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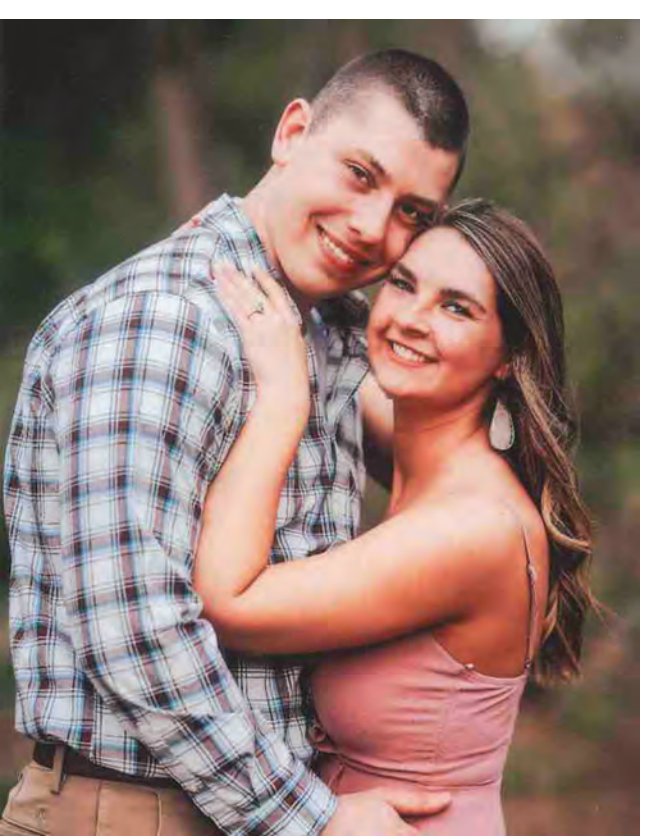
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LUDWIG - MANSFIELD



Announcement has been made of the upcoming wedding of Brooke Ludwig, daughter of Eric and Sandy Ludwig, Grover Hill, OH, to Nicholas Mansfield, son of Kimberly Mansfield and Stanley Mansfield, Payne, OH. Brooke obtained her Bachelor's of Science in Dental Hygiene and is employed as a dental hygienist at Dr. Sarah

Mowery, DDS in Antwerp, OH. Nicholas obtained his Bachelor's of Science in Business Management and is employed as process improvement manager at Cooper Farms, Van Wert, OH. They will be married at 4:30 p.m. on March 12, 2022 at The Orchid Events and Catering, New Haven, IN.



HOLTSBERRY ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION

Commissioner Mark Holtsberry, a resident of Jackson Township, has announced that he is seeking re-election as your Paulding County Commissioner in the May primary. Seven and a half years ago, he became a person who did not say why, but a person who said why not. Holtsberry's goal was, and always has been, to help improve the quality of life for over the 18,800 citizens of this county.

Every year the Commissioners' office has invested money into the sheriff's department to tackle the drug

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WOODBURN'S STREETScape PHASE II GROUNDBREAKING



Groundbreaking for Woodburn's Phase II Streetscape took place February 17 at the Woodburn Community Center.

The project is receiving U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grand funding from the Indiana Office of Community Rural Affairs as part of their partnership with the NewAllen Alliance East Allen Rural Revival Plan and the Indiana Regional Stellar Communities Designation.

Woodburn's project will be the second phase of streetscape improvements within the last five years. The area will focus along Main Street from Becker Road to Carl Street and will include ADA compliant ramps and complete sidewalks with the

addition of pavers to add to the sidewalk experience, new lighting to improve visibility and warmth, plant openings along the sidewalks for tree plantings to provide shade to soften the hardscape experience, drainage upgrades to prevent flooding and erosion of streets and walkways. The project was designed by JPR Corporation, administered by Strutz Public Management Group, and is being constructed by API Construction. The project budget is

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Community Calendar

February 22

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

February 25

- NSCC Board of Trustees meeting @ Archbold campus, 11:30am

February 26

- Fine Art Workshop: Composition @ NH Comm. Ctr, 9a-4p
- Revolutionary War Garrison @ Historic Fort Wayne, 10a-5p

February 27

- JPMS Annual Meeting @ museum, 2pm

March 1

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

March 2

- Lenten Lunches @ Paulding First Pres. Church, 12-1p

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OBITUARIES

AMARILLO, TX:
Patricia Lou Eblen Wheeler, 81, formerly of Antwerp, passed away Friday, February 11, 2022 in Amarillo, Texas. Arr. by Dooley Funeral home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.
 ANTWERP, OH:
Frances "Frankie" Walters, 85, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Hamilton, Indiana and Antwerp, Ohio, passed away Sunday, February 20, 2022 at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Arr by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 202 W. RIVER STREET, ANTWERP, OHIO



HICKSVILLE, OH:
Myron "Butch" James, Jr., 73, of Hicksville, Ohio passed away Friday, February 18, 2022, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Butch was born April 26, 1948, in Hartford City, Indiana, son of the late Myron Ray and Nilah Jean (Hardwick) James, Sr. He graduated from Joliet High School. He served in the United States Navy from August 30, 1966, until his honorable discharge on October 15, 1969. Butch married Patricia Louise Roberts and she survives. Butch enjoyed cooking for others and worked at various places throughout his career. He was the cook at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville for over 10 years. Butch and Pat lived in California for 15 years. While in California he enjoyed camping in the mountains. In his free time, Butch enjoyed playing games on his computer, completing crossword puzzles and spending time his family.

Surviving is his wife, Pat James of Hicksville; two children, Shari (Billy) Mills of Antwerp, Ohio, and Andy (Angel Coombs) Dailey of Hicksville, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jeremy Grothe, Nichole Mills, Randall Mills, and Melanie Mills; great-grandson Waylon Sanders; half-sister, Pam Voitik.
 To honor Butch's wishes the family will hold a celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements are in care of Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, Hicksville, Ohio.
 Memorials can be made to a Charity of the Donor's Choice.
 Condolences may be sent to the family or memories may be shared at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

PPEC 2022 ELECTION NOW OPEN

Paulding & Defiance County PPEC members asked to vote for District 4 board trustee by March 4, 2022
 All Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative members in District 4 (Emerald, Jackson, Blue Creek, and Paulding Townships in Paulding County, Ohio, and Delaware township in Defiance County, Ohio) will be receiving a trustee election ballot in the mail within the next few days. Members must vote by March 4, 2022.

Candidates running for the open board seat include William 'Bill' Beckman (Paulding, Ohio), Fred Pieper (Paulding, Ohio), and Scott Strahley (Paulding, Ohio).

District 4 members can vote in one of three ways:

1. SmartHub: A new feature the co-op added for 2022, this is the quickest, most secure way to vote. Simply log into your SmartHub desktop or mobile app account and click the "Vote Now" button: <https://ppec.smarthub.coop/Login.html> (Members not currently enrolled who sign up for a new SmartHub account will also receive a one-time \$5 bill credit.)
2. By mail: Return your mailed ballot no later than March 4, 2022. These must be mailed to the address provided on the ballot and not to the PPEC office.
3. Online with the information on members' ballot they receive in the mail. All District 4 members with a valid email address on file also should have received a voting email on Feb. 15.

Learn about the candidates and election on PPEC's website: www.ppec.coop/2022-elections

Please call PPEC's office with any questions at 800-686-2357.

WCCH ANNUAL MEETING: GETTING CLOSER TO BUILDING

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home hosted their annual meeting on Saturday, February 19 at the Harlan Church of Christ. Joe Heins, Executive Director, presided over the meeting. The project that was announced last year - Strong and Courageous building expansion project - has now started construction and a good portion of the funds has been donated to make

this possible. The building is coming along with concrete being poured as soon as the weather breaks.

Two new staff members were added into the WCCH family. Kimberlee Winnett is the new Clinical Director and Dylan Atchley is the Residential Ministry Assistant.

The meeting approved the reelection of 3 board members. The financial report was also read and approved.

THE LOAD LIFTERS

By: Doris Applegate

Is your burden heavy as you walk this earthly road. Do you feel rejected, forsaken and alone, get "yoked" up with Jesus Christ. His spirit is your guide. The Holy Spirit is your friend, He is always by your side. Yes our "burden bearer" wants to help us through this life but we must first of all accept the gift of salvation that Jesus provided for us. So many of us try to "go it alone" and sooner or later find out just how hard it is without a Savior. We need Jesus, God's Son, to make it all the way to Heaven. Here is a verse to help: I need Jesus, I need Him every hour, no one like Him with such grace and power. I need Jesus, my need I now confess through everyday, along the way, yes, I need Jesus."

As we humble ourselves and look to Jesus, we become blessed, greatly blessed. It is only those who realize their need because our Helper will not "push" Himself on anyone. Do you need Him today? Truly there is not a person on this 'globe' that can 'go it' without Him. "Help, Lord" is one of the best prayers we can pray. When we pray this prayer, it "speeds" it's way to God.

The story is told of a child lost on a camping trip and volunteers were searching. The father fell on his face and

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and crime issues. They also have invested money into Paulding County DARE program, prosecuting attorney's office, to send the message, "Not in our county". E.M.A. for current upgrades in the preparedness, health department, Soil and Water Conservation District. Soil and Water programs have received numerous grants for program start-ups to assist farmers, also education programs in the schools. The Commissioners' office, as well as Holtsberry, has invested money into the parks board. They have really stepped up in providing a wonderful park system! The Commissioners' office has been in the decision making on sewer grant applications. To assist in repair and replace old systems. They are also very much involved in Paulding County's land bank, Cleaning up blight and run-down homes, rid communities of rodents and drug haven hangouts.

The Commissioners' office invests in the economic development to pursue job training through the local schools and Vantage Vocational School. Invest in future growth, through job fairs, job retention, workshops. EZ agreements and tax abatements. As of now, numerous businesses in the county are currently

cried out to God that he would give up everything, if the child would be found. God is looking for a surrendered life from us. What a joyous reunion when this child was found safe and sound. Two miracles occurred: a child found and a dad drawn closer to the Lord. "When we give up our life, we will find it, but if we cling to our life we will lose it." (Matthew 10:39, the New Living Translation). Only what is done for Christ will last.

Our life is not our own. We are bought with the blood of Jesus Christ.
 Amen

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
 I've been trying to stop my bad habit of getting bitter at people who mistreat me, but I find it difficult. Any suggestions?*

What will motivate you more is the joy that comes from the next step of forgiving and being kind to you those who mistreat you.

