued on Page 4)



AJ Nowaczyk, President of Mentors of Williams County



Michael Wehrkamp, PC Juvenile Court Judge

MENTORS SOUGHT FOR PAULDING COUNTY YOUTH

A New Partnership Is Making Mentoring Possible

Paulding County Juvenile Court Judge Michael Wehrkamp and AJ Nowaczyk, president of Mentors for Williams County, announced a partnership that will allow at-risk Paulding County youth to be mentored by community members.

"We're excited to have partnered with the Paulding County Juvenile Court and set up a 'Paulding County Division' within our organization,"

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NEW HAVEN SENDS 3 GRAPPLERS ONTO STATE



Pictured are the three New Haven wrestlers who will go on to State competition. (L-r) Julianna Ocampo, Josh Clark, and Easton Doster.

Two Bulldog freshmen and one senior will advance to State Wrestling next weekend beginning February 18th. This is a first in New Haven athletics history that two freshmen advance to the State level.

106 - Julianna

Ocampo placed 4th in her weight class for the day at semi-state this past weekend. Julianna is the second female ever to qualify for state and also one of two freshmen to qualify for state.

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VETERANS NAMES TO BE ENGRAVED

Veterans from the Antwerp Local School District who would like to be included on the Veterans Memorial in Riverside Park can submit their information by picking up an application at the Antwerp VFW, Village Depot, and Town Hall or by downloading it from the Village of Antwerp website.

Documentation and checks should be included with the application and can be mailed to Nancy Lichty:

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WAYNE TRACE BOYS BASKETBALL SEIZE GMC CROWN!

Friday night basketball was HOT at all locations on February 11, 2022, but especially at the Hangar where Wayne Trace Raiders went toe to toe with the Ayersville Pilots for the coveted GMC title. As should be expected when two top teams meet up: the tensions were high and the competition stiff. At the final buzzer the Raiders - and it took to the final buzzer - came out on top, 47-44.

With this win over the Ayersville Pilots on Friday night, Wayne Trace boys basketball team snagged the GMC title for the 2021-22 season. They have a 7-0 record in the GMC and a 19-2 overall record for the season. Raiders finish up the regular season this week and then head to Sectional play in the opening round at Miller City on February 25, 2022 where they will meet the winners of Fairview vs Tinora.

Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

February 15

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

February 16

- WBESC meeting @ PC OSU Ext. Bldg., 5:30pm

February 17

- Pesticide Applicator Training @ PC Ext. Office, 9:30a, registration required
- Lunch & Learn @ NH Comm. Ctr, 12pm

February 18

- Weed University @ OSU Ext. Bldg, Paulding, 9a-4p

February 18-20

- "Nunsense" @ The Huber, 7:30p, (20th, 2:30p)

February 19

- NRL22 Match @ ACC, 8am
- Marriage Enrichment Seminar @ Branch Christian Fellowship, Paulding, 10a-2p
- 1812 Winter Garrison @ Historic Fort Wayne, 10a-5p

February 22

- Walk thru Winter! @ PC OSU Ext. Office bldg., 12-1pm
- FW Area Comm. Band @ PFW, 7:30pm

February 26

- Fine Art Workshop: Composition @ NH Comm. Ctr, 9a-4p

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OBITUARIES

HERITAGE LIONS CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

Scripture of the Week

MARK CENTER, OH:
Charles "Chas" David Shidler, 30, of Mark Center, Ohio formerly of Antwerp, Ohio passed away suddenly on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

WOODBURN, IN:
James Lewis Morhart, 77, of Woodburn, Indiana passed away Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Heritage Pointe, Fort Wayne. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

DEAD RECKONING

By: Doris Applegate

As we walk this earthly path we many times take a wrong turn in the road, make mistakes, get wrong advice or counsel, 'trip up' (sin), talk with words unwise, plus many other things that require a 're-set' button. Aren't we glad that sometimes that's all we need, a 're-set' that puts everything back at our starting point? We say: "Oh, I messed up and now have to change directions, start over, ask for forgiveness for things said or done" etc.

This 're-set' button is called repentance, especially do we need to 're-set' our course in life when we have 'tripped up' and sinned. As a saved (born again) believer in Jesus Christ, this word repent is our way back to a walk that is pleasing to God.

For the un-believer who has never repented of sin and accepted the offer of salvation that comes by the suffering of Jesus Christ and His blood, you are still in your sins and under condemnation and death. The word repent is not a word used only once. We use it often to stay strong in the Lord and a vibrant Christian. We then reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive unto God (Dead Reckoning) We don't play around with so great a salvation but realize the goal is worth the effort put forth.

Repentance comes from the heart. It is not just words, it is action, turning around and going in the right way. If we confess our sins, God is faithful to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Today is a great day to repent and give your sins to Jesus Christ. Freedom, joy and eternal life will be yours! Do it! Amen.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
 In Acts 5:13 it says, "And of the rest durst no man join himself to them..." Who are the "rest"?

Context is essential in in-



Shown in the picture are the new members with their sponsors: (l-r) Jack Clear (sponsor), Jeff Nolan, Tom Wolf (sponsor), Marvin Sorg, Julie Nolan, and Cindy Wolf (sponsor).



Cary Gohlke and Steve Higgins present at the monthly Heritage Lions Club meeting.

Cubmaster Cary Gohlke of Hoagland Pack 3348 and Steve Higgins, the Wabash Valley Senior District Exec-

utive spoke at the Heritage Lions monthly meeting last night. They thanked our club for chartering the Hoagland Troop and presented the club with a poster made by the Cub Scouts from Pack 3348. They explained recruiting, the different levels of scouting, their roles in scouting, as well the benefits of being in Boy Scouts.

The Heritage Lions also introduced several new members at the meeting.

The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

terpreting Scripture.

Acts 5 starts out with Ananias and his wife lying about their gift for the needy saints and losing their lives as a result. Verse 11 says, "...and great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things." The later part of verse 12 says, "...and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch." The "they" were faithful, sincere church members. In verse 13 "they" are contrasted with the rest of prospective members who were insincere and afraid they too might suffer the same punishment as Ananias and Sapphira if they became part of this church. So the "rest" in my view were the insincere.

There are still insincere people today who are hesitant to join churches that are serious about sin and righteousness.

We all need to pray for sincerity and faith to trust God's promise in II Thessalonians 3:3, "But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

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HANDY HELP & HANDICAP



Here is a photo of those Turkish toilets I was writing about. People often don't keep public restrooms as clean as they should be. Simple Turkish toilets are often much cleaner as staff can hose down and disinfect things more thoroughly.

By: Matt's Mishaps

"Serving overseas as a small-town boy from America is intense, stressful and

humorous! Enjoy a light-hearted story with me from our last 20 years overseas!" - Matt

I have always thought of

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said Nowaczyk. "We're seeking Paulding County residents who have an interest in mentoring at-risk youth who would benefit from being mentored by a positive adult role model."

"This partnership made good sense on a number of levels," said Wehrkamp. "We have many at-risk youth in the county who would benefit from having a stable, responsible adult to interact with and learn from. Bringing Mentors for Williams County - Paulding County Division in to handle administrative aspects such as background checks and training makes this a win-win for all involved."

Mentors must be 21 years of age or older, with limited exceptions, and must have a minimum of two one-hour sessions with their mentees per month. Applicants to become mentors go through a brief interview, a background check, and a 1.5-hour training. Mentors receive a policies and procedures handbook

and a workbook to complete with their mentees. After 12 months, mentors can choose to continue the relationship or part ways—a transition that is assisted by the handbook.

"As a community, we're striving to implement supports so that we can be as proactive as possible in addressing the needs of our county's youth and families," said Wehrkamp. "This partnership helps us build that base of supports."

Mentors for Williams County was founded in February 2020 and received its 501(c)(3) status in May 2020. The organization currently works with school districts and the Family Intervention Court in Williams County and is contracted with the Paulding County Juvenile Court and Defiance County Ohio Means Jobs.

If you're interested in becoming a mentor or to learn more about Mentors for Williams County, please visit www.mentorswc.org or www.facebook.com/mentorswc/ or call 419-546-1226.



injuries, aging or even from events that occurred to our heroes in uniform in the line of duty.

I had a mild handicap as a boy, if one should even call it that. I had a nightmare of a mouth when growing up. I had baby teeth that didn't come out and adult ones that were growing in the wrong places. It wasn't a cosmetic situation, but a functional one. I couldn't eat an apple or corn-on-the-cob, which is traumatic for one growing up in Indiana. My parents patiently took me to countless orthodontist appointments until the condition was fixed.

Moving overseas, I realized that I had potential handicaps that I didn't even realize I could have. When ready to buy a vehicle, I asked a salesman about the costs for automatic and manual transmission. He told me that automatic transmission was just for handicap people. Living in flat Indiana meant my skills with a clutch were not the greatest.

I once went into a bathroom in a country to find all the stalls had Turkish toilets (holes in the floor). However, a man came in right after me with a key from the receptionist. He unlocked a stall that was marked handicapped on the door. I noticed it had a real toilet!

I guess handicap means different things to different people in different countries.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
 — John 13:34-35

REP. BANKS REACTS TO FRIVOLOUS ATTEMPT TO BAN HIM FROM OFFICE

Rep. Jim Banks responded to a frivolous filing from his Democrat opponent Aaron Calkins that aims to prevent him from running in Indiana's 3rd Congressional District election in 2022.

The filing claims that Rep. Banks "supported an insurrection" and violated the 14th Amendment, presumably because he voted to object to the certification of the 2020 presidential election in Pennsylvania and Arizona over unconstitutional election rule changes in those states.

Said Rep. Banks: "I'm running for re-election to fight against Joe Biden's dangerous agenda and champion Hoosier values.

This is a joke allegation that will be quickly dismissed and ignored by voters in northeast Indiana.

Unfortunately, Democrats have tried to turn a serious tragedy into a political tool to strip Americans of their civil liberties and even their right to vote for their preferred candidate. Democrats' top elections lawyer promoted the same bogus theory in a clear attempt to ban President Trump from office and disenfranchise 74 million Americans.

Since Nancy Pelosi blocked me from the sham January 6th Committee, I've been leading the fight against their partisan harassment campaigns. That's why they're targeting me, but I won't back down."

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**CHANGES;
CHANGING CHANGED?**

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
Sometimes, I believe the harder it is to accept change. If we stop and think about it, life is full of changes. We come into the world, learn to eat and walk, go to school, attend college, hopefully get a job and settle down. Perhaps you will get married, have three kids, a house with a picket fence and live a perfect life. This is what I call the "American Dream". However, personally, my life has been filled with changes, some good, others bad.

When I grew up and got married, I learned how to cook, how to drive and experienced the pain and joy of bearing four children. I lived through various hair styles, different dance crazes, jobs I hated and jobs I loved. Of course now that I am growing older (?) I would love to wear those high stiletto heels and a mini skirt like I did when I was young. However, I find I dress now more for comfort than style. These are changes we all experience and love or hate them, there will always be some kind of change going on in our lives.

However, life can throw you curve balls that you can either hit out of the park for a home run or wait around for my lifetime of changes, I dealt with the loss of two husbands. This was something that not only made drastic changes in my life, but really played havoc in my emotional status as well. There have been so many things to learn, things I never really considered. Just navigating around the area is a challenge to me, but in each situation I either learn from it or try it over again.

Devastating illnesses, disasters, accidents, and loss of a job can bring many changes to our normal lives. Taking that step out of our comfort zone and dealing with life outside the box is what contributes to who we are today.

Which brings to mind this story: "One time a man was walking along the beach and saw another man fishing in the surf with a bait bucket beside him. As he drew closer, he saw that the bait bucket

had no lid and had live crabs inside.
"Why don't you cover your bait bucket so the crabs won't escape?" he said.
"You don't understand," the man replied, "If there is one crab in the bucket it would surely crawl out very quickly. However, when there are many crabs in the bucket, if one tries to crawl up the side, the others grab hold of it and pull it back down so that it will share the same fate as



the rest of them."

So it is with people. It is very difficult in life to deal with the many issues that confront us. Working through changes can be daunting, but there is something inside each and every one of us that knows that we can and will adjust by our inner strength.

Moral of the story: Ignore the crabs. Charge ahead and do what is right for you in the good and bad issues. It may not be easy and you may not succeed as much as you like, but you will NEVER share the same fate as those who never try.

My hope is that 2022 will bring good things for everyone. However, if it doesn't, try jumping out of the crab bucket. Prove that just by trying to handle the many changes in life will let us know we are survivors.

Have you handled many changes in your life? Are there a lot of things that so-called changes have made it difficult for you to do? Do you ever feel like you are stuck in the "crab bucket?" Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC NW OHIO PROGRAMS ADDRESS EARLY DIAGNOSIS & NEXT STEPS FOR FAMILIES

Three upcoming online programs offered by the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will help families identify signs of dementia in their loved ones, learn more about Alzheimer's disease, and determine ways to communicate at each stage of the disease.

"It is important to be aware of the signs of Alzheimer's disease and

other dementias, as many people living with Alzheimer's are not diagnosed," said Pam Myers, Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter program director. "Even after a diagnosis, many families are unfamiliar with the disease and what it entails. As dementia progresses, it can become more and more difficult to communicate with a loved one and to understand what they need. These three programs can help."

The virtual programs, being offered free to the community, are:

- "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia," from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15.
- "Effective Communication Strategies," from 1-2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17.

These programs will be presented on Zoom. Pre-registration is required. To register, call the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 and provide an email address. Instructions about how to join the webinars will be emailed to registrants.

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living. During "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's," participants will learn about how to recognize common signs of the disease; how to approach someone about memory concerns; the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis; and possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process.

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Join "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between Alzheimer's, dementia and normal aging; stages and risk factors of the disease; current research and treatments available for some symptoms; and Alzheimer's Association resources.

When a loved one has Alzheimer's or another dementia, their forms of communication shift and they come to rely more on attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language as their ability to use words is lost. "Effective Communication Strategies" teaches families how to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, as well as strategies to help them connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.

"An early diagnosis can improve the quality of care and quality of life for someone living with dementia, and it may reduce the financial and emotional impact of the disease," Myers said. "Join us to learn practical tools and to access information and support that can help your family throughout this journey."

Those who are concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419.537.1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected with local resources that can help.

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PO Box 538, Antwerp, OH 45813 or Keith West: PO Box 636 Antwerp OH. There is no charge for newly discharged Veterans.



OHIO HAS TALENT AUDITIONS

Auditions for the 14th Ohio Has Talent! competition presented by CHP Home Care & Hospice will be held Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Calvary Evangelical Church, 10686 Van Wert-Decatur Rd. in Van Wert.

Those interested may also submit a video audition. Everyone must return an application by Feb. 21, regardless of the audition method.

Audition applications are available at comhealthpro.org/event-calendar. There is no cost to participate.

The top acts selected will perform in the Jun. 18, 2022 show at Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert. All entertainment talents are welcome including single and group acts. Talents beyond singing and dancing are especially encouraged to audition.

Contestants will compete for prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Winners are based on audience votes.

Proceeds from Ohio Has Talent! benefit the CHP Hospice patient care fund which helps pay for uncovered hospice care expenses.

For more information call Kim Mason at 419-238-9223 x1117.

WBESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING SET

The next scheduled meeting for the Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board will be on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the 900 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH location.

USDA CLIMATE HUBS BACKGROUND

USDA's Climate Hubs are a unique collaboration across the Department's agencies. They are led by the Agricultural Research Service and Forest Service located at 10 regional locations, with contributions from other USDA agencies including the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Risk Management Agency. The Climate Hubs link USDA research and program agencies in their region with the delivery of timely and authoritative tools and information to agricultural producers and professionals.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy, and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Sister Helen Elizabeth Cummings is an unknown Red Cross nurse from Paulding County who served overseas in Europe during World War I.

Helen Elizabeth Cummings was born in Antwerp, Ohio, August 7, 1895. The daughter of W. Jesse and Rosa Caroline (Westrick) Cummings. W. Jesse was born in Ohio, May 31, 1874 and Rosa was born in Ohio in 1877. The couple was married December 20, 1894 in Paulding County Ohio.

By 1900, the Cummings family was living in Antwerp, Ohio. Helen, along with her sister, Samantha, who was one years old. W. Jesse was a house painter. In 1903, the Cummings family added a little girl to the family, Nellie J. She passed away in 1906 and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Antwerp.

By 1910, the Cummings family was living on Oswalt Street in Antwerp. Helen and her sister, Samantha, were attending school. W. Jesse was working at a Dry Goods store in Antwerp.

In early part of 1918, Helen had volunteered to serve in the American Red Cross. On September 12, 1918, her father W. Jesse, registered for the draft. He was a local mail carrier in Antwerp. He was listed as slender, medium build, brown hair, grey eyes. He was not selected, as his age would have been 44. Helen's service overseas was a long lasting fourteen months or so, as she was sent home by 1920.

In 1920, the Cummings family was living on Woodcox Street in Antwerp. Still single, Helen had graduated from the Hospital School of Nursing in 1920. Helen was working as a nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. In 1924 Helen chose to take her vows as a nun, but continued to serve in various hospitals as a nurse. She returned to St. Vincent's Hospital in 1943, where during the next 25 years, she supervised nursing units, the emergency room, and the

oxygen therapy unit, before retiring in 1968.

She outlived her parents, as W. Jesse Cummings passed away, in Toledo in 1956 and her mother passed away in Toledo, October 11, 1960. Both were buried in Maumee Cemetery in Antwerp. In 1970, Helen, while living in Toledo, Ohio, became ill. She was sent to St. Vincent's Hospital where on July 24, 1970, Helen passed away. Services were held in her honor at 9:00 A.M. in the St. Vincent Hospital Chapel. Services were later held in the Grey Nuns Provisional House, Lexington, Massachusetts. With burial in the Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, Malden, Massachusetts. Her sister Samantha Agnes (Cummings) Kelley passed away June 8, 1990 in Illinois and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Toledo, Ohio.

RENACCI ANNOUNCES "OVERHAUL OHIO" PLEDGE TO PROTECT ELECTION INTEGRITY IN 2024

President Trump called Mike DeWine a RINO for refusing that the 2020 election was stolen. If elected I will protect our elections to reelect Donald Trump in 2024.

We need to restore faith in our election system. Mike DeWine has sided with Joe Biden saying there was no election fraud.

We need to follow the constitution for our elections. As governor, I will never let an election be stolen as it was in some states in 2020 against President Trump.

We should never move an election. A governor does not have that power. Mike DeWine acted as a dictator. As governor, Jim Renacci will follow the constitution.

Voter integrity is a vital issue in America. I took a position at Medina County board of elections to see the process in action over the past two cycles just so I could speak with added experience on the matter.

Elections are the lifeblood to our republic. Ohioans must have faith in our election process.

I PLEDGE TO:

- Enact State Issue Voter ID Cards provided only to American citizens and Ohioans who are eligible to vote.
- Enact a full forensic audit, at a minimum, every four years during a presidential election.
- Assure no "Mail-In" voting process except for traditional absentee voting.

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THREE PPEC LINEWORERS GRADUATE FROM RENOWNED COLT PROGRAM



PPEC Linemen (L-R) Jordan Mohler, Garrett Gerdeman, and Terry Minic with their congratulatory cake from the co-op, honoring their recent graduation from the 4-year COLT training program.