Though quitting some bad habit may be a good idea, God's plan is for you to replace it with the opposite good. If you don't do evil, but you also do not do what is good, you are useless in God's service. Note: Jesus went about doing good - Acts 10:38. Look at the illustrations in Ephesians chapter 4. Put away lying and speak truth. Replace corrupt talking with edifying speech. Replace stealing with giving. Replace bitterness and anger with kindness and forgiveness.

Bad actions and words cancel out good ones as far as our testimony goes. If you are planning to change, make plans and take actions on the good things you plan to do. That provides complete, proper and lasting results.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

hiring. The Commissioners' office operates with the attitude: "The sky is the limit".

The Commissioners' office has invested into the children's home, with landscaping, modern repairs outside and inside, new sign, planting trees. Investing into the county owned buildings and grounds to create pride among the citizens. The office continues to invest into our county court system. Holtsberry invest a lot of time into a lot of community service activities. Too numerous to mention, but he never say no when asked to serve at that level. He is honored to be asked to speak, help out when he can, providing words of comfort or motivate others.

Holtsberry states: "As a conservative Christian with strong conservative values and beliefs, I have, and will continue to stand up for the needs of our senior citizens, our veterans, educational programs for our youth, programs and assistance for our low income residents. Doing this with the boards I serve on, lobbying for state and federal dollars, while representing our county." He continues: "It has been a wonderful pleasure to serve all of you for the past seven and a half -years. Your continued support will be cherished. Thank you all and do bless you, our county and country!"

Scripture of the Week

"The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

— John 13:34-35

HOME IS WHERE THE ACCIDENTS HAPPEN



"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

Most traffic accidents happen near your home. Maybe it is because we become less vigilant for potential problems when in familiar territory.

When visiting some overseas workers that we supervise, I passed through a large city that had been established back in Roman times. At one intersection, I laughed and started counting traffic lights for all the different and jumbled lanes of zig zagging incoming and outgoing traffic. When I got to twenty different traffic lights, I stopped counting! When what I thought was our traffic light turned green, I took my turn and zipped through, certain that I'd get hit by somebody before I reached the other side of the intersection. To our relief, we were not hit. We breathed a sigh of relief, and then tensed up again as we had another dozen tricky intersections to get through before getting out of that city.

Later that day, I chuckled as I remembered what happened several months earlier in our small Indiana town. I was sitting in our family room that faced the main street and my son came running in the front door, yelling, "Dad! Mom and brother have been in an accident and don't know what information to get from the other driver." I threw on shoes and walked a block

down to the four-way stop (we have no traffic lights). What had happened? It seems my son was heading



towards town and arrived first to the four-way stop. He stopped and then proceeded ahead and then felt a jolt at the back corner of our long white van. A gal had run into the back corner. When asked why she drove into the van, she told the following story. "I have just gotten my car washed as it was so dirty. As I pulled out of the car wash and pulled up to the stop sign, I couldn't see any cars through my wet windows, so I decided to pull on through." I thought to myself, "Why didn't you use your windshield wipers!?" We exchanged information. She was a real nice gal who meant no harm, and we had the dent fixed a few days later.

I guess that accident proved that a sleepy four-way stop near home is more dangerous than a chaotic urban intersection in a distant place in the world.

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

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Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

I am always wondering about something. Sometimes I just like to sit and contemplate things. Today I was thinking about mirrors. I have never met a mirror I didn't have the urge to look into. They say a person is self-conscious and unsure of themselves if they constantly look in a mirror to check their appearance. I am also wondering who looks in a mirror more... males or females?

I really don't know if it is unusual or not, but I glance in a mirror each time I pass one. Am I expecting to see something different than the last time I looked? No! I do it out of habit. I wonder if there is anyone in this world who has never looked in a mirror. I read that years ago the Native Americans would look into a river or pond of water to see their reflections, so we do know there has always been a way for us ladies and men to tell what we look like.

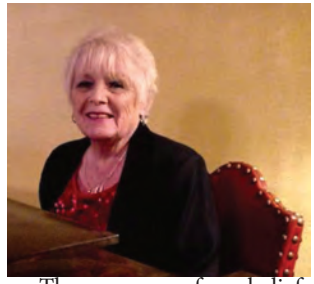
A few years ago we went on vacation and took our little dog, Baylee. In the hotel room was a full length mirror which Baylee got in front of immediately. He spied himself because he started barking at his reflection in the mirror. He would run up, stop, look at that "other" dog and sometimes he would growl ferociously and other times he would wag his tail and flirt. We thought it was funny at first, but we finally had to put something over the mirror to stop Baylee from barking at himself.

When I was younger I worked in a restaurant and soda shop. Down both sides of the restaurant were big mirrors. As I hurriedly pranced by, waiting on customers and serving vanilla cokes, I would always look into those mirrors to see if I looked good enough to perhaps get a quarter tip.

I remember my grandma had long hair. For church she would put it in a bun and on weekdays she would wear a braid. She had a hand mirror on her dresser which she

would hold up to a larger mirror to see the back of her hair. Now grandma was not a vain person, but she did like to check herself out in the mirror and sometimes while looking in a mirror, she would pinch her cheeks to make them pink.

Maybe I inherited my fascination with mirrors from my grandma. However, grandpa was just as bad, as he looked into a mirror while he tried on various hats to wear for the day.



There are a few beliefs about mirrors, so be careful. For one thing, people are warned never to look into a mirror at night or by candle light. If you do you would be certain to see ghosts, demons and maybe your own death.

Another old belief is that when a person died in a room the mirrors had to be covered or turned to face the wall. Failure to do so would result in the deceased person's soul being lost - or they may even turn into a vampire.

We have all heard if you break a mirror you will have seven years of bad luck. However, OldSuperstitions.com claims that breaking a mirror will not result in bad luck if you "take the pieces outside and bury them in moonlight."

Now one thing that is nice is a full length mirror. I happen not to have one, so I step out onto the porch and look in a full length window to check and see if my slip is hanging or my britches aren't too tight.

I have heard that our eyes are the mirrors to our souls. I do believe someone can look into your eyes like a mirror and can see your emotions.

A mirror can make us think we look good or bad. We can stand all day in front of a mirror and primp, but we are still the same person that stares back at us from within the "mirror."

Do you like to look into mirrors? Do you like what you see? Has your dog ever looked in a mirror and barked at himself? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your thoughts.

HAPPENINGS AT ANTWERP MANOR



February is a special month at Antwerp Manor Assisted Living. Sunday, February 13th we gathered around the big screen TV to watch the Super Bowl, while indulging in snacks such as loaded nachos, chicken wings, pigs in a blanket, cheese ball and crackers...to name a few of the favorites. It is always a fun evening even if our favorite team does not win.

On Monday, February 14th we gathered once again to celebrate Valentine's Day. The residents enjoyed a bag of yummy candy, played Bingo with candy hearts, and were

entertained by Valentine trivia as well as musician Gene Zenz. The best part of the celebration was crowning the 2022 King and Queen. As pictured, Ray and Grace Gross won the honor this year. Ray and Grace have been married for 71 years and they are the proud parents of five children.

If you or a loved one would like to join our Antwerp Manor family please contact Brian, Lori, or Jennifer at 419-258-1500. We would love to talk to you and answer any questions that you might have about our residence.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Bessie Cottrell was a World War 1 American Red Cross nurse that was born January



26, 1891 in Carryall Township, Paulding County, Ohio. The daughter of Warren and Anna Cottrell was the fourth child out of eleven.

Warren Cottrell was born February 28, 1861 in Ohio. Anna was born December 13, 1862 also in Ohio. Warren and Anna was married in 1882. By 1900, the Cottrell family was living in Carryall Township on the family farm. Bessie was in school learning the basics of education.

By 1910, Bessie had graduated from school and was single still living at home, but I feel that she had a longing for the study of medicine. Bessie will get that opportunity as the world went to war. As America had sent men overseas, her brother Donel G. Cottrell included, the need for nurses was an opportunity for her to serve.

Bessie was a registered nurse serving with the American Nurse Corp. She was serving with the Base Hospital #71 when her unit was shipped off to France, December 1, 1918 on the ship, "Aeolus". Departing from Hoboken, New Jersey. She was given the service number, #1234567. Her family was living in Hicksville, Ohio at that time. As her ser-

vice to the wounded and dying I can only imagine what she saw!

It is unclear where she was stationed while in France, but on July 14, 1919, she was sent home, her service complete. She had found out that her brother, Donel, was killed in action, November 7, 1918. It was not until 1921, that his body was brought home and buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio. Her mother Anna passed away, June 14, 1927, followed by her father Warren, September 11, 1927. Both were buried in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Bessie continued her nursing education and became an instructor in the nursing field.

Still single by 1930, Bessie was living with her sister, Edith, and brother-in-law Ralph H. Baker, at 2320 Central Drive, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Bessie worked as a nurse at Irene Bryan Tuberculosis Sanatorium, in Ft. Wayne for many years before moving on to becoming an administrator of Cameron and Elmhurst Hospital in Angola, Indiana. After retirement, Bessie lived out her years at 624 West Wayne Street in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Also during her retirement years, she was active in the Hicksville Eastern Star Lodge, the Business and Professional Women's Club, Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Ladies Auxiliary to the American Legion Post, Angola, Indiana. While visiting in Paulding, May 1964, Bessie suffered a heart attack and passed away May 22, 1964 at the Paulding County Hospital. Gravesite rites were conducted by the Cottrell-Boylan American Legion Post Antwerp. (The legion was named after her brother) She was buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana, Grave 3 rear, Lot 103, Section E.

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\$724,739 with \$500,000 coming from federal funding and \$224,739 from the City of Woodburn. The project will commence construction when the weather breaks and

expected to be completed by July 2022.

Thank you to the entire Woodburn community for their support of this project. Initiatives such as this cannot happen without the community standing behind them!

The deadline for the West Bend News is Fridays at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

JONES ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 85

Stan Jones, a veteran police officer and Grabill native, has completed candidate filing to become the State Representative in House District 85. House District 85 comprises eastern Allen County and includes the communities of Grabill, Leo-Cedarville, Harlan, Woodburn, New Haven, and portions of southeast Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jones is an independent conservative believing the district would be better served by someone not in the hip pocket of corporate money, Indianapolis lobbying firms, or entrenched local political machines. Mr. Jones stated, "When the governor decided liquor stores were essential businesses and could remain open while churches and synagogues were not, did we hear even the feeblest protest from our current incumbent? No! Maybe that's because four of the incumbent's largest campaign contributors were from the beer, wine, and liquor industry, including a contribution from of all places Sacramento, California!"

Also, "with the spectre of violent crime threatening to spill over into our suburban and rural communities my nearly three decades of police service makes me uniquely qualified to address this problem, as opposed to the incumbent's mere casual relationship with the problem" said Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones further remarked, "I was born in Allen County, graduated from Leo High School, and obtained my degree from Indiana University at IPFW. I am also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and my blue-collar working-class roots run four generations deep in the district. I have been employed in both non-union and union positions. This background and my boots on the ground pres-

ence in the district provide for better representation at the statehouse than what currently exists".

Stan and his wife Sandy have lived at their current Springfield Township residence for nearly 25 years and their son, a former US Marine, resides and works in Allen County.

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN SCREENING & REGIS. @ ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Antwerp Local Schools is currently scheduling appointments for Preschool and Kindergarten registration and screening.

Preschool screening will be held March 17, March 18, and April 8 during the school day. Antwerp offers preschool to students who will be 3 years of age by next school year. If you'd like to make an appointment to schedule a screening for your preschool age student, please call 419-258-5421 ext. 2103.

Kindergarten screening and registration will take place on March 31, April 1, and April 4 by appointment only. Antwerp offers all-day, everyday kindergarten through two kindergarten programs. A child is eligible for the Early Five Kindergarten program if they will be five years old on or before September 30th and would benefit from a two-year program. The traditional Kindergarten program is designed for students who will be 5 years old prior to August 1st.

If your child will be 5 years old before September 30th, 2022, and is NOT currently enrolled in Antwerp Local Schools Preschool, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421 ext. 2200, between 7:15 a.m. - 3:15 pm. to schedule your appointment.

According to state law, all children must complete kindergarten before entering first grade and every child who is six years old, must be enrolled in school. Please call today to schedule your appointment.

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PPEC MEMBERS DONATE \$12,980 TO 12 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



Putnam Pet Pals in Ottawa received a \$1,000 donation to help support their Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program for stray cats.



Hannah Michael and Dustin Sensabaugh accepts \$1,000 on behalf of Holly Kobee Memorial & ACDC for the new Splash Pad in Antwerp.

Members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative recently donated \$12,980 to 12 local charities and community projects through the cooperative's Operation Round Up program.

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

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

The most recent donation recipients include:

- Auglaize Township Fire Department; \$1,740 for a water monitor
- Continental Baseball and Softball Club; \$1,300 for helmets and catchers gear
- Hands of Hope Preg-

nancy Center, Paulding; \$1,000 for an online video subscription to offer clients virtual classes

- Historic Main Street Van Wert; \$1,000 to install a water station

- Holly Kobee Memorial/Antwerp Community Development Committee; \$1,000 toward the new Splash Pad in Antwerp

- Paulding County Opportunity Center; \$1,000 for GOAL program incentives and providing rewards for students who exhibit leadership traits.

- Paulding County Relay for Life/American Cancer Society; \$1,200 for a cancer survivors dinner

- Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District; \$1,000 for GREEN Day activities for local schools

- Payne Volunteer Fire Department; \$1,740 for a thermal imager

- Putnam County 4-H Council; \$500 for this summer's Farm Safety Program with elementary students

- Putnam County Coun-

cil on Aging; \$500 for outdoor choice equipment to help seniors

- Putnam Pet Pals (Ottawa); \$1,000 for their Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program for stray cats in Putnam County

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

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

VFW TO HOST LUNCHEON

On March 2nd at 12 noon, Antwerp VFW Post #5087 will be hosting a senior citizen luncheon.

This is a free will donation and open for seniors 60 years of age and over.

THE GREAT DEPRESSION

By: **Caroline Longardner**

What exactly was "The Great Depression"? It seems we all remember our parents talking about "it". My parents graduated from Dryden High School in Michigan in 1932. In Feb. (14th) 1933 they married and moved (on the 15th) to Jackson Co. Paulding Co. Ohio on my Grandpa Wells's farm. They brought 2 stock trucks of animals with them: one had dad's calves, and the other had a big Belgian horse named "Prince" and another work horse. None of the stock would drink the black sulphur water. My dad had to melt snow from the ditches for them for several days. (My mother couldn't drink it either). They lived there and farmed until 1945. My 2 sisters and I were born on that farm.

The "Dust Bowl" came in the 1930's. "Black Sunday" was April 14, 1935. Dust came from the great plains states to New York City. People & animals were sickened and even buried alive by this. Crops were killed by the drifts of dust. The gov. eventually planted new crops and trees to act as windbreaks.

During that time, they lived thru "The Great Depression". My folks lost some of their farm ground back to the bank, they lost some money in stock lost at the Oakwood Bank and suffered with the gas prices and food prices like everyone else. Mom milked cows, delivered calves and hoed a lot of weeds. She canned rabbits and squirrels to eat and a lot of garden produce. Dad was a farmer and also worked at many factory jobs during his lifetime. Dad did not gamble, drink alcohol or waste his time on dumb stuff. (He liked to fish and camp when he was retired). ((Because of living thru "The Great Depression", my folks had a motto: "Pay cash for everything". He paid cash for his last new house, his new cars, farm machinery, and everything possible.)) Do you pay

ANN'S LITTLE LOVEBUGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently held their valentine party at school. They made crafts, played games and shared valentines and treats with all of their preschool friends. For more information about our upcoming summer program or fall preschool, call 419-399-KIDS (5437). Shown above with their Love Bug Headbands are (in back) Mrs. JoAnne Arnold, Hadley Mohr, Nathan Sizemore and Mrs. Donita Brandenburg; (in front) Wyatt Colley, Mylann Good, Scarlett Simonin, Savannah Coil, Lyrik Schmidt and Sawyer Stoller.

PEVS STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY

The stock market crashed in 1929 and it seemed like a bad dream that would never end. By 1933 one out of every 4 Americans was out of work. Soon the crisis spread all over the world.

Before, in hard times, farmers had always gotten along better than city people. At least they could feed themselves. During WWI the farmers had done very well. The government needed the farmers to produce food to feed soldiers. Many farmhands were off in the army, so the remaining farmers needed to buy expensive tractors and equipment to do the work that the men had done before. The farmers at home bought more land and to pay for this, they took out more loans.

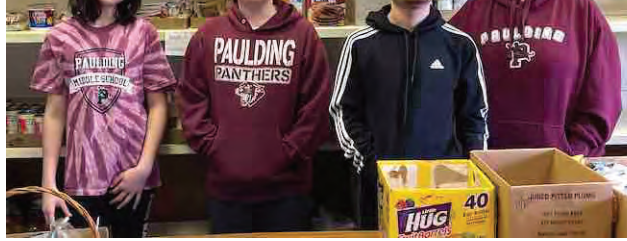
However, once the war was over, there was less demand for gov. food. Soon the farmers had more crops than they could sell, this drove prices down. Even though people were starving during the depression, food on the farm was going to waste. Some crops were not harvested and milk was poured down the drain. Farmers could not pay their loans many farms went up for auction. By 1932 as many as 1 out of 3 farmers lost his farm to the bank. By 1932 it was said that 1/2 of America was living in poverty.

President Hoover was becoming more unpopular as the Depression progressed. In 1932 another crisis made Hoover even more unpopular. Back in 1924, Congress had voted to pay a bonus to everyone who had fought in WWI. (not to be paid until 1945). However, the veterans (former soldiers) needed and wanted the bonus money now. In May, more than 15,000 vets and their families marched to Washington and settled in a huge shantytown and waited for the gov. to agree to pay. It did not agree to the early payment. The Senate voted "No" to paying the bonus early. Most veterans were slow to leave. Hoover ordered police removal.

The veterans eventually left Washington by July 28. Some resisted and 2 were shot and killed. Hoover then sent in the army with bayonets, tear gas and tanks.

cash?

They drove them out and burned their camp to the ground.



On Saturday, February 12th students and staff members from Paulding Exempted Village Schools volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry. Shown in the picture from left are: Nicole Vielma; Gauge Krill; Wesley Ludwig; and Mrs. Amy Ludwig (PJHS 6th Grade Intervention Specialist).

They drove them out and burned their camp to the ground.

This action was a sure win for Roosevelt in the presidential election in November in 1932 by a huge margin. His first act as new president was to repeal Prohibition. It didn't end the Depression, but it helped cheer people up. In the first 4 months he was in office, he passed 15 major bills, which was unheard of.

Three of the first relief plans were FERA (the Federal Emergency Relief Agency), CWA (the Civil Works Administration), CCC (the Civilian Conservation Corps). FERA gave money to people who needed it. It also offered job training and tried to create

new jobs. By 1935, FERA had helped more than twenty million workers. FERA also tried to make use of the crops that were rotting on the farms. It came up with ways to get farm to starving people. And it set up the first national system of school lunches.

One of Roosevelt's first acts was to close down all the banks; then he reopened only the stable ones. This gave consumers faith in the banks again, which they started using. Roosevelt told the American people: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Are we in a "Depression"? Why or why not. Ref: American hist.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

2 - CLAIMS ASSISTANCE - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB

Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

March 10 - Monthly Meeting @ 7pm

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

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

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

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BIDEN - HARRIS COLOSSAL FAILURE

America is in our worst and most dangerous shape in my 85 years. Worst of all, I believe it's deliberate by fellow Americans who, for some strange reason, are following Satan rather than God and calling themselves Democrats. Why would they choose socialist communism over being free?

We've survived non-wars and trials because we had God with us. Democrats started re-

moving God from society in 1954 (still are) and we have not won a war since. Evil still wasn't satisfied and they saddled us with the anti-God, anti-American Muslim President Obama and even had many praise him. Obama, our most dangerous president ever, frequently put America down to the world.

I maintain that no Christian, God believing society can prosper or even freely survive being guided by a Muslim president. Our beliefs and background are almost totally opposite. I have a copy of an obituary and you Democrats proved it true. "Common Sense" died years ago.

I have difficulty understanding today's Democrats. It was well known before the election that Obama had a communist Islamic up-bringing, had a terrorist as a best friend and spent twenty years following his anti-God, hate America preacher-counselor. What made you think he would be worthy for America? I'm sorry, I forgot that Democrats prefer radical CNN with half truths and lies to those broadcasting total truth.

Democrats didn't learn anything from eight years of Obama degrading America in the eyes of the world. Obama-Biden reduced our military to our lowest and most dangerous level in decades. I'm guessing Biden-Harris may do it again. They've already given billions of dollars worth of new military equipment to Afghanistan terrorists and sentenced millions to a slow and painful death at the hands of those terrorists.

How could you elect "Do Nothing Biden" as president? A president is supposed to be

WARRIORS DROP HEARTBREAKER TO EASTSIDE



Woodlan senior Joe Reidy drives in and shoots for the Warriors and the last home game of the season. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Eastside improved to 19-1 on the season with a 63-61 victory over Woodlan in boys non-conference basketball Tuesday evening.