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative lineworkers Jordan Mohler (Delphos, OH), Garrett Gerdeman (Kalida, OH), and Terry Minic (Antwerp, OH) recently graduated from the Central Ohio Lineworker Training (COLT) program. All three men moved from apprentice to official linemen status, with over 8,000 on-the-job hours over the course of four years of courses.

Offered by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Paulding Putnam Electric's statewide trade association, and supported by the electric cooperatives of Ohio, COLT trains power lineworkers at the beginning of their careers as well as seasoned lineworkers seeking to refresh and advance their knowledge. Courses are taught in the classroom and in the field, with the best real-world technology in a safe, controlled environment.

of-a-kind indoor training facility, which opened in July 2017, are in Mount Gilead. Classes are taught by two full-time and three part-time instructors, with never more than 15 students per instructor in the classroom and five per instructor in the field. Instructors are able to re-create real-life situations to answer questions with hands-on demonstrations rather than simply explaining theory.

COLT's indoor facility has 19 poles installed in the concrete floor for climbing exercises, as well as three-phase and single-phase distribution lines built onto the poles for both energized and de-energized training. COLT has a reputation for the highest standards in safety and excellence, qualifying hundreds of pole climbers since 2004.

To learn more about the COLT program and facility, visit www.ohioec.org/central-ohio-lineworker-training-program.

OCC'S MANAGING YOUR UTILITY BILLS & IDENTIFYING SCAMS

By: Casey Bishop, OSU Extension Family and Consumer Sciences, Paulding County

The Paulding County Extension office is partnering with the Office of Ohio's Consumer Council to present a FREE webinar on tips to manage your utility bills, utility assistance programs, and how to identify and handle utility scams.

This event will be held on Wednesday March 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Registration is required. Please visit <https://go.osu.edu/22paullingconsumers> to register or call the Extension Office for more information at 419-399-8225.

For additional information on any FCS programs, contact Casey Bishop (Paulding County Extension Educator, Family and Consumer Sciences) at bishop.807@osu.edu or call 419-399-8225.

ALAYNA WILLITZER NAMED TO TRINE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Alayna Willitzer of Cecil, a Trine University student, earned Dean's List recognition for the Fall 2021 term.

Willitzer is majoring in Biomedical 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.

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO TRINE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S LIST

Trine University students were named to the President's List for the Fall 2021 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.

Local Students to the President's List are: Chelsi Giesige of Paulding; Evan Mohr of Payne; Madison Ruen of Antwerp

MALLORY EHRHART NAMED TO PRESIDENT'S LIST AT YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Mallory Ehrhart, Theatre Studies major from Antwerp, Ohio, has been named to the President's List at Youngstown State University for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average in the Fall Semester 2021.

To be eligible for the President's List, honorees must be full-time undergraduate students with a 4.0 GPA for least 12 semester hours of classes.

Mallory has also been named to the Dean's List at Youngstown State University for Fall Semester 2021. Ehrhart is majoring in Theatre Studies at YSU.

Dean's List recognition is awarded to full-time undergraduate students who have earned at least a 3.4 grade point average for not less than 12 semester hours of credit in the Fall semester.

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ingschools.org to set up a drop off time for your cans or send them in with a Paulding High School student during

PJHS NAMES JANUARY PRIDE CARD RECIPIENTS



Each month students at Paulding Junior High School (PJHS) earn Paulding Pride cards for going above and beyond what is normally expected from a junior high school student. Shown in the picture are this month's Paulding Pride card recipients.

WAYNE TRACE EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL GMC CHAMPIONS



The Wayne Trace eighth grade boys basketball team captured the Green Meadows Conference championship on Saturday with a 42-33 win over Paulding. Lance Maenle led the Raiders with 16 points followed by Caden Sinn (nine), Tanner Laukhuf (five), Griffin Williamson (five), Micah Sinn (three),

Carter Clemens (two) and Eric Reinhart (two). Pictured are (back row, L-R) Eighth Grade Coach Ken Speice, Carter Clemens, Lance Maenle, Eric Reinhart, Griffin Williamson, Caden Sinn, Jack Schoenauer, Riley Manz, Micah Sinn, Tanner Laukhuf, Ryan Parker, Konnor Wannemacher and Seventh

Grade Coach Treg Lymanstall. In the front are (L-R) cheerleading coach Hailey McDaniel, Miley Jacobs, Kahlee Fore, Isabelle O'Shaughnessey, Audrey Dougal, Delana Stoggle, Abby Evans, Emma Noggle, Stefany Lopez-Castillo, Myleigh Sheets and Whitney Boroff.

BERNIE MORENO FILES FOR U.S. SENATE

Bernie Moreno formally submitted signatures with the Secretary of State today in order to be listed on the ballot as a candidate for the United States Senate.

"Our campaign gives voters a chance to vote for a true political outsider who won't be bought by the insiders and special interests," Bernie Moreno said. "Ohioans want secure borders, economic opportunity and prosperity, and a conservative they can trust. That's what I'm committed to and will do when I serve in the U.S. Senate."

Bernie Moreno filed for office today as his campaign is building momentum as he continues to travel to all 88 counties in Ohio. On Monday, the Clermont County Republican Party endorsed him on its first ballot. "People are sick of recycled, failed candidates, party insiders, and career politicians who love to talk about problems, but have no track record of ever solving them," Moreno added. "The people of Clermont County recognized this and have sent a clear signal that we need to change DC by changing who we send there."

In January, Bernie Moreno was also endorsed by the National Border Patrol Council - the union that represents the U.S. border patrol agents.

"When my mom and dad brought me to America a little over 50 years ago, never would they have dreamed that their youngest son could be a United States Senator. America is the only country

on Earth where a legal immigrant could possibly have this kind of opportunity. While we have our troubles, massively increased by the failures of Joe Biden, America is the greatest country on Earth. As President Trump did, and will hopefully do again, we will Make America Great Again, Again. I look forward to being his strongest and most loyal ally in the United States Senate. I will never let Ohio down," Bernie Moreno concluded. Polling has also shown Bernie Moreno's campaign on the move. He is

gaining in the polls and has moved from 6th to 3rd.

Bernie Moreno is a job creator, first-generation American, and first-time candidate for political office. He is running for U.S. Senate to stop socialism, combat cancel culture, create opportunity for all Ohioans, and enact term limits for D.C. politicians. He believes that we must work to protect the American Dream and the prosperity that should belong to all Americans. Learn more at www.BernieMoreno.com



Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

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

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

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

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

Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates!

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:


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

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We live in a country that is hard for me to comprehend anymore. Where our politicians and the media lie and intentionally keep the people divided. Where different viewpoints end life long friendships and there is no room for discussion. Instead there is much finger pointing and name calling. It is so unlike the country I grew up in. I miss when politicians and the media rallied around a cause and united the country.

I miss Walter Cronkite who presented the facts and let us form our own opinions. I miss when honesty, integrity, respect, hard work and loyalty were common values that were honored and lived out. I miss when belief in God and support of our country were important. I miss when the church was more relevant and the Bible was the standard for what is true and right. I miss when our children could play all day on their own, and we didn't have to lock our doors. I miss knowing our neighbors and rallying around them when one was in need. I miss small towns that had everything you needed without going to the next town or the city. I am sure you can add to this list.

How did we lose our way and what can we do to change our course? God warned us not to be of the world. When we let all the enticements of the world become the focus of our lives, instead of God, we lost our way. This created a situation where we became self-centered and our needs were above all others. This is also when the Bible was no longer our standard for what is right or wrong and the church was no longer relevant. Our own needs and desires were what we pursued and if it is good for me or okay by me, then it should be okay to everybody else. We then started to take God and the Bible out of schools and out of our lives. Is it any wonder that we now live in a country that is totally messed up? In Psalm 51, it says "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto

me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." If we we want to change our course, we need to seek God and the truth in the Bible. Matthew 6:33 says "But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also." If we return to God, if we return to church, if we read the Bible for direction, if we repent and ask for forgiveness and develop a personal relationship with Christ, we not only can change our course but have hope for ourselves and our country in the present, but more importantly, for eternity.

By the way, The Bryan Times refused to publish this, as well as, my Wake up America submission.
 —Ric Michael,
 Montpelier, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Forgotten 'Enough'
 The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the word 'enough' as "equal to what is needed". Needed, not wanted. What we want is not always what we need.
 On 2-8-22 I attended a meeting about wind turbines that Starwood Energy Group is proposing in Grover Hill. Those opposed to it talked about loss of property value, shadow flicker, noise, tv/internet interruption, questionable actions by Starwood, the grid operator having concerns of overwhelming their systems, among others. Those approving the project loved the money.

In testimony written on 2-24-21 by our commissioners opposing SB 52, Paulding Co. received almost \$7 million from the wind farms between 2020 and 2021. These are called "Annual PILOT payments". PILOT means "payments in lieu of taxes". However, this term is misleading.
 The Health Dept. received \$83,459.30 from the wind farms. Yet on 11-2-21 we voted to RENEW a .5 million dollar tax levy, RENEW a 1.35 million dollar tax levy for the jail (who received altogether \$156,485.78), RENEW a levy of 1 million dollars for Benton TWP (who received \$139,419.62), among other levies since the erection of the wind farms.

WT Schools received \$2,797,796.22. The Ohio

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Dept. of Taxation states we've paid a 1.25% income tax to the school since 1992 and will at least through 2026. On 1-27-22 I attended a Community Meeting to discuss options for the school. These options will be completely taxpayer funded. The cost started at \$9 million and \$20 million was mentioned. These are not 'payments in lieu of taxes' but 'payments in addition to taxes'. We will continue to receive these payments from the current wind farms. So my question is, when is it 'enough'? What is that magic number?

I have concerns about the vested interest of some of our community members, especially one of our commissioners who stands to make a pretty penny off this project.