The visiting Blazers put four players in double figures, led by Santino Brewer with 19 markers and Nick Snyder chipped in a dozen. Gabe Trevino and Owen Willard added 11 and ten points, respectively.

Senior Joe Reidy paced

Woodlan with 28 points and Braden Smith bucketed 16 for the Warriors, who saw a five-game winning streak snapped and fell to 14-8.

Woodlan led 14-13 at the end of one period, with Reidy scoring half of the Warrior markers.

Eastside, though, took the lead for good early in the second stanza as a three-point shot by Trevino and a three-point play from Willard gave



There are two seniors who are completing their final year for Woodlan Warriors. Left is Dakota Sparks and Right is Joe Reidy.

the Blazers a 19-16 lead.

Brewer and Logan Fry added treys as well to extend the Eastside lead to 27-22 and the Blazers went on to post a six-point halftime advantage.

Eastside widened the margin to as much as ten in the third quarter before DeJay Gerig converted an old-fashioned three-point play to help the Warriors cut the deficit to 44-38. The Blazers went on to post a 49-43 lead entering the final stanza.

The Blazers took advantage of a pair of Warrior turnovers to start the fourth quarter, widening the margin to 52-43 but Woodlan rallied.

Smith and Reidy, though, got the Warriors back within 52-49 at the 4:38 mark by hitting back-to-back three-pointers.

After Willard converted three free throws for Eastside to make it 55-49,

With Eastside on top 57-50, Snyder threw down a two-handed slam dunk that

pushed the lead to 59-50 at the one-minute mark but Woodlan would make things interesting.

Smith and Reidy hit back-to-back three-point shots to bring the Warriors back within 60-56 with 32.8 seconds on the clock before a Smith bucket got Woodlan within 60-58.

After Brewer connected on a pair of free throws for the Blazers, Willard then sealed the outcome by hitting one of two free throws with 6.2 seconds on the clock. A Smith three-point shot at the buzzer set up the 63-61 final margin.

Alex Miller chipped in nine points for Woodlan followed by DeJay Gerig (four), Lincoln Sparks (two) and Dawson Lichty (two).

Reidy posted a double-double in the contest by totaling 11 rebounds while Gerig hauled in five. Trey Yoder, Reidy and Miller all dished out three assists.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

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Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Paulding Kwik Mart, Library
Payne: Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, PC Branch Library
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Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
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a leader. Biden isn't even a good follower. His light has never shined even once in approximately 45 plus years in government. Other than a pretty smile, Harris is worthless in government. The only message they send me is fright, just thinking of how we got so low.

It required a very special conniving Democrat brand of stupid to take America down following that scandal called an election. I feel Biden-Harris fit the stupid description perfectly. They must have followed the Russian playbook that guarantees only one possible outcome.

If we don't reclaim sanity and America very soon it is very likely that we'll end up as the United Soviet Socialist Re-

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public of America.

You may believe me or say that I'm crazy and don't know what I'm saying but I'll say this and I'm not bragging, it's just facts. I've been writing since 2001 and have never had to retract a single letter. I've had some figures off a little once in while, but I've never been wrong.

Do you want the 2022 or 2024 election to bring slavery communism to us?

—Richard Mastin
Venice, FL (Hicksville, OH resident)

DEFIANCE POST INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating a one vehicle fatal crash which occurred February 17 at approximately 5:10 pm, in Springfield Township, located in Williams County.

A 2011 Jeep Patriot, operated by Torey Moser, age 32, of Camden, Michigan was west-bound on County Road H, when he failed to stop for a stop sign at County Road

22.75. Mr. Moser then went off the roadway striking a tree and overturning his vehicle. Mr. Moser was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Assisting at the scene were the Williams County Sheriff's Office, Springfield Township Fire Department, Williams County EMS and John's Towing and Recovery.

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LADY RAIDERS END SECTIONAL RUN IN OPENER



Paulding was the host site for the opening sectional girls basketball game for Wayne Trace versus Hicksville. In this low-scoring game, the Lady Aces took the night winning 37-26 and moving on to the next round of tournament play. Pictured above is Wayne Trace senior Rachel Stoller scores at the free throw line after being fouled in the fourth quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

GMC HONORS WINTER ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference released its list of 2022 winter sports scholar athletes with 73 high school students recognized from the eight schools.

Ayersville led the way with 18 honorees while Antwerp had 13 student athletes recognized. Fairview had 11 seniors on the list followed by Paulding (eight), Tinora (eight), Hicksville (six), Edgerton (six) and Wayne Trace (three).

To be recognized, student athletes must be a senior as well as participate and letter in a recognized sport or cheerleading. High school seniors also must have a 3.5 grade point average or better after seven semesters.

Student athletes from Antwerp on the list include Mia Altimus, Lydia Brewer, Summer Franklin, Jaidis Getrost, Luke Krouse, Jagger Landers, Emerson Litzenberg, Gaige McMichael, Megan O'Donnell, Kennadi Recker,

Allison Reinhart, Kiera Reyes and Grace Schuette.

Seniors for Paulding that were recognized included Brooke Ankney, Alivya Bakle, Audrey Giesige, Zach Gorrell, Janae Pease, Lily Roehrig, Claire Schweller and Zoe Valle.

Wayne Trace senior athletes honored were Christina Graham, Cameron Sinn and Rachel Stoller.

ARCHERS ROUT CADETS

Top-ranked Antwerp scored 53 first-half points and the Archers routed visiting Hilltop 74-31 in high school boys basketball action Tuesday night at the home of the blue and white.

Antwerp posted a 23-8 lead at the end of one quarter and the Archers blew the game wide open in the second stanza, pushing the margin to 53-14 at the midway point.

The blue and white then recorded a 66-18 advantage going to the final period.

Landon Brewer scored 22

points and Jagger Landers chipped in 21 points for the Archers as Antwerp improved to 19-1 on the season.

Parker Moore and Carson Altimus chipped in nine markers apiece with Gaige McMichael recording five and Mason Steel posted four. Kaden Phares and Luke Krouse also had two markers each for Antwerp.

Hilltop, which drops to 3-17 in all games, was led by Ian Hoffman and Raace Haynes with nine points apiece.

Other scorers for the Cadets were Brock Kesler (four), Aiden Funkhouser (three), Carson Jennings (two), Matthew Wyse (two) and Devin Dempsey (two).

TIGERS USE FORFEITS FOR WIN OVER WT

The host Tigers took advantage of six Wayne Trace forfeits to post a 60-13 win over the Raiders in high school wrestling action in Darke County Tuesday evening.

Versailles won by forfeit in the weight classes of 126, 157, 190, 215, 285 and 120 on the way to the win.

The Tigers also got five victories in actual matches as well.

Levi Barga was a 12-8 winner over Jared Pierce at 132 with Michael Osborne posting a 7-6 victory over Samuel Moore at 150. Caleb Kaiser pinned Elliot Boroff was victorious by pin at the 1:55 mark with Caleb Kaiser pinning Dyson Scott in 29 seconds in the 175-pound weight class.

At 113, Lane Bergman was victorious over Conner Blankenship with a pin in 3:51 as well.

For Wayne Trace, three Raiders recorded wins on the night.

Jarrett Hornish defeated Versailles' Hornish Grillot 11-2 at 144 and Hunter Long was a 7-5 winner over Payton Platfoot at 138.

The other Raider victory came at 106 as Corbin Kimmel pinned Versailles' Trey Huber in 5:10.

ANTWERP FRESHMEN TAKE A LOSS AT GREEN MEADOW CONFERENCE

The Antwerp freshmen boys competed in the Green Meadows Conference tournament Monday February 14th at Tinora High School. Unfortunately, the boys came up short on the scoreboard and lost to the Hicksville Aces by a score of 27-18.

Scoring for the Archers

were: Dayne Sholl-8, Aiden Lichty-7 and Braylen Moreno-3.

This will end the season for the Archer Freshies with a record of 6-5, 5-1 against GMC teams.

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLERS BRING HOME TROPHIES

Wayne Trace wrestling club competed in the Curt Florence Memorial Invitational at Ayersville on February 13th. The following wrestlers brought home a trophy!

1st place winners - Sam Schabbing & Daniel Clark

2nd place - Sawyer Flynn, Kohen Fore, Dylan Hershberger, & Tatum Sheets

3rd place - Emersyn Showalter

PATHS SET FOR IHSAA BOYS TOURNEY

Local teams found out their tournament paths in the upcoming Indiana High School Athletic Association boys basketball tournament on Sunday as the IHSAA released tournament pairings.

In Class 4A, New Haven will take part in Sectional 6 at Huntington North where six teams will battle for the sectional championship.

Opening round action on March 1 has host Huntington North (14-7) against Homestead (18-5) followed by Fort Wayne South Side (11-9) taking on Columbia City (16-5).

On March 4, New Haven (10-11) awaits the winner of the Huntington North-Homestead contest while Fort Wayne Wayne (2-17) will take on either South Side or Columbia City.

Class 3A contest will be hosted Garrett and Norwell as local teams take part.

At Garrett, Leo (16-3) plays Angola (6-14) in the only game slated for March 1.

On March 2, Woodlan (14-8) tangles with Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger (11-9) in the opener while Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran (11-10) battles Garrett (5-16) in the nightcap.

Sectional semifinal action on March 4 features Fort Wayne Bishop Luers (4-15) against the Leo-Angola winner in the opener that night. Game two of the evening features the winner from the Woodlan-Bishop Dwenger game against the victor of the Concordia-Garrett contest.

The Class 3A sectional at Norwell will be opened on March 1 as well with Heritage (4-16) playing Norwell (19-3) in game one followed by Bellmont (11-9) against Mississinewa (8-12) in the second game.

Greentown Eastern (8-10) awaits the winner of the Heritage-Norwell contest in sectional semifinal play on March 4 while Oak Hill (16-4) tangles with the Bellmont-Mississinewa contest.

All sectional championships are slated to be played at their respective sites on Friday, March 5.

PANTHER CLOSE REGULAR SEASON WITH WIN

The Paulding Panthers closed out the regular season with their fifth win in the final seven regular season games as the maroon and white defeated host Miller City 58-46 Saturday afternoon in Putnam County.

Paulding took the lead for good at the end of one period,

LADY ARCHERS MOVE ON TO SECTIONAL FINALS



Antwerp senior Asti Coppes is open under the basket and scores for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

After battling for three quarters, the Antwerp Lady Archers responded in the final period to rally for a 38-33 win over Edon in the Division IV sectional semifinals at Bryan High School Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Bombers held a 9-7 advantage at the end of one period but Antwerp answered in the second stanza, bucketing 11 points compared to six for Edon as the Lady Archers recorded an 18-15 halftime lead.

Edon doubled up the Archers in the third stanza as the Blue Bombers poured in 14 points and limited Antwerp to seven, giving the Williams County squad a 29-25 lead entering the final period.

The Lady Archers then responded with a huge fourth quarter as Antwerp put 13

points through the bucket and held Edon to four to come back for the 38-33 victory.

Aewyn McMichael led the way for the Lady Archers with 11 markers while Astianna Coppes added eight points. Ali Reinhart (six), Grace Schuette (six), Caroline Rohrs (four), Lydia Brewer (two) and Emma Townley (one) completed the scoring for Antwerp, which improves to 14-9 on the year.

Edon was paced by Carlie Kiess with eight points and Olivia Mitchell added seven markers for the Blue Bombers, who wrapped up their season with a record of 6-17.

Other scorers for the Williams County squad were Allison Kaylor (six), Natalie Wofford (five), Kerrin Towers (four), Emma Hickman (two) and Ashley Kaylor (one).

recording a 19-11 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action. The maroon and white expanded the margin in the second stanza, bucketing 15 points compared to the Wildcats' eight as Paulding widened the lead to 34-19 at the midway point of the contest.

Miller City sliced into the deficit in the third quarter, bucketing 15 points compared to the Panthers' eight as the Wildcats pulled within 42-34 entering the final stanza.

Paulding put the game away in the final period, scoring 16 points with Miller City getting a dozen to set the final margin at 58-46.

Peyton Adams topped all scorers in the contest with 18 points to lead the Panthers,

who recorded their eighth victory of the season overall to improve to 8-14.

Ethan Foltz chipped in 15 markers for Paulding and Zach Gorrell finished with eight points. Nick Manz also had seven for the Panthers followed by Christian Bauer (six) and Casey Agler (four).

Silas Neise led Miller City with a dozen markers while Owen Tobe and Jaden Nuve-man added ten markers apiece. Austin Ruhe (nine), Lane Pester (two), Thomas Weis (two) and Caleb Warnimont (one) completed the scoring for the Wildcats, who conclude regular season play with a record of 11-11.

Miller City opens tournament play Wednesday evening as the Wildcats take on Pan-



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LADY PANTHERS CLOSE SECTIONAL PLAY WITH A LOSS



Saturday night February 19th at Lincolnview, Paulding and Coldwater Lady Cavaliers faced off in the OHSAA Sectional opening round after a weather delay on Thursday. Coldwater took the win to move on in Sectional play - 33-50. Pictured above is Paulding's Audrey Giesige nails a 3-point basket against the Cavaliers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

dora Gilboa in the 5:30 p.m. game at Van Wert High School.

Paulding begins its tournament action Tuesday night when the Panthers play Lima Bath at Miller City High School in the 5:30 p.m. contest.

ARCHERS RALLY TO NIP BRAVES IN REGULAR SEASON FINALE

The host Antwerp Archers dominated the fourth quarter and rallied to post a 52-49 win over Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian Saturday evening boys basketball action.

The visiting Braves took a 16-15 lead at the end of one period and expanded the margin in the second quarter, outscoring Antwerp 19-16 to post a 35-31 lead at the midway point of the contest.

Antwerp did trim the deficit in the third stanza, bucketing a dozen markers to 11 points for Blackhawk Christian to pull within 46-43 at the end of three periods.

The blue and white then controlled the fourth quarter, limiting the Braves to three points while scoring nine to rally for the three-point victory.

Landon Brewer bucketed 19 points to lead the way for Antwerp, which ends regular season play at 21-1 overall with the lone loss to county rival Wayne Trace. Jagger Landers also reached double figures and added 11 markers for the blue and white with

Luke Krouse chipping in ten points.

Carson Altimus posted nine points for Antwerp with Kaden Recker connecting on a basket and Gaige McMichael hit one free throw.

Gage Sefton topped Blackhawk Christian with 21 points and Josh Furst added ten markers for the visiting Braves, who drop to 16-4 on the season.

Other scorers for Blackhawk Christian were Jake Boyer (eight), Lewis Jones (six), Kellen Pickett (two) and Jimmy Davidson (two).

Antwerp opens tournament play on Friday as the Archers take on either Hilltop or Montpelier at Napoleon High School in a 5:30 p.m. start.

Blackhawk Christian hosts Leo in a non-league battle on Tuesday before visiting Fort Wayne Northrop on Thursday. The Braves then welcomes in Fort Wayne South Side Friday night to wrap up the regular season.

ANTWERP WRESTLERS HAVE GREAT WEEKEND

The Antwerp wrestling club recently competed in the Fairview tournament on Saturday, February 19, 2022, placing 13 archer wrestlers in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 4th on the day were Cooper Nestleroad, Edwin White, Landyn Hermiller, and Krayston Eicher. Ending the tournament in 3rd place were Riel Gonzalez

and Cadem Ingol.

The lone runner-up finisher for the archers was Jameson Graham. Antwerp also crowned a season-high 5 champions for the tournament. Sawyer Parisot, Brevyn Eicher, Owen Parisot, Oliver McCague, and Ulrik Zijlstra all went undefeated on the day to claim 1st place in their weight classes. For Sawyer Parisot, Brevyn Eicher, and Oliver McCague, this marks the first tournament championship of their very young careers. For Owen Parisot, this marks his 4th tournament championship in 5 tries this season!! If he is able to place 1st next week at Paulding, he will earn a custom Rudis backpack for conquering the GMC series.

Great job this past weekend and we all wish you the best going into Paulding next Sunday. GO ARCHERS!!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

If you have a child in the Wayne Trace District that will be Five years old before September 30th, 2022 now is the time to Register them for the 2022 - 2023 school year. This is for Transitional Kindergarten and Traditional Kindergarten. Grover Hill screening dates are April 13th & 14th and Payne's will be April 19th & 20th. Please stop by the school or call 419-587-3414 Opt 3 for Grover Hill or 419-263-2512 Opt 4 for Payne to get your registration packet.

USDA & EPA WELCOME NEW U.S. FOOD LOSS & WASTE 2030 CHAMPIONS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcomed seven companies to the U.S. Food Loss and Waste 2030 Champions, companies that have committed to reducing food loss and waste in their U.S. operations by 50 percent by 2030. The new 2030 Champions include: Albertsons Companies, BJ's Wholesale Club, Danone North America, Smithfield Foods, Inc., Starbucks, Sysco, and Tyson Foods.

"Addressing food loss and waste is key to a resilient, climate-smart food system," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "I welcome the new 2030 Champions and applaud their innovative efforts to reduce food loss and waste, divert wholesome excess food to those in need, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by keeping food out of landfills."

"EPA recognizes the important role that public and private partnerships play in order to tackle our shared pollution challenges comprehensively," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "We are excited for our ongoing work with government partners and industry leaders, like the 2030 Champions, to prevent and reduce food waste across the supply chain."

The new 2030 Champions have committed to specific food loss and waste reduction activities: Albertsons Companies is innovating its inventory management practices, recover-

ing food by donating to local organizations, and recycling food waste through compost, animal feed, and other methods. BJ's Wholesale Club, through their Feeding Communities program, donates unsold produce, meat, and other products on a weekly basis to local Feeding America member food banks. The company will be elevating this program to help further reduce food insecurity and waste. Danone North America is working to reduce food waste within their operations and supply chain. In addition to ongoing efforts in its manufacturing facilities, Smithfield Foods, Inc. is innovating its feed formulations to include byproducts and investing in specialized equipment to facilitate the efficient processing of difficult-to-recycle packaged bakery products. Starbucks is leveraging its FoodShare program to donate unsold food to food banks and mobile pantries, in addition to continuing to enhance inventory and supply chain management practices, using commercial composting methods and encouraging customers to get involved through its Grounds for Your Garden program. Sysco is diverting waste from landfills through food donations and contributing food waste to animal feed and composting efforts. Tyson Foods is improving inventory management and supply planning as well as composting and donating wholesome food.

The new members join a growing list of existing companies representing all segments of the agri-food supply chain. See the full list of 2030 Champions.

Details on becoming a U.S. Food Loss and Waste 2030 Champion can be found at www.usda.gov/foodlossandwaste/champions and www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/united-states-food-loss-and-waste-2030-champions

For more information on reducing and preventing wasted food visit:

www.usda.gov/foodlossandwaste

www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food

www.fda.gov/food/consumers/food-loss-and-waste

This effort is part of a USDA-wide focus on climate, the most recent cornerstone of which is the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities, which provides up to \$1 billion for pilot projects that create

ARCHERS RECORD 20th WIN OF THE SEASON



Antwerp Junior Parker Moore enters the key stealthy and launches the ball to the basket to score for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net. It was senior night for the Antwerp Archers following the Tinora vs Antwerp game

The Antwerp varsity boys basketball team posted its 20th victory of the season on Friday with a 64-39 win over visiting Tinora in Green Meadows Conference makeup action.

The Archers led 14-9 at the end of one period and posted a 27-19 halftime advantage. Antwerp then broke the game open in the second half, bucketing 20 third quarter points while limiting the Rams to a dozen in widening the lead to 47-31 at the end of three periods.

Luke Harris paced the green and white with 14

points while Nolan Schaffer added 11 markers.

Lance Rinkel chipped in eight for Tinora and Eric Bohn finished with six for the Rams, who fall to 5-15 in all games and 1-6 in the league.

Antwerp, which improves to 20-1 overall and 6-1 in the GMC, was paced by Jagger Landers with 37 points on the night and Landon Brewer chipped in 14 markers.

Other scorers for the blue and white were Gaige McMichael (four), Luke Krouse (four), Hunter Sproles (three) and Parker Moore (two).

market opportunities for commodities produced using climate-smart practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester carbon. USDA is now accepting project applications for fiscal year 2022.

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, ensur-

ing 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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VANTAGE CAREER CENTER HOSTS OVER 800 SOPHOMORES



Antwerp sophomores visiting the Vantage Health Information Management program were able to experience many activities, including a Stop The Bleed certification demonstration.

Over 800 sophomores from our 13 associate school districts experienced what Vantage student-life and opportunities are like at the annual "Sophomore Day" on Wednesday, February 9. Each sophomore was given an opportunity to shadow current students in two different career technical programs of interest to them. During each one-hour visit, sophomores gain career knowledge through interactive activities, student-led demonstrations, and discovered opportunities they may have as a future Vantage student, including the Career Advanced Placement and College Credit Plus programs.