I pray those who have a contract will consider their neighbors. I pray the OPSB listens to the people of Grover Hill, instead of the influencers. I pray for truth.
 —Amber Merriman,
 Resident of Grover Hill

UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY ANNOUNCES FALL 2021 DEAN'S LIST

The following is the dean's list for the fall 2021 semester at the University of Findlay.
 Local students include: Fletcher Cook, Paulding; Emma McMaster, Paulding; Jaret Miller, Paulding; Marcus Miller, Paulding; Kaylee Plummer, Paulding; Megan Reineck, Paulding; Blake Schuette, Antwerp; Thomas Vance, Cecil.

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

ANTWERP MANOR HAPPENINGS



Pictured is Jo Noonan our newest member of the Antwerp Manor Assisted Living family. Jo, along with all of the residents at Antwerp Manor want to say thank you to their community for the beautiful Valentine bouquets. We all appreciate the generosity behind this gift.

POSITIVE PANTHERS SELECTED



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Positive Panther per grade level. These students are recognized for the positive character traits they exhibit as students of Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Jackson Laker (Grade 8), Kalan Burns (Grade 6), and Silas Foltz (Grade 7).

PJH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Each month Paulding JH teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level. These students are recognized for being some of the top academic performers at Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture (from left) are Presley Barnes (Grade 6), Hunter Harwell (Grade 8), and Estie Pease (Grade 7).

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, PC Library, Genesis House, Antwerp G Mart
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Payne: Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, PC Branch 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**
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Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
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Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain
Monroeville: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland's Pizza Pub
New Haven: ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
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ARCHERS ROUT PANTHERS



Paulding's Ethan Foltz is fouled on the shot by Antwerp's Kaden Recker. Foltz scores on the foul shot! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Antwerp's Landon Brewer gets in a layup after picking up the rebound! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Top-ranked Antwerp Paulding at the 'Jungle' Friday night. The Archers expanded their margin to 34-7 at the midway

point of the contest and pushed the lead to 53-18 at the end of three periods.

Jagger Landers topped Antwerp with 23 points over four quarters of action while Landon Brewer added 19 markers as the Archers improved to 17-1 overall and 5-1 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Carson Altimus chipped in nine points followed by Kaden Recker (seven), Luke Krouse (four), Gaige McMichael (three) and Reid Lichty (one).

Peyton Adams paced Paulding with nine points with Zach Gorrell, Nick Manz and Ethan Foltz posting four points apiece. Casey Agler finished with three markers while Luke Zartman had two and Christian Bauer recorded a free throw.

Paulding falls to 6-14 in all games and 2-5 in the league with the loss.

WT TRIO TAKES GMC TITLES IN HS WRESTLING

Tinora captured the Green Meadows Conference championship on Saturday as the Rams totaled 218 points to easily get past second place Ayersville's 141 points.

Wayne Trace finished third with 135 points while Fairview placed fourth at 114-1/2. Edgerton (66-1/2), Paulding (56), Hicksville (36) and Antwerp (20) rounded out the field.

Individually, the Raiders took three titles as Corbin Kimmel, Hunter Long and Jarrett Hornish all recorded first place finishes.

Kimmel won the championship match over Fairview's Aires Davenport to claim the title at 106 while Long defeated Tinora's Anden Ankeny for the title at 132.

Jarrett Hornish captured the championship at 144 with a 6-0 victory over Tinora's Hunter Grunden.

Other individual winners included Tinora's Vince Monnin (113), Edgerton's Hayden Herman (120), Tinora's Devon Luellen (126), Fairview's Robby Bennett (138), Tinora's Aiden Helmke (150), Ayersville's Abe DeLano (190), Tinora's Dalton Wolfrum (157), Ayersville's Parker Sifuentes (215), Fairview's Kyler Blair (165), Ayersville's Owen Berner (175) and Tinora's Javen Gaines (285).

Wayne Trace's Connor Blankenship placed second at 113 and Jared Pierce placed fourth at 126. Sam Moore also finished second at 150 for the Raiders as did Nathan Osborn (215). Kaden Wool-

FT LINE SENDS ARCHERS PAST PANTHERS



The Lady Archers closed out their regular season home games Thursday night against Paulding. The 2022 Archer seniors are Grace Schuette, Ali Reinhart, Kennadi Recker, Lydia Brewer, and Astianna Coppes.

The Antwerp Lady Archers took advantage of a huge difference at the free throw line to post a 44-37 win over visiting Paulding Thursday night in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball action.

The Lady Panthers made more two-point field goals (nine) than Antwerp (five) and hit five three-point shots compared to a pair for the Archers. However, the blue and white hit 28 of 43 free throws in the contest while Paulding connected on four of nine as Antwerp used that difference to post the win.

Paulding led 12-10 at the end of eight minutes of action and each team scored ten points in the second stanza, giving the Panthers a 22-20 halftime lead.

Antwerp responded in the third quarter, getting three-pointers from Caroline Rohrs and Hayleigh Jewell, to put up 14 points in the stanza and take a 34-30 advantage into the final period.

In the final eight minutes, the blue and white got all ten points from the free throw line to hold off the Panthers for the 44-37 victory.

Astianna Coppes topped Antwerp with a dozen points and Jewell bucketed 11 for the Archers, which closed the regular season with a record of 13-9 overall while finishing 4-3 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Rohrs and Grace Schuette



Paulding Senior Janae Pease posts 3 points to the Panther side of the score board! More pictures at westbendnews.net

each bucketed eight points for Antwerp and Ali Reinhart posted four markers. Emma Townley also added a free throw for the Lady Archers.

Janae Pease topped all scorers with 16 points for Paulding and Claire

Schweller recorded nine markers. Audrey Giesige (eight) and Carlea Kuckuck (four) completed the scoring for the Lady Panthers, who drop to 9-12 in all games on the season and 3-3 in the GMC.

bright took third place for Wayne Trace in the 285-pound weight class.

Jesse Shaffer of Paulding took third at 138 while Jeremiah Smith placed fourth at 144. Alfonso Casiono also took fourth for the Panthers at 150 with Dawson Lamb finishing third at 165. Two other Panthers brought home fourth as well in Cayden Breier (175) and Marciano Murdock (190).

Antwerp's Skyler Octaviano recorded a fourth-place finish at 132 with Eli Reinhart taking third at 150.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB @ AYERSVILLE TOURNEY

The Antwerp Wrestling Club competed in the Ayersville tournament on Sunday, February 13, 2022. In what was a very tough test for the 14 young archers, 4 of them were able to finish in the top 3 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 3rd on the day was Ulrik Zijlstra. Earning 2nd place finishes were Brevyn Eicher

and Carson Blair. Finishing 1st for the tournament yet again was Owen Parisot. Parisot finished his day at 3-0 with 2 pins. This also marks Parisot's 3rd tournament championship in 4

tries this season. Congratulations to all of the young archer wrestlers for their gritty work this past weekend. Good luck as you prepare for next week's clash at Fairview. GO ARCHERS!!

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ANTWERP ARCHER CHEER SQUAD QUALIFY FOR STATE



Pictured here are the Antwerp Archer Cheerleaders (back row, l-r) Lauren Schuller, Falynn McAlexander, Ariel Snyder, Hailey Grant, Izzy Meyer, Skyley McCabe, and Mia Altimus; (front row, l-r) Megan O'Donnell, Emerson Litzenberg, Kiera Reyes, Ali Reinhart, and Jaidis Getrost

The Antwerp Archer Cheerleaders competed in the OASSA Northwest Regional Cheerleading competition on Saturday, February

6th at Anthony Wayne High School. Their superb performance qualified Antwerp Cheer for the State competition. OASSA State Competi-

tion is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th at Pickerington North High School.

PILOTS ZOOM PAST RAIDERS IN SECOND HALF



Wayne Trace Senior Christina Graham puts up the ball, attempting two points under the basket against the powerful Pilots. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Lady Raiders played a solid first half against Ayersville, trailing the Pilots 22-15 at the break. However, the second half was all Ayersville as the 18-3 Pilots outscored the Raiders 27-5 to fly past the Raiders 49-20.

With the win the Pilots stay at the top of the Green Meadows Conference along with Fairview - both stand at 5-1. For the Raiders, they fell to 8-12 overall and 1-5 in league play.

Ayersville was led in scoring by Kaylee Dockery who burned the nets for 28 points. Dockery shot 12-18 from the two-point area and 4-7 from the charity stripe. Teammate Taylor Craft added eight followed by six points from Neva Sheets. Rounding out the scoring

for the victorious Pilots were Maci Froelich with three and Ally Schindler and Kacee Okuley each with two.

Leading the Raiders who were playing their third game in four nights, was senior Rachel Stoller who finished with 11 points along with eight rebounds. Others scoring were Christina Graham chipping in five along with two points each from Abby Moore and Harper Myers. Moore also hauled in seven boards.

The Raiders continued to struggle offensively shooting just 17 percent on 8-47. The Pilots shot at a 50 percent clip hitting 21-42. Both teams were closely even in rebounds and turnovers with Wayne Trace grabbing 31 boards to 29 for the Pilots. In the turnover department the Raiders collected 31 miscues to 18 for Ayersville.

GIESIGE BREAKS PANTHER RECORD IN WIN

Paulding senior Audrey Giesige hit a school record three-point shots and bucketed 25 points to lead the Lady Panthers to a 58-38 victory at Defiance in non-league girls basketball play Tuesday night.

The maroon and white jumped out to an 11-3 lead at the end of one period before dominating the second quarter, outscoring the Bulldogs 21-7 to post a 32-10 halftime advantage.

In the third period, Paulding picked up 13 points while Defiance scored nine to give the Lady Panthers a commanding 45-19 lead entering the final stanza.

Janae Pease added 13 markers for the Lady Panthers with Claire Schweller recording eight points.

Other scorers for Paulding were Lily Roehrig (four), Brianna Bermejo (two), Alivya Bakle (two), Carlea Kuckuck (two) and Zoe Valle (two).