Auto Technology students instructed sophomores on the proper steps of computerized diagnostics, while using sophisticated tools and equipment. In Health Information Management, sophomores gained patient data entry knowledge by taking each

other's vitals and entering the information to the patient records. Students visiting the Interactive Media program became familiar with Photoshop as they brought images to life using digital enhancing techniques. Precision Machining students were able to showcase the operation of CNC machines using advanced computer-controlled technology and Early Childhood Education students led demonstrations in planning curriculum and creative activities for the development of preschool aged children.

This year, sophomores were introduced to the newest certifications, continued education & advanced career opportunities, as well as the footprint and employer connections students have locally. Here are a few frequently asked questions - and answers - about enrolling at Vantage.

Q: Can I go to college after Vantage?
A: Yes! Vantage prepares

not just career bound students, but also those who are college bound. About 42% of Vantage graduates continue their education immediately after high school graduation at a two or four-year college. Students are urged to check with their school counselor to be sure that all requirements for college entrance are met.

Q: Is College Credits Plus available through Vantage?

A: YES! Many of the career tech programs have articulation agreements with local colleges, which provide some college credit for Vantage lab work and certifications. College Credit Plus is available at Vantage Career Center.

Q: Can I participate in home school sports and activities?

A: YES! Students are encouraged to stay involved in extracurricular activities at their home school, such as sports, pep band, drama, etc.

Q: What is the tuition to attend Vantage?

A: There is NO tuition to attend Vantage. Each program has a fee of \$100, which covers the cost of tools, supplies, equipment, and uniforms.

Q: When are applications due at Vantage?

A: Sophomore and junior students who are considering attending Vantage should be aware that the priority application deadline is March 2, 2022. Interested students may complete and submit an on-line application form by using this address <https://tinyurl.com/yd2yad66> to access the application form. Students may continue to enroll throughout the spring and summer however, first choice programs may already be filled. Visit the Vantage website for complete information vantagecareercenter.com

Vantage offers 18 different high school career technical programs. If you have any questions, please talk to your school counselor or call Student Services at Vantage at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 2160. Explore the new and informational Vantage program videos at <https://www.vantagecareercenter.com/Programs.aspx>, like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @vccstudents and download our mobile app for upcoming Vantage events and enrollment times!

We invite all students and parents, community members, as well as associate school staff to join us as we celebrate National Career and Technical Education Month on Monday, February 28, from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. All high school and adult education labs will be open for tours. There will be special student led demonstrations and over 40 local employers linked to the program your student is interested in throughout the building. An important Parent Information Session will be held in the Community Room for interested high school students from 6:00 to 6:30 pm designed to answer questions about your student's career and college opportunities at Vantage.

Vantage Adult Education will also be exhibiting their programs, including the newest LPN to RN transition program. Interested adult students wanting more information about the LPN to RN transition program should come to the information session taking place in room A04 at 7 pm. Vantage Adult Educa-

GROVER HILL JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill Students of the Month for January are: Front L-R: Sloane Sinn, Emily McClure, Jacob Roop, Chandler Sinn, Mia Kamphaus, Gabby Lowe, Addilyn Noffsinger and Ryan Hicks. Back: Landen Alba, Brayden Sinn, Brooke Stoller, Madison Silance, Kinlee Miller, Ty-lan Sinn, Karsyn Troth, Addyson LaBounty and Brooklynn Reader. Absent: Silas Brown, Jordan Jackson and Faith Schaffer.

tion programs currently enrolling include, STNA, Practical Nursing, LPN to RN transition, EMT, Firefighter 1, CDL, and Police Academy. Any graduating senior and adults looking to further their education or upskill should come to the Vantage Open House for enrollment information. Several grant and scholarship opportunities are available for all programs.

Area restaurants will be onsite at "A Taste of Vantage" for you to sample their food for a minimal cost, with proceeds going to the Vantage Student Activity Fund. We hope you can make it to our Open House, Monday, February 28!

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Jillian Do, Waukee, IA; driving under non FRA suspension, Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Santina R. Russo, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Fines and costs to come from bond, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Drug paraphernalia, Dismissed, Costs to be taken from bond, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in open court with Mr. Chapel, pled guilty, 3 jail days or DIP, One year operator license suspension beginning 2/11/22, Proof of financial responsibility provided; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed at the request of the state

Katie Colwell, Carthage, IN; Endanger child, Case dismissed per state, Costs to be paid from bond; Reckless operation, Defendant appeared in open court with Mr. Chapel, Pled guilty to reduced charge, 3 days jail or DIP, Compliance 7/29/22; Marked lanes, Defendant appeared with counsel, pled guilty

Michael Propes, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed at the request of the state; Driving under non FRA suspension, Defendant appeared in open court with Mr. Chapel, pled guilty, Insurance not provided, Pay or collections 6/24/22; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed at the request of the state

Caleb R. Ripke, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
George R. Clemens IV, Wauseon, OH; Driving under

suspension, Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Registration block and operator license forfeiture may be released once paid in full

Tara M. Humphrey, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brandon L. Viars, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cade B. Mansfield, Defiance, OH; OVI suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; 30 day operator license suspension; 3 days jail, 27 suspended; Pay for stay at jail

Billy J. Young, Columbus Grove, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Randy E. Ruder, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kayden X. Sarver, Paulding, OH; Off inv undag/P, Case dismissed per state, Costs to be paid by defendant; 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; OVI/UA .08 breath, Defendant appeared with Mr. Buchholz, pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs, Standard probation, Secure valid operator's license, 20 hours community service, Show proof of insurance by 2/17/22; OVI/breath (low), Count B dismissed; Left of center, Defendant pled guilty, Pay fines; Seat belt/drive, Count D dismissed

James D. Florence, Cecil, OH; False info deer; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

William A. Abbott, Harlan, IN; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Show proof of insurance by 2/16/22

Timothy Meyer, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled no contest found guilty; Pay all fines and costs

Patrice R. Kinnie, Paulding, OH; FRA suspension, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no contest found guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Proof of insurance not provided; Child restraint, Defendant appeared in court, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine

Warren Atkinson, Wyandotte, MI; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Menno R. Lengacher Jr., Woodburn, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bradley A. Shroades, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

CONSERVATION TILLAGE CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON SOIL HEALTH, WATER QUALITY & OTHER FARM ISSUES

Wondering how climate change can impact agriculture, food quality, and public health? Want to learn how tile drainage impacts river flashiness? Or how about what kind of insects are beneficial for

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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

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.

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

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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BLIND FAITH INNOVATION – THE NEXT STEP FOR ZARTMAN



Tony and Kelly in their workshop near Payne, Ohio. They are standing behind their recently finished table, a sign, and bowls, all made at their new facility.

Blind Faith Innovation is the new company started by Tony Zartman, previous Paulding County Commissioners (2007-2020), Daughter Kelly Zartman Arnett and Tony's wife, Angie. They all were instrumental in developing this company, and are partners that makes ornate tables and artistic items for the home. Blind Faith Innovations began during the height of the Pandemic in 2020, and has grown quickly into a successful business venture for the family.

Kelly Arnett designs much of the work that is to be made and is the front end person for the website and sales orders. Kelly also designs and programs some of the equipment used in production. Tony

works with the natural medium of black walnut and red oak hard woods, mixing them with epoxy resin to create tables and other elements that are not only fully functional, but nonetheless, beautiful to look at. Tony described this type of artwork as river tables. The resin that forms to the wood, has patterns applied during the curing process that will make the "flowing" look. Each piece is uniquely made and finished.

Another attribute that Blind Faith Innovations has recently acquired is a CNC router (which is Kelly's department), and it is used to make signs of hardwood with your custom logo or artwork cut into the wood or combined with other words for

affects that you would not normally be able to get by hand. Tony does, however, know how to work with his hands as he has been in the construction business for decades!

The process to make the tables starts with selecting high-quality wood. Tony and Kelly work with an arborist to find the best woods possible for their tables. Some of the wood that he has acquired is extremely heavy, but that does not compare to the weight that the resin will add after it bonds the wood together.

The right amount of color must be added into the resin during the process or the entire table could be ruined. Tony has worked this out to an exact science and continues to develop new techniques to ensure the success for his tables and his clients.

Check out the video here: <https://youtu.be/kgNOVs-MyyeU>

To find out more about Blind Innovations visit their website at: <https://www.blind-faithinnovationsllc.com> or visit the instagram and search blindfaithinnovations. You can also call Kelly at 419-786-9891 or Tony at 419-406-0051.

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sustainable agriculture?

The answers to these questions and more will be discussed during the annual Conservation Tillage and Technology Conference (CTC), held March 8-9 at the McIntosh Center of Ohio Northern University (ONU), 525 S. Main St., in Ada. CTC is presented by The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) and other supporters.

The event focuses on providing information to farmers on promoting and maintaining soil health, said Randall Reeder, a retired Ohio State University Extension agricultural engineer.

From offering a workshop on "Corn Management Today—Does Chasing the Last Bushel Pay?" and a discussion on "Water and Drainage Laws—What Is New in Ohio," the two-day event is designed to provide opportunities "for farmers and crop consultants to learn about the latest technology and practices for conserving soil and improving water quality and how that can boost their financial bottom line while conserving their soils," Reeder said.

Farmers are interested in building soil health for the future while at the same time preserving their soils for now, Reeder said.

"And adopting continuous no-till and other practices that build soil health will impact climate change in the right way," he said. "Farmers are becoming more efficient and environmentally aware about their soils' health as an important factor in improving the future for themselves and future generations."

Reeder is an organizer of this year's CTC in conjunction with OSU Extension, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Northwest Ohio. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of CFAES.

CTC offers the latest research, insight, tips, and techniques on precision fertility, cover crops and manure, water management, technology

and equipment, nutrient management, and advanced cover crops. It features some 70 presenters, including 32 CFAES researchers and extension educators, 22 from other universities, as well as farmers and USDA, Ohio Department of Agriculture, and industry representatives.

The event begins March 8 at 8:30 a.m. with internationally known agronomic consultant Steve Groff, who will discuss "The Future-Proof Farm: Changing Mindsets in a Changing World."

Other conference sessions will include:

- Planting Date and Management Interactions: Corn, Soybeans & Wheat
- Weed Management in 2022
- Incorporating Manure Into Wheat Using a Grassland Applicator
- Composting Bedded-Pack Manure in Fulton County
- Latest Water Quality Information on the Maumee River
- Technology Resources for Crop Production
- Precision Fertility and Fertilizer Decisions for 2022 and 2023
- Soil Compaction and Automation
- Planter Pitfalls: Beyond the Basics
- Technology for Monitoring Nutrient Applications

The full schedule and registration information for CTC can be found at ctc.osu.edu. Registration is \$100 by Feb. 25, and \$150 after that date, and can be made online or by mail-in check.

The Midwest Cover Crops Council is meeting in conjunction with CTC. Everyone is welcome to attend its program March 7 at The Inn at ONU. Register through ctc.osu.edu.

Certified Crop Adviser continuing education credits are available, with an emphasis on soil and water management, crop management, and nutrient management. Certified Livestock Manager credits are also available.

Other conference sponsors include the Ohio Corn Marketing Program, Ohio Soybean Council, CFAES' Farm Science Review, AgCredit, Seed Consultants, Wingfield Crop Insurance, and The Nature Conservancy.

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 1/17/22

Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting 1/17/22.

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls (via phone) as well as Councilmen Voirol, Thompson (via phone), Gerig, and Martin. Chief Parker and Councilmen Watts were not present. Mike Loveless with Gallagher was also present.

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

Mayor's Report: City staff met with the Allen County Commissioners to discuss the potential of financial assistance from the commissioners to upsize the lift station at Woodlan High School. This meeting went over very positively and the city appreciates the commissioner's time and consideration regarding this request. The mayor discussed another meeting with the builders involved in the Homestead Addition to determine the potential of future fiber installation to those upcoming homes. Stellar Streetscape work will begin around the end of February with a groundbreaking to occur February 17th, weather pending. An invitation to bid for the Stellar Sidewalk/Trail project will take place in the near future. The mayor met with Landis and Sons Tree Service to determine what trees need to be removed for these projects. The mayor mentioned an initiative called 260 which celebrates and educates the community on what makes the 260 area code great. There will be a 260 weekend the first weekend of February and the mayor can be reached for businesses who wish to participate in future events.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the January 4th meeting. After discussion, Councilman

The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the January 4th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor except Councilman Martin who abstains. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1402 (Accept American Legal Codification Modification) was listed as old business on the agenda and was discussed. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to read Ordinance 22-1402 by title only, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 22-1402, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1402 is ratified as presented.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin mentioned that the brochures being created under the direction of the Main Street Organization are almost complete. New Allen is discussing the results of the recent survey that was administered to

elected officials and is considering next steps.

Audience: Mike Loveless went over details about what his company can offer regarding liability and casualty insurance as well as worker's compensation coverage. He let the council know that he would be available to further discuss options for the city at the city's discretion. There was a request from an individual who lives in Havenwood for the city to consider the potential of leaf pickup in their addition. After discussion, it was determined that the city did not have the resources to entertain this request, even if direct payment were involved. It was suggested that the farmer who owns the adjacent land be contacted for a potential solution.

Councilman Gerig moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

LETTERS OF INTEREST

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

2022 DISPATCH CONSOLE BID SPECIFICATION

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, 115 N. Williams St. Room B-1 Paulding, OH 45879, until Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., at which time and place, bids will be opened and read for Dispatch Console for use by the Paulding County Sheriff's office. Bidding specifications will be issued at the Office of the Paulding County Sheriff, 500 East Perry St. Paulding, OH 45879. They can also be found online under the "Bid" tab at www.pauldingcountycommissioners.com or requested via email at mmcdougall@pauldingohsheriff.com

Bids may be hand delivered or mailed in a sealed envelope to Paulding County Commissioners, 115 N. Williams St. Room B-1 Paulding, OH 45879, and bearing the Bidder's name and address and marked "Sealed Bid for 2022 Dispatch Console".

Paulding County is requesting Bids that will meet the Following Console Specifications.

1. 2-Position Workstations which includes four speakers, desktop microphone, foot switch, media dock, 22" touch screen, wireless headset per position (with a total of ten headset tops), wireless mouse, pole light per position to show when a dispatcher is on a phone call, the radio, or available.
2. Interface to a Motorola MTR300 Base Station which is located at a remote tower location, 1) VHF and 1) Motorola Marcs Radio at the school for emergencies, 2) APX6500 Control Station, 4) Kenwood VM5930 Control Stations
3. A Single remote site workstation to meet all the requirements of the two onsite workstations and have all the redundancies as the main system, just a Stand-A-lone Dispatch position. This site will have 4) Kenwood VM5930 Control Stations that need interfaced to.
4. A total of Five-year Warranty/Service contract must be included.
5. Installation of all equipment and training for each dispatcher must be included.

No Bid will be considered unless the equipment provider shall be ISO 9000 certified and shall comply with the applicable US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations for telecommunications equipment. All equipment proposed in which microprocessors are used shall have undergone comprehensive testing and shall meet 47 CFR, Part 15, Subpart 'B' of the Federal Communications Commission rules for Class "A" computing devices.

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

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

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding, Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill, VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne,

(Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp,

(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

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Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

For Questions Call : 419-399-3630

or Visit : www.pauldingcountywmea.com

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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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Board of County Commissioners
Paulding County, Ohio
By: Heather Barnhouse, Clerk

ANTWERP VFW & AMERICAN LEGION BECOME FIRST SPLASH PAD PLATINUM DONOR



Now we have yet another reason to thank these incredible veterans. The VFW post #5087 and Antwerp American Legion Post 253 became the first Holly Beach Splash Pad Platinum donors by donating \$15,000. When we asked VFW & Legion Trustee Randy Brooks why they donated to

the splash pad project he stated, "It is important to us to use our charitable funds locally first!" Thank you for your generosity, but more importantly thank you for your service. This donation has moved Holly Beach fundraising past the \$100,000 mark at \$106,000 raised! With an esti-

mated total project cost of \$450,000, donations like this have amplified the reality of this project's inevitable success. For more information on how to support the Holly Beach Splash Pad, please contact hollykobeeememorial@yahoo.com

AS REQUIRED BY LAW, LA ROSE BEGINS PROCESS TO MAINTAIN ACCURATE VOTER LISTS & STRENGTHEN ELECTION SECURITY

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose issued Directive 2022-23, acting on his legal responsibility to implement voter list maintenance pursuant to both federal and state law. This process was carried out previously by Secretaries Brown, Blackwell, Taft, Brunner, and Husted.

In 2018, the previous administration issued two directives, one under the National Change of Address process and one under the Supplemental process, which ordered local boards of elections to mail notices to electors who have moved or are inactive to confirm their status as a registered voter. This action started the four-year clock for the cancellation of inactive or inaccurate registrations.

Directive 2022-23 puts in place procedures for local boards of elections to contact identified inactive registrants. Registrants may become fully active by taking just one of the following actions:

- Voting in the upcoming primary election;
- Responding to the 2018 confirmation notices from the county board of elections;
- Submitting an absentee ballot application;
- Updating or confirming their address online, by mail, or in-person;
- Updating their registration online, by mail, or in-person.

son;

- BMV transaction
- Responding to the forthcoming mailing advising them of their pending cancellation

Registrations under consideration for removal have been inactive for at least the past 12 elections under the supplemental process and eight under the NCOA process. Additionally, failure to conduct a General Voter Records Maintenance process would result in Secretary LaRose violating both federal and state law.

"One of the best ways to fight fraud and protect the ability of our county boards to run successful elections is by keeping our voting rolls accurate," said LaRose. "It's all about election integrity. Ohioans need to trust that their elections will be secure and their boards are working at peak levels of efficiency. We're going to make sure that happens."

Secretary LaRose is once again taking actions designed to reach registrants who may wish to continue as registered voters, despite their inactivity.

Under Directive 2022-23, local boards of elections will be directed to do the following:

- Send a "Registration Readiness" mailing by March 8, 2022 to the county's inactive registrants that advises them to the cancellation date of July 1, 2022 for records found via the NCOA process or August 8, 2022 for records found via the Supplemental

Process, unless action is taken.

- Compile the list of those affected inactive registrants and submit it to the Secretary of State's office by July 7, 2022 for records found via the NCOA process those registrations or July 13, 2022 for records found via the Supplemental Process. These inactive registrations will be compiled into a Registration Readiness List. This list will be provided to community organizations who partner with the Secretary of State to contact identified registrants in an effort to once again become fully active.

- Utilize BMV records as a way to verify the registrants' address and restore active-voter status for those sent confirmation notices under the 2018 NCOA or Supplemental Process.

Secretary LaRose first created the Registration Readiness initiative in 2019 as a new way to reach out to identified registrants by collaborating with outside community partners. The goal was two-fold: keep more voters on the rolls and give these organizations an opportunity to scrutinize the list for accuracy. That effort has been successful. In 2019, 5.9% of the identified inactive registrations utilized the opportunity to become active again. By comparison, the previous administration experienced a success rate of just 3.04%.

Past experience has also proven that crowdsourcing the data for accuracy has provided the important assurance that no registration will be inappropriately cancelled. It's important to remember this process utilizes data from 88 separate county boards of elections who are pulling from 88 different voter registration lists, all while using different vendors to accomplish that task. By collaborating with outside organizations, we can find error if it happens and before any cancellation takes place - all while protecting the integrity of the process.

Organizations seeking to partner with the Secretary this year may send an e-mail to SecretaryLaRose@OhioSoS.gov.

No lawfully registered active voter will be denied access to a ballot under the federal provisional voting law. Additionally, any person whose registration was cancelled

pursuant to the Supplemental Process implemented in Directive 2022-23 may cast a provisional ballot and that so long as all the requirements set forth in Directive 2022-03 are met.

Reasons for registration abandonment could include:

- Registered individual has moved out of the county or state and failed to notify their previous local board of elections.
- Registered individual has passed away.
- Registered individual has chosen not to be active in the voting process.

WHAT IS THE RISK TO ELECTION INTEGRITY IF THIS PROCESS ISN'T CARRIED OUT?

If abandoned registrations aren't removed from the voter rolls, it creates a serious risk to election security. The more unwieldy a registration database becomes, the more difficult it is for each county board of elections to maintain election integrity and ensure voter fraud cannot take place. On February 1, 2022, Secretary LaRose referred occurrences of potential election fraud to both the Ohio Attorney General or local county prosecutors for further investigation and potential prosecution. Among these were several individuals who voted in more than one location due to having two active registrations. Ohio's aggressive efforts to keep accurate voter lists has kept this number exceedingly low. However, if abandoned registrations are not removed from the voter rolls, it will allow greater opportunity for additional fraud to take place.

WHAT DOES OHIO LAW SAY ABOUT REQUIRING THIS PROCESS TO TAKE PLACE?