Defiance was paced by Emily Wahl with nine points and Samantha Hohenberger recorded seven markers.

LANDYN WHITMAN SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT AT OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY



Wayne Trace senior Landyn Whitman has signed a national letter of intent to further his academic and athletic career as an offensive lineman on the Ohio Dominican Uni-

versity football team starting in 2022. Shown in the picture are (Front, L-R) Jeremy Whitman (father), Landyn Whitman and Mandy Whitman (mother). In the back row (L-

R) are Wayne Trace Football Assistant Coach Tyler Iwinski, Wayne Trace Football Assistant Coach Austin Speice and Wayne Trace Football Head Coach Matt Holden.

Alexa Garcia (six), Olivia Moats (six), Mallory Weaver (four), Tierra Harrison (three), Maddie Bloomfield (two) and Elizabeth Hoffman (one) completed the list of Defiance scorers.

also scored for Bryan, which is now 1-17 on the season.

ARCHERS CRUISE TO 18TH WIN

Antwerp traveled to Williams County Saturday evening in non-league boys basketball action where the Archers recorded a 55-18 win over Edon.

It was all Archers in the opening stanza as Antwerp jumped out to a 21-2 lead at the end of eight minutes of action and never looked back.

Antwerp scored nine points in the second stanza and limited Edon to six as the Archers recorded a 30-8 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, the Archers totaled 18 points compared to five for the Bombers with Antwerp taking a 48-13 lead into the final period.

Landon Brewer topped Antwerp with 19 points while Jagger Landers also reached double figures with a dozen markers.

Carson Altimus (five), Kaden Recker (five), Luke Krouse (five), Gaige McMichael (three), Kaden Phares (three) and Mason Steel (three) completed the list of Antwerp scorers.

Jack Berry posted seven markers for the Bombers and Drew Gallehue chipped in four points for Edon.

Completing the scoring

for the Bombers were Kyler Sapp (three), Max Radabaugh (two) and Carter Kiess (two).

ANTWERP WRESTLERS COMPETE AT GMC TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp junior high and high school wrestling squads recently competed in the Green Meadows Conference tournament on February 12, 2022 at Fairview High School. On the junior high side, both archer wrestlers finished their seasons with 2nd place finishes in their respective weight classes. 7th grader Zac Salas was 4-1 on the day with 4 pins in the 116-pound weight class. 8th grader Griffin Kosch was 3-1 on the day with 1 pin at 122 pounds.

On the high school side, 2 of the 4 archer wrestlers finished in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Freshman Skyler Octaviano went 2-2 with 1 pin to finish 4th in the 132-pound weight class. Finishing in 3rd place at 150 pounds was junior Eli Reinhart. Reinhart finished his day 2-1 with 1 pin. Congratulations to all of the archer wrestlers for their accomplishments this past weekend. We wish the high school wrestlers the best as they prepare for the sectional tournament at Archbold High School in 2 weeks' time. GO ARCHERS!!

(Continued from Page 1)

113 - Easton Doster placed 3rd in his weight class for the day. He is the second freshman to qualify for state

285 - Josh Clark had an amazing day at semi-state! He

pinned the #1 seed then went to pin his way to 3rd place.

All three of these bulldog wrestlers will have to wrestle and win their first match Friday night to place on Saturday at state.

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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



1st/2nd Grades: River Stahl (1st grade); Renata Quevedo Jacome (2nd grade); Maggie Martinez (2nd grade); Chloe Branham (1st grade).



3rd/4th Grades: Zavier Nunez (4th grade); Oliver Thome (4th grade); Adalyn Miller (3rd grade); Leah Baker (3rd grade).



5th/6th Grades: Jason Manz (6th grade); Tyson Manz (6th grade); Chase Manz (5th grade); Missing: Kori Carlisle (5th grade).

KNIGHTS ROLL PAST PATRIOTS

Norwell jumped out to a lead after one quarter and the Knights rolled from there to post an 85-58 victory over Heritage in non-league boys basketball action Tuesday night.

Norwell led 28-17 at the end of one quarter and the Knights maintained a 38-28 halftime lead. Norwell pushed the margin to 62-0 after three periods before sealing the win by outscoring Heritage 23-8 in the final quarter.

Luke Saylor topped Heritage with 24 points while Kobe Meyer added 15 mark-

ers and Dalton Wasson recorded eight points.

Nyles Knapke (three), Tanner Whitman (two), Dylan Hale (two), Leroy Lepper (two) and Howie Kaiser (two) completed the Patriot scoring.

Kaiser topped Heritage with nine rebounds and two steals while Saylor grabbed six and Wasson picked up four. Saylor also dished out five assists and recorded two steals with Wasson recording four helpers. Knapke also picked up three assists and Whitman had two.

Heritage returns to doubleheader action this weekend.

The Patriots battle local ri-

val New Haven in Monroeville on Friday before hosting Fort Wayne Canterbury on Saturday. Heritage is currently 4-14 on the season while the Bulldogs currently are 8-10 overall. The Cavaliers enter the week with a record of 6-12 and will play at New Haven on Tuesday.

ANTWERP BOYS FRESHMEN BASKETBALL

It was a Friday night February 11th in the Village of Paulding where a Green Meadows Conference showdown squared off in the Jungle at Paulding High School.

The Freshmen Archers lead at all the stops in this contest. When the final bell rang, it was the Archers shooting down the Panthers with a score of 39-17.

Scoring for Antwerp was: Tavin Sholl-8, Aiden Lichty-8, Dayne Sholl-7, Braylen Moreno-7, Draven Baumert-5, Derek Hines-3 and Jonah Keys-1.

Scoring for Paulding was: Harder-5, Evans-5, Manz-4 and Schroeder-3.

The Archers stand 6-4 on the season and 4-0 in the GMC. They will play in the semi final round of the GMC tournament on Monday February 14th at 7:00 pm at Tinora High School.

RAMS HOLD OFF ARCHERS

In a rare Wednesday night battle, host Tinora scored just enough and played just enough defense to hold off visiting Antwerp for a 46-41 win over the Archers.

The Rams held a slim 15-13 lead at the end of eight minutes of action but Antwerp answered in the second quarter, tying the game up at 29-29 at the intermission.

Antwerp doubled up the green and white in the third quarter, outscoring Tinora 8-4, to take a 37-33 lead into the final period.

However, Tinora answered with 13 points in the final eight minutes while limiting Antwerp to four in rallying for the 46-41 victory.

Liv Mueller led the way for the green and white with 19 points in the contest while Neva Okuley added ten markers.

Other scorers for Tinora were Anna Gray (six), Amanda Meyer (four), Addison Lee (four), Karli Okuley (two) and Emily Harr (one).

Astianna Coppes led the way for the blue and white with 17 points with Ali Reinhart adding eight markers and Hayleigh Jewell chipped in seven.

Lydia Brewer and Grace Schuette posted four markers apiece for the Lady Archers with Emma Townley finishing with one point.

BRAVES END PATRIOTS SEASON

Bellmont outscored Heritage in every quarter as the Lady Braves pulled away from the Patriots for a 50-33 win in Class 3A sectional girls basketball action at Mississinewa High School Tuesday evening.

The Braves took a 12-10 lead at the end of one period before expanding the advantage to 24-16 at the intermission. Bellmont then expanded the margin in the third period, picking up 14 markers compared to a dozen for Heritage as the Braves took a 38-28 lead into the final

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Mrs. DeJarnett's KB class from Payne Elementary School made projects and wore their 100 day hats on Monday February 7 for our 100th day of school.

stanza.

Bellmont then closed out the win with a 12-point fourth quarter while holding the Patriots to five, sealing the 50-33 victory.

Heritage was paced by Shelby Schane with 16 markers while Ella Bickel added nine and Abby Zelt posted four. Kendall Zelt chipped in three points and Ava Pilon had the remaining one point.

Abby Zelt also picked up six rebounds with Ella Bickel adding four boards. Claire Bickel chipped in two rebounds and two assists for the Heritage with Schane recording two boards and two steals.

The contest also brought to an end the Lady Patriot basketball careers of Shelby Schane, Ella Bickel and Abby Zelt. In their four-year career at Heritage, the Patriots have won 52 games in that span and had double digit wins in each season.

LADY RAIDERS GET PAST MUSKETEERS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Last Tuesday, February 8, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders played their second game in as many nights with a home date with Fort Jennings. The red, white and blue slipped past the Musketeers 43-23 to gain their eighth win of the season (8-11).

It was a struggle for both teams with a combined 49 turnovers along with cold shooting. The Raiders shot 15-48 from the floor for 31 percent while Fort Jennings was just 8-33 for 24 percent. With the loss the Musketeers fell to 3-18 overall.

Wayne Trace placed two in double-digits led by Christina Graham with 11 followed by the ten points from Rachel Stoller. Graham also snagged 12 rebounds while Stoller added 10 steals and eight boards.

Also scoring for the winners was Harper Myers with nine markers and 11 rebounds along with five steals in a solid effort on both ends of the floor. Abby Moore chipped in six and Elise Miller added two to round out the Raiders scoring.

Rachel VonSossan led the Musketeers with eight points followed by Reagan Ricker with five, Carely VonSossan four, Maggie Pothast three,

Lydia Dickman two and Aubrey Jacomet one.

LADY RAIDERS CAN'T SLOW DOWN CRESTVIEW

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Crestview Knights used a powerful first quarter of play to establish themselves as the team to beat when they went up against Wayne Trace last Monday. The Knights scored 24 points in the opening quarter while holding the Raiders to just six. Crestview went on to defeat WT 52-25 and improved their overall mark at 16-4.

Wayne Trace managed to out score the Knights in the second frame 11-7 but it wouldn't be enough to catch their opponent. Trailing at the break 31-17, any hope of a comeback was quickly dashed with Crestview putting up 18 in the third period while holding the red, white and blue scoreless. Crestview entered the final eight minutes of play with a comfortable 49-17 advantage.

Crestview was paced by the 22 points from Cali Gregory along with double-digit efforts from Laci McCoy with 12 and ten points from Brynn Putnam. Rounding

out the scoring was Ellie Kline with five and Kylee Reno adding three.

For the Raiders, who fell to 7-11, Rachel Stoller scored six followed by Harper Myers chipping in five along with hauling down a team high six boards. A trio of Raiders finished with four points including Abby Moore, Laryssa Witman and Christina Graham. Rounding out the scoring was Ava Zartman with two.

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- a) 63 L.F. of 20' Span x 10' Rise Four-Sided Concrete Box
- b) 54 L.F. of 18' Span x 10' Rise Four-Sided Concrete Box
- c) 72 L.F. of 18' Span x 8' Rise Four-Sided Concrete Box
- d) 60 L.F. of 12' Span x 8' Rise Four-Sided Concrete Box

with all appurtenances for use by the Paulding County Engineer.

All material shall be in accordance with the details and specifications for the same which are on file at the Office of the Paulding County Engineer. The specifications, legal notice, and bid proposal will also be available on the Paulding County Engineer's website www.pauldingcountyengineer.com under the "BIDS" tab.

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

Bids may be hand delivered or mailed in a sealed envelope bearing the Bidder's name and address and marked "2022 Sealed Bid for Concrete Box".

The said Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The contract will be award to the lowest and best bidder.

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

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Approximately 8:00 a.m. Monday, February 14th, Paulding County Police Department were made aware of a suspicious individual on Wentworth Rd on the West side of Antwerp. He was in a black Chevy 4-door. When officers approached the vehicle, it took off into the field on the west side of Antwerp near CR 33. The individual got out of his vehicle at one point and at-

tempted to make a run for it. Officers observed and surrounded the area as he got back in his vehicle and again attempted to drive off. Back up officers arrived as well as the DNR officer on duty in the area and they surrounded vehicle until the individual surrendered to authorities.

More details will be provided when available.



ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

January 27, a vehicle was stopped at Harrmann Road and Victory Lane. The driver was cited for driving under suspension.

January 27, officers assisted with the fire on Washington St.

January 28, a local business reported a person had

come in and scammed their employee out of money from the cash drawer. The technique is called "quick changing".

January 29, a resident called and reported they lost a brown leather billfold. The police department did not have one turned in.

January 31, a resident reported a possible scam. She received information about getting a new Medicare card. Contacting Medicare they told her they did not have information on a new card being issued.

February 5, Officers were called to a residence on West River St for a domestic dispute. Deputies arrived and arrested a person for domestic violence, and Antwerp officer arrived for assistance.

February 5, Officers were called to a residence on West River St. One of the residents found suspected drugs. Officers arrived and found large amounts of suspected methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia. The contents were collected and a report was forwarded to the Paulding County Prosecutor for charges.

February 6, a welfare check was requested for an individual at Park Avenue Villas. The person was fine.

February 7, officers travelled to the Ohio BCI&I crime lab for delivery of evidence.

February 7, a village employee reported that while working on Main St. he had been verbally threatened by an individual on the street. The incident was reported to the police department around 2:00 p.m. The report was prepared and sent to the prosecutor's office.

February 7, officers were called to a residence on East River St. The resident was concerned, thinking that her neighbors placed recording devices, including cameras, monitoring what was going on in her home. She claimed she had seen drones flying around her residence. Family members were contacted to assist with the resident.

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 GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard Announced That The Paulding County Grand Jury Indicted (9) Persons On Thursday, February 10, 2022.

Austin J. Lajiness (5/16/1990), Westland, MI; Improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, F4

Tyler James Levos (5/12/1985)), Paulding, OH; Operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them/OVI, F3

Justin Michael Woodruff (11/5/89), Cecil, OH; Having weapons while under disability, F3

Emily M. Miller (2/28/1984), Paulding, OH; Theft, F5

Phanhly Choummaly (9/8/1978), Unknown; Having weapons while under disability, F3; Improperly handling firearms in a motor

vehicle, F4
Allen W. Foute (3/4/1967), Sherwood, OH; Failure to appear as required by recognizance, F4

Heidi L. Grant (5/7/1974), Antwerp, OH; Aggravated murder, Unclassified felony, Firearm specification - 1 year; Murder, Unclassified felony, Firearm specification - 1 year; Tampering with evidence, F3

Timothy R. Schnepf (5/1/1986), Van Wert, OH; Nonsupport of dependents, F5

Loveonna L. Monroe (9/6/1977), Unknown; Failure to provide notice of change of address, F4

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Rodney Osburn Jr., Antwerp, OH; Menacing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victim; Pay or collection date set

Brian Stevens, New Haven, IN; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful uses by the arresting agency; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Physical control, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Weber, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided, Pay all fines and costs

Raymond Wrobel, Newport, MI; Possession of marijuana; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Anthony M. Padilla, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pay costs; Fine suspended

Ethan E. Wolfle, Latty, OH; Reckless operation; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Lee, Pled guilty; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Proof of insurance provided; ALS terminated; Pay all fines and costs; Driving privileges extended to 2/28/22

Kimberly S. Matlock, Indianapolis, IN; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed

Annie M. Preston, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy J. Lavin, Fort Wayne, IN; Fictitious registration; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Warrant and warrant block recalled; Operator license forfeiture removed

Kyler M. Hicks, Evansville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ronaysia L. Miller, Toledo, OH; No operator's license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Show proof of insurance by

The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

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Lucas A. Hyre, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tara M. Humphrey, Bryan, OH; Registration vio-

lation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Derrick M. Bennett, Grover Hill, OH; Left of center, Guilty; Seat belt/drive, Guilty; Distracted driving, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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The Paulding County Engineer is accepting Letters of Interest to obtain professional design consultant services in Paulding County. The consultant must be ODOT prequalified in non-complex roadway design, right of way plan development, and level 2 bridge design. Requests for the Programmatic Consultant Selection Process can be made to the Paulding County Engineer's Office, located at 801 W. Wayne St., Paulding, Ohio. All Letters of Interest shall include information that is outlined in the Programmatic Consultant Selection Process. Letters of Interest will be accepted for this project until 3:30 p.m. on March 31, 2022.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OR HEARING ON BOND FORFEITURE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Case No. CR-20-626
STATE OF OHIO

PLAINTIFF
VS.
CAMBREA M. ZIMMERMAN
DEFENDANT

To: Travis Sperling
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 5211
Springville Hwy, Onstead, MI
49265

Please take notice that a motion to forfeit bond has been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may attend the motion hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 20,

2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Said hearing will be held at the Paulding County Common Pleas Court located at 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879

Respectfully submitted,
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF GUARDIANSHIP

IN THE PAULDING COUNTY PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF DAVID LEE BALL

A Minor
Case No. 20222002

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF GUARDIANSHIP

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,
PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER

Plaintiff,
vs.
KEVIN L. MOORE, ET.AL.
DEFENDANT,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By: *Susan D. Beckman*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,
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HISTORIC FORT WAYNE EVENT: REVOLUTIONARY WAR GARRISON



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1201 Spy Run Ave. Parking is available at Headwaters Park, Lawton Park, and in the lot across from the Fort. Visitors should use the Rivergreenway Trail under the Spy Run bridge to access the Fort from the lot. Admission: Freewill donation. Visit our website oldfortwayne.org, Facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne, or call (260)437-2836 for schedule updates and information. ***Masks are required to enter fort buildings.

PAULDING HS DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announced their December Students of the Month. They are from left to right: Freshman-Jocie Hawk, Sophomore-Elli Barton, Junior-Eysise Kraegel, and Senior-Marciano Murdock.

RAIDERS, PANTHERS TO MEET IN TITLE GAME

Wayne Trace and Paulding punched their ticket to the Green Meadows Conference championship game of the boys eighth grade basketball tournament on Monday after posting semifinal victories.

The Raiders defeated Edgerton 40-25 in the first semifinal behind 14 points from Tanner Laukhuf while Caden Sinn and Carter Clemens bucketed 11 markers

each. Eric Reinhart and Lance Maenle both chipped in two points as well for Wayne Trace.

Noah Weaver paced Edgerton with eight markers while Brady Everetts and Maddox Baker both recorded five points. Cole Huard chipped in three for the Bulldogs with Caden Sinclair and Jacob Steffes each adding a pair of markers.

Paulding took the second game victory by nipping Fairview 41-40.

Grady Barton posted a dozen points to top the Panthers with Xander Kuckuck adding ten and Colten Hunt chipped in seven. Blake Rhonehouse (six), Clayton Manz (four) and Thad Schneider (two) completed the maroon and white scoring.

William Zeedyk topped Fairview with 15 points followed by Noah Shingen (11), Jackson Brady (seven), Levi Panico (five) and Elijah Arend (two).

The Raiders and Panthers will square off on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. for the championship of the Green Meadows Conference tournament.

VANTAGE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING HELD

The Vantage Board of Education held the February Regular Board meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2022 in the Cup and Saucer Restaurant. During the Board meeting, minutes from the January 13, 2022 tax budget, organization and regular Board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of December, 2021.

Superintendent Rick Turner began the meeting welcoming Robin Pennell with The Times Bulletin, Scott Truxell with The VW Independent, Mr. Michael Knott, High School Director, Mrs. Angie Fahy, Adult Education Director, and Mrs. Miriam Owens, Community Relations Coordinator.

Superintendent Rick Turner updated the Board on the excellent Legislative Seminar in Columbus this week. The Senate President, Speaker of the House, Chancellor of the Department of Higher Ed, and the Lieutenant Governor were among the speakers. There was excellent dialog with several of the Representatives throughout the event.

February is Career Technical Education Month

Some Fast Facts regarding Vantage and our contribution made to the community include:

1071 Industry Credentials were earned in 2021

42% of Vantage students further their education by going to college and enrolling in apprenticeships. **47 seniors have earned their Class A CDL since the start of the program in 2018. Seventeen more are working through the curriculum this year.

35 students are currently participating in the Career Advancement Placement Program

25 students are currently participating in College Credit Plus

22 Business Professionals of America students have qualified for State Competition, 2022.

26 Trade & Industry students will be participating in regional SkillsUSA competition this month

Community/Economic Impact

We continue to build houses through our Carpentry program.

Many programs donate to local agencies monetarily and with hands on projects:

- Construction Equipment Technology poured a new concrete pad for Wee Care Learning Center

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



The following Wayne Trace Payne Elementary students have achieved the honor of Student of the Month for January. Front Row: Kaylee Miller, Charley Blackmore, Nellie McMillan, Saylor Denning, Kierstyn Lazoff, Dodger Boyd, Evander Neff. Back Row: Emma Whitman, Javiero Vielma, Donovan Strawser, Carter O'Dell, Evelyn Sweet, Cayla Noggle, Lily Shepherd, Lexi Carter. Not Pictured: Raylynn Gerardot

this year to help with trash issues

• Interact Club raised and purchased \$5,500.00 worth of toys to Toss a Toy Program

• Vantage raised a record breaking number of canned goods (12,614), as well as monetary donations (\$650.00) for the 2021 United Way Day of Caring

• Business Professionals of America raised over \$450.00 for local Special Olympics chapters in Mercer, Van Wert, Paulding and Putnam counties

• Welding/Auto Collision Repair created a bike rack for Fountain Park and continue working with Van Wert Foundation for more downtown updates

• Ag/IM/ECE/Electricity contributed to the Apple Festival, volunteering activities, preparing the buildings and offering clean up services around the fairgrounds.

• Build Your Future - Vantage had a huge hand in the development and production of Build Your Future. The number of interested students for next school year has tripled.

• Health Tech students did all of Van Wert City Schools and Lincoln View schools hearing tests.

• Adult education provides essential customized training for business/industry to ensure they have a skilled workforce

• Adult education provides essential healthcare workers for our community

• Adult education trains essential public safety workers including Firefighters, EMT's, and Peace officers

High School Director Mike Knott began his report by recognizing Ms. Tonya Temple, Mrs. Miriam Owens, and the entire staff for their work in welcoming Sophomores from all of our school districts on Sophomore Visit Day on January 28th. In addition to the home-school visits, Vantage will be holding an Open House & Taste of Vantage on February 28th from 5:00-7:30p.m. for those sophomores and their parents that would like to view programs and speak with instructors..

Adult Education Director Angie Fahy updated the board about the LPN-RN Transition Program informational sessions that were held on January 21st and January 28th. Mrs. Fahy also updated the board about the Phlebotomy Program that has now been approved by the state, pending the Chancellor's signature.

In new business, the Board: Approved wo(2)supplemental contracts for student workers.

Approved one overnight and out of state travel for two (2) staff members. Approved over night stay in Columbus for BPA contestants

Approved Mr.Knott as a bus driver Accepted a vehicle donation from the VanWert County Commissioners and a donation of four vehicles from a local couple.

Approved a one-time stipend for two(2)employees Approved the Adult Education program cost sheets

Accepted two (2)resignations Approved the Rothacker - Lampe equipment purchase list

End of Superintendent's Consent Agenda Items Outside of Consent Agenda Items

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(5), the Superintendent hereby requests that the Board adjourn into executive session to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by Federal or State law.

Adjournment - at the call of the President and at the pleasure of the Vantage Career Center Board of Education

Next meeting - Thursday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. At Thomas Edison Regular March Board Meeting

ODOT DISTRICT 1 NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL "PAINT THE PLOW" COMPETITION



The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 is pleased to announce the return of the Paint the Plow program and is now accepting applications through Friday, March 11. The program has been on hold, missing two spring seasons, due to concerns regarding COVID-19.

High schools and vocational school groups within its eight-county region, including Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Wyandot counties are eligible.

The annual Paint the Plow program allows students to paint an ODOT snowplow blade with a message of school spirit, Ohio pride, patriotism, or safety. The decorated blades are displayed at local community events before being used in regular winter operations.

Plow blades will be dropped off to participating schools during the week of March 28 and picked up by May 6. Winners will be announced prior to Memorial Day via the media and social media.

In the last contest, held in 2019, Miller City-New

Cleveland High School in Miller City won the overall ODOT choice title, while Cory-Rawson High School in Rawson took the people's choice award, which was determined based on social media votes. The same award categories will return this year.

"We would like to encourage the artists to develop messages that highlight safe driving practices," said Hughes. "Additional social media recognition will be given to those entries which raise awareness on topics such as distracted driving, seat belts usage, and adherence to Ohio law which requires motorists to slow down or move over when approaching vehicles with flashing lights along the highway," he said.

Printed applications are being distributed to eligible schools within the month. Those who would like to receive an application electronically may do so by contacting ODOT District 1's public information office at 419-999-6803 or d01.pio@dot.ohio.gov. A school administrator must approve of participation and sign the application.

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MICHAEL STEELE SPEAKS @ PFW; MONICA LEWINSKY LECTURE RESCHEDULED

rently a senior advisor for the Lincoln Project, a bipartisan coalition built in opposition to Donald Trump.

A political analyst for MSNBC, Steele has appeared on Meet the Press, Face the Nation, HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, and Comedy Central's The Daily Show.

Steele is a graduate of the Georgetown Law Center, an Aspen Institute Rodel fellow in Public Leadership, a University of Chicago Institute of Politics fellow, and currently a senior fellow at Brown University's Institute for International and Public Affairs.

In other Omnibus series news, Monica Lewinsky's lecture "The Price of Shame" has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5. Originally scheduled for Jan. 25, Lewinsky's visit was postponed due to the current spike in COVID-19 cases in Indiana and nationwide, and to ensure as safe of an experience as possible for patrons.

Go to Omnibus to learn more about the speakers for the 2021-22 season.

SC STAFFER VISE EARNS NASA AMBASSADOR STATUS



Science Central staff member Sarah Vise has been selected to be a volunteer for the Solar System Ambassadors Program, offered through NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

This program is a public engagement effort that works with motivated volunteers across the nation to communicate the science and excitement of NASA's space exploration missions and discoveries in their communities.

Vise is Science Central's Technology Programs and Volunteers Manager. As part of this program, she completed trainings on safety,

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ethics, and social media presentations over the course of a month. Vise attended four webinars, plus a series of optional training sessions. Now a certified Solar System Ambassador, she will organize and participate in at least four public events this year that raise awareness about NASA.

Vise anticipates holding some of those events at Science Central and sharing her expertise with visitors. She also envisions conducting events around Northeast Indiana.

"I'm hoping to bring the wonders of science to schools, libraries, parks, and all others who share similar values about education and space exploration," she says.

To contact Vise about scheduling an event, email svise@sciencecentral.org.

PROMEDICA PARTNERSHIP SHINES A LIGHT ON A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital, along with several area organizations, is proud to announce the EVS Plus Program. This program will offer residents at The City Mission the opportunity to earn three industry-recognized credentials that will enable them to use their skills to gain entry-level employment at local healthcare facilities; specifically to fill vacant Environmental Services and Nutritional Services positions.

This partnership includes ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital, Northwest State Community College, The City Mission, OhioMeansJobs-

Hancock County, and the Fostoria Learning Center.

Students will complete 24 hours of curriculum in an industry-recognized Certified Health Care Environmental Services Technician (CHEST) program, a 16-hour SERV Safe program and a 10-hour OSHA certification course to qualify them for employment at an area healthcare facility and for funding through OhioMeansJobs. In total, the course will be 50 hours of comprehensive training. All three courses will take place at the Fostoria Learning Center, beginning on February 8 with the CHEST course. The primary focus will be to train City Mission residents who are seeking entry level careers in healthcare.

The City Mission's workforce pathway programming continues to have a positive effect on their residents, the local community, and economy. As a result of the workforce programming, 11 of 13 participants in welding and manufacturing training programs are now employed. This new Healthcare Services Program will feature five participants.

"The City Mission is excited to be on this journey with such amazing partners," says Kathryn Bausman, executive director, City Mission. "This is the third class in our Workforce Development Program, each one has been different and has allowed us to offer a variety of opportunities to our guests."

"There are many things that impact a person's health - your job, your education, your lifestyle, and even where you live," says Tom Borer, vice president, Operations at ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital. "While clinical and medical care make up about 20% of your health, the other 80% is affected by your environment. This partnership will help the participants develop the necessary skills to enter the workforce, and we hope to provide them with an opportunity to be employed by a health and well-being organization like ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital that has been a staple in our community for more than 90 years," he adds. ProMedica will provide two instructors to

Sudoku solution from page 9

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

wells or wells with inadequate supply. Principal forgiveness refers to the principal portion of a loan that does not require repayment.

• Interest-free loans will be offered to projects focused on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) remediation, lead service line replacement, regionalization, project planning and design, and harmful algal bloom (HAB) issues.

Construction projects must be nominated by March 4, 2022; planning and design, PFAS remediation, lead service line replacement, and HAB projects may be nominated any time during the program year. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit projects during the nomination period for funding consideration from WSRLA as well as other funds that may become available during the program year (e.g., additional grants from U.S. EPA, H2Ohio funding, etc.).

On a separate, but related topic, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was passed on November 15, 2021. The IIJA includes additional appropriations, not currently included in this funding round, which may be available to enhance the WSRLA in 2022. Ohio EPA will share information about opportunities available under the IIJA as they become available.

The WSRLA offers below-market rate loans to eligible public water systems to fund infrastructure improvements that eliminate public health threats and ensure compliance with federal and state drinking water laws and regulations.

The program is administered by Ohio EPA with assistance from the Ohio Water Development Authority. Since 1998, the WSRLA has provided over \$2.17 billion in community loan assistance and saved its customers more than \$489 million in interest expense.

Projects may be nominated by following instructions and forms available online. The 2023 program year is July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

assist learners as they strive to gain experience and credentials.

OhioMeansJobs-Hancock County continues to provide case management services to participants and funding these programs that are meeting the needs of local employers. "I am very excited to be able to partner with ProMedica, NSCC, City Mission, Fostoria Learning Center, and Fostoria Economic Development Corporation to offer training in an in-demand field," says Randall Galbraith, director, Hancock County Jobs & Family Services. "The shortage of labor in the healthcare field is well documented, and this partnership will bring together an employer in need with a trained pool of potential employees."

The Fostoria Learning Center is a workforce refuge for all of the training programs throughout this partnership. To date, the Fostoria Learning Center has provided a facility for a welding program and a manufacturing program for residents of the City Mission.

"This EVS Plus program is so exciting because it was identified by the healthcare industry, and again, our various partners came together to make this opportunity a reality for the participants. As these collaborations grow, I continue to be overwhelmed with appreciation for our partners and pride in our participants," says Renee Smith, executive director, Fostoria Economic Development Corporation.

For more information, contact Matt Kibler at (567) 245-1259.

OHIO EPA REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR DRINKING WATER PROJECTS NEEDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Ohio EPA is accepting nominations for drinking water infrastructure improvements that need financial assistance through the state's Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA).

To be considered for Program Year 2023 funding, project nomination forms and supporting information must be submitted by email to defamail@epa.ohio.gov by March 4, 2022.

Highlights for Program Year 2023 priorities include:

• Principal forgiveness will be offered for priority areas such as regionalization and extension of water service to residential areas currently using contaminated private

Tickets for "The Political



Scene According to Steele" by Michael Steele, Purdue University Fort Wayne's next presenter in its 2021-22 Omnibus Speaker Series, will be available on campus beginning at 1:30 p.m. February 8. Steele will appear Thursday, Feb. 17, in Rhinehart Music Center's 1,500-seat Auer Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m.; doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Steele is a witty, engaging, and savvy political observer. His experiences as Maryland's lieutenant governor, as a candidate for the U.S. Senate, and as the former chair of the Republican National Committee make him an excellent guide through the fast-paced world of politics.

To guarantee a seat, tickets should be reserved in advance, either online through the university's website or at the Schatzlein Box Office in the Rhinehart Music Center lobby. The tickets are free on a first-come, first-served basis. The limit is four per person. A \$1.50 convenience charge is assessed per ticket for online orders.

All tickets reserved online will automatically be emailed to patrons and can be printed at their convenience. Digital tickets accessible via smartphone are another option to help avoid standing in line at the box office on the night of the show. Tickets can also be picked up in person beginning one hour before the presentation at the Schatzlein Box Office.

Steele made history in 2003 when he was elected lieutenant governor of Maryland, becoming the first African American voted in to state office. He repeated this achievement in 2009 with his subsequent chairmanship of the RNC in 2009. He is cur-

HELP WANTED

The Paulding County Health Department is seeking applicants for a full time Environmental Health Director Position. Qualifications are to be a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) in the State of Ohio. Must have a valid driver's license. Starting salary is \$28.50 per hour.

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PARAGON TEMPERED GLASS GIVES BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY



Local park partners have played an important role in the rapid success of the Holly Beach Splash Pad.

Paragon Tempered Glass donated \$15,000 to our community's exciting new project. It is giving companies like Paragon that have played a major part in the Splash Pad's success. Paragon President, Dan Wright,

stated, "The city of Antwerp has a long relationship with Paragon and formerly Spectemp. We felt this project was something we wanted to support to give back to the town and its residents. Many of our employees had a connection with Holly or have a connection to the family and our contribution would have significant

meaning to them. We hope that for years to come, the children of Antwerp and their families will enjoy the Splash Pad."

It is that enthusiasm that has kept this project moving in an onward motion. It is with deepest appreciation that the Holly Kobee Memorial accepts Paragon's generous donation.

PIEPER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOP BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Fred Pieper, has announced his candidacy for the open Board of Trustee seat for Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) District 4.

Pieper was born and raised in rural Paulding County and has been a PPEC customer for over fifteen years. He received his undergraduate degree from Anderson University and his MBA from the University of Toledo. He has

served as a member of the Board of Directors of Financial Partners Credit Union, a 54-million dollar credit union based in Woodburn, Indiana for over two decades. He has held the office of treasurer for over fifteen years.

A unique perspective Pieper holds of electric coop service is that of a lineman. Employed for seventeen years as a lineman with the coop makes him knowledgeable of the "behind the scenes" workings. "In the lineman capacity I have been on poles in all kinds of weather to restore power. I know first-hand the dedication and expertise of our front line personnel. We are fortunate to have such a qualified and trained team working for us and I rarely worry about the continuity of electric power to our rural area," shares Pieper.

When PPEC members "flip the switch" they rarely think about everything that is involved in delivering the electric service to their home or business. The Board of

Trustees have many responsibilities and are charged with working with the administrative team to strategically plan for the future. Concerns include maintaining independence from larger, investor-driven electric companies, cybercrimes, protecting the grid and maintaining standards of service that meet or exceed our members' electrical needs. Meeting government requirements and integrating renewable energies while utilizing more stable energy sources such as coal and nuclear are core to planning for the future.

District 4 includes Emerald, Jackson, Blue Creek, and Paulding townships in Paulding County; and Delaware Township in Defiance County. For more information contact Pieper at fredpiep@bright.net or call 419-670-2980.

PENNER ANNOUNCES RUN FOR 82ND DISTRICT



Ted Penner has filed as a candidate for the seat held by Republican Craig Riedel of Defiance, who has decided to seek a U.S. Congressional seat.

"I believe I have what it takes to lead the 82nd District by listening to the residents of this great region. I also have the civility it takes to negotiate and advocate for those I would represent," stated Penner.

Penner lives outside of Defiance and is an attorney and accountant (CPA). When it comes to being a public servant, he has been a township trustee for fourteen years, and a fiscal officer for six. He currently serves as the Township Association's President.

Some of his major accomplishments include helping countless residents and businesses with their legal and tax needs. Penner's concentration was agriculture, business expansions, estate, and business

succession planning.

His goals if elected, include recognizing and facilitating 21st Century Ag production. "We have to be vigilant in making sure one of Ohio's top industries doesn't get left behind in the technology age. That's why I'll make sure we are bringing precision ag, and the necessary broadband infrastructure to the forefront," said Penner.

Penner was a co-business owner of Spatial Ag. Systems, LLC for 17 years, until he and his wife Brenda transitioned their share of the business to his stepson in 2018.

Penner has served as a trustee for the Defiance County Improvement Corporation for over 10 years and has been highly engaged in economic development projects and workforce initiatives throughout his service.

Penner has the expertise it takes to represent the 82nd District with his many years of public service, being a business owner, along with his legal and accounting background.

"I have Northwest Ohio values, I'm a traditional conservative. I'm pro-life and a strong supporter of the 2nd amendment. I truly believe we need as little government as possible, and we should only interject when it's the residents requesting the representative to do so."

Penner and his late wife Brenda have 4 children and 6 grandkids with one on the way. His hobbies are golf, watching sports, and spending time with his grandkids in his spare time.

For more information, Ted Penner tpenner@defnet.com

Other Background Details:

Education:

- Graduate of Tinora HS - 1983
- Ohio Northern University BS/BA (Accounting/Finance) - 1987
- University of Toledo

College of Law - JD - 1991

Career:

- In addition to being an Attorney and CPA for over 30 years, he served 7 years as a school treasurer

Other Notable Organizations:

- Former Chair Defiance Co. Republican Party
- Director of Sherwood State Bank (Current)
- Defiance Area Foundation (Current President)
- Member of Sherwood United Methodist Church
- Member of Defiance Rotary Club
- Member of Defiance County Farm Bureau

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



This week on the Paulding County Business Weekly broadcast hear from Marketing & Communications Manager Samantha Kuhn (left) and HR and Administrative Manager Heather Hunt (right) from PCED Member Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative. Hear how cooperatives formed,

work and help sustain Paulding County and beyond. Catch the interview with these great ladies on My102.7FM on Tuesday and Thursday next week at 8am or 5pm or on Spotify at any-time. We thank the Paulding-Defiance Ohio Means Jobs office for sponsoring this program.

REP. BANKS TO HOST INAUGURAL NORTHEAST INDIANA DEFENSE SUMMIT

Rep. Jim Banks announced his office will host the inaugural Northeast Indiana Defense Summit in the spring. The summit will include a day-long forum in support of Northeast Indiana's national defense industry on Monday, April 11, 2022 from 8am to 4pm. Speakers and attendees will include policy makers, industry specialists and economic development leaders. The event will be held at the Ivy Tech campus on North Anthony Boulevard.

"My hope is that this is the first of many summits like it. Our region has a lot to offer. I know national industry leaders will see our workforce, their ingenuity and the benefits of our location near key military bases and see an even greater potential for

collaboration with northeast Indiana," Rep. Banks said.

Rep. Banks is serving his third term on the House Armed Services Committee and is proud to be the Ranking Member of the Cyber, Innovative Technologies and Information Systems Subcommittee. Rep. Banks plays a key role every year in the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act, the bill that authorizes critical national security programs and platforms at the Department of Defense that support thousands of jobs in northeast Indiana.

Industry leaders that have a significant presence in northeast Indiana include AM General, BAE Systems Platform Solutions, General Dynamics, L3 Harris, Raytheon Systems Co. and Ultra Electronics-USSI.

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