It's important to understand that once a confirmation notice has been sent, state law explicitly requires the cancellation of an inactive registration if it has not been active for over four years. In this case, in 2018, the previous administration issued two directives ordering local boards of elections to mail notices to electors who have been inactive for two years or changed their address to confirm their status as a registered voter. This action started the four-year clock for the cancellation of their registration, pending

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST JARETT GODEKE @ ANNUAL MEETING



Master's degree candidate Jerett Godeke of Antwerp will present the program at John Paulding Historical Society's annual membership meeting Sunday, Feb. 27. His talk will focus on well-known Nickel Plate steam locomotive #765/#767 and its local connections.

The John Paulding Historical Society will hold its annual membership meeting and election of officers and directors at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the museum located across from the fairgrounds in Paulding. The public is invited.

The program for the afternoon will feature Antwerp native Jerett Godeke, a master's student of history at Bowling Green State University, who recently completed an internship at the historical society. His topic will be steam-powered Nickel Plate Road Engine #765/#767 and its connection to Paulding County and JPHS. The museum houses the original bell and whistle from #767.

Godeke actively volunteered at the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society from 2013 to 2015 before attending college. His long-standing connections with the FWRHS

have allowed new opportunities to preserve and exhibit a small yet significant piece of Paulding County's railroad history.

Godeke's research primarily focuses on transportation history and local history topics. He is writing a comprehensive history book about Paulding County's Reservoir War. Godeke expects to graduate with his master's degree from BGSU this April, adding to history degrees already earned from Northwest State Community College and Lake Superior State University.

Don't miss this interesting program being presented by the John Paulding Historical Society. It's free and open to everyone. Pandemic guidelines will be followed.

In case of bad weather, check the historical society's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum for cancellation notices.

voter activity.

To be clear, if Secretary LaRose did not issue this directive, and if inactive registrations don't respond and their registrations aren't cancelled, we would be explicitly breaking the law.

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3503.21> (opens in a new window)

(A) The registration of a

registered elector shall be cancelled upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- (7) The failure of the registered elector, after having been mailed a confirmation notice, to do either of the following:

- (a) Respond to such a notice and vote at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall

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include two general federal elections;

• (b) Update the elector's registration and vote at least once during a period of four consecutive years, which period shall include two general federal elections.

UNDERSTANDING SOIL PHOSPHORUS



Phosphorus (P) fertilizer improves crop yields, so farmers add P fertilizer either every year or only once to corn in corn-soybean rotation. Unfortunately, only about 5-15% of applied P fertilizer is used by plants the year it is applied. Since P is so reactive, the remaining 85-95% of applied P fertilizer is quickly tied up or complexed by the soil. When fertilizer costs are high, farmers can use the P that is in their soil bank without sacrificing yield as long as P soil test levels are adequate.

Soil P can be lost in two ways. Soluble reactive phosphorus (SRP) or orthophosphate easily leaches while particulate phosphorus (P bound to soil particles) is lost when soils erode. One way of minimizing P losses and utilizing P more efficiently is to understand how soil P is stored. There are four main pools of soil P: SRP, soil microbes, absorbed soil particulate P, and mineral P.

The smallest P fraction is the SRP or orthophosphate with 0.5-1#/acre of soil P in solution which is microbially and plants available. Phosphorus (P) is highly reactive which means it always wants to be married to another element. Aluminum, iron, and calcium as positive cations quickly tie up SRP because SRP is a negative anion. Soils generally have very little P stay in this plant and microbial available form, since it can be easily leached. However, the other soil P fractions replenish P as SRP when the soil concentration gets too low.

Another soil P form is in the soil microbes. Typically, there may be 50#/A of microbial P being recycled. There are 250 species of arbuscular mycorrhizae fungi (AMF) that help plants get P, other micronutrients, and

water. Phosphorus (P) is a valuable element and hard to find in the soil. Solubilizing bacteria also make P microbially and plant available. Plants feed the microbes sugars in root exudates, the AMF transports the sugars to the solubilizing bacteria to feed them, and then the AMF transports back SRP and everyone wins! However, when P fertilizer is applied, often the AMF and P bacteria are suppressed because the plant stops secreting sugars to feed the system. In 3-6 weeks, plants can be starving for SRP because the system shut down. Putting on too much P fertilizer can hurt the natural system for extracting P.

The third soil P form is the absorbed particulate P. This form of P can vary from 500#/A in sandy soils to 1500-1800#/A in clay soils and is slowly released. This P form does not show up on soil test, but solubilizing bacteria make it microbially and plant available. Soil absorbed particulate P is the form that erodes away and about 30% becomes available as SRP in water. Just one pound of SRP may turn into 500# of harmful algal blooms. Keeping P in the soil is critical to improving water quality.

The mineral soil P tied up in rocks varies by soil type and texture but can be 9,000#/A. Most soil applied P fertilizer quickly precipitates out of the soil solution into this fraction. Solubilizing bacteria can make this P slowly available but it is highly dependent on soil pH. Acid soils with a low soil pH tie up SRP with aluminum, iron, and manganese. Alkaline soils with a high soil pH have calcium to bind the SRP. Recent research shows that the AMF and solubilizing bacteria may have more difficulty turning mineral P into SRP if the P source originated from fertilizer applied P. Apparently, natural or native mineral P is easier to extract by soil microbes than fertilizer P. Possibly, the salt content of P fertilizer is detrimental or some other factor is reducing P extraction.

In an optimal system with good soil health, the need for P fertilizer may be greatly diminished. Soil microbes (AMF and solubilizing bacteria) slowly and efficiently make P available to soil microbes and plants with greater efficiency and less losses. There are several ways to optimize this ap-

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proach. First, reduce applied P and put on P fertilizer in smaller doses. High levels of P fertilizer can be detrimental to natural soil microbes (AMF and solubilizing bacteria). Second, buffer and stabilize soil P by adding humic compounds. Most soil applied P fertilizer precipitates out in 20-40 days. Humic compounds especially humin can stabilize this P for 60-90 days. Third, keep natural soil microbial populations healthy. Adding cover crops, bio-stimulates, and stable carbon sources keeps the P in our fertilizer active and available without leaching, running off, or eroding away. Promoting soil health is Mother Nature's way of efficiently keeping soil nutrients plant available.

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OHIO STATE INSTALLS, COMMISSIONS NEW PILOT-SCALE ULTRA-SHEAR TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR LIQUID FOODS & BEVERAGES PROCESSING

Food processing companies looking for innovative new ways to preserve clean-label liquid food without artificial preservatives will soon have a new option to do so thanks to new technology being developed at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Researchers in the CFAES departments of Food Science and Technology as well as Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering (FABE) have installed and commissioned a new, innovative manufacturing technology that preserves foods and beverages using wholesome, recognizable ingredients; no artificial preservatives; and reduced heat. And they will soon launch an outreach program to food and beverage companies to

mix, juices, and food emulsions, Balasubramaniam said.

"UST is a new processing tool that enables liquid food and beverage producers to meet the changing dietary desires of health-conscious consumers," he said. "These consumers are interested in minimally processed liquid foods and beverages that not only quench thirst, but also satisfy their healthy lifestyle aspirations."

UST also satisfies liquid food manufacturer interest in developing a continuous high-pressure processing method. That's significant, considering that the batch high-pressure processing industry is now estimated to be a \$15 billion a year market, Balasubramaniam said.

"We hope UST will have a similar impact on liquid beverages," he said.

Known internationally for his research on high-pressure and other types of nonthermal processing, or safely processing food using significantly less heat, Balasubramaniam holds joint appointments in the CFAES departments of Food Science and Technology and FABE.

Other members of the CFAES research team include Ahmed Yousef, professor of food microbiology; Rafael Jimenez-Flores, the J.T. "Stubby" Parker Endowed Chair in Dairy Foods; and Christopher Simons, associate professor of sensory science.

The team's UST research is funded through a four-year, \$891,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Balasubramaniam's team also partnered with scientists and engineers at Pressure BioSciences Inc., (OTCQB: PBIO) a Massachusetts-based company that manufactures high-pressure-based equipment and laboratory instrumentation for the life science industry, on the UST project.

Edmund Ting, a recognized leader in high-pressure science, a USDA project co-investigator, and a senior vice president at the company, led the development of the laboratory scale and pilot plant equipment that CFAES researchers use in the research project. PBI installed the pilot-scale equipment at Ohio State's Advanced Food Processing Technology Pilot Plant.

"The ability to modify products through UST-directed physical stress will create many new opportunities in the commercialization of liquid foods and beverages, as well as in such enormous markets as nu-

Sudoku solution from page 9

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

traceuticals, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals," Ting said. "UST not only can produce the highest quality nanoemulsions, but this innovative process can also help destroy bacteria and other pathogens, and reduce or eliminate the need for chemical additives, thus increasing food safety and quality."

Both pasteurization and sterilization processing objectives can be realized by suitable choice initial process conditions, Balasubramaniam said.

"Mechanically, the food is subjected to high shear, reducing the size of the droplets so small that they stay in suspension, eliminating or reducing the need for additive stabilizers," he said. "High pressure also promotes beneficial changes in viscosity for certain starch or protein products."

Balasubramaniam and his colleagues now plan to work with a consortium of interested food processors on industrially relevant questions before scaling up the UST into industrial practice.

Food processors can learn more about UST through a pilot-scale system at Ohio State's Center for Clean Food Process Technology Development. Consortium members will also have first rights to non-exclusively license all new applications for commercial utilization in their own products, worldwide.

"Access to UST through the consortium is expected to be particularly beneficial for food processors and entrepreneurs who otherwise have limited technical resources to evaluate such novel food manufacturing processes," Ting said.

"Further, this will also facilitate the training of the next generation of workforce with knowledge on various advanced food manufacturing technology concepts," Balasubramaniam said.

To learn more about the consortium, interested food processors can contact Balasubramaniam at 614-292-1732 or balasubramaniam.1@osu.edu. Additionally, they can contact Ting at 253-347-0026 or eting@pressurebiosciences.com.

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WOODLAN ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS COMPETE AT VEX IQ ROBOTICS COMPETITION



Members of the 2021-2022 Robotics team are as follows: Luke McAlexander, CJ Norris, Xander Wagner, Makayla Mellon, Anna Hughes, Greyson Kesler, Case Emenhiser, Everly Unger, Luke Bultemeier and Camden Koch.

The Woodlan Elementary Robotics team competed in their second Vex IQ Robotics competition on Saturday, February 12 at Madison-Grant Jr./ Sr. High School. The team had traveled to Portland on January 22, for their initial competition, to come away in fifth place. After two weeks of practice and fine tuning, the Woodlan Warrior Bots took on 19 other teams from the northern Indiana area and came away victorious. The Warrior Bots were awarded

the "VEX IQ Challenge Teamwork Champions Award", which includes a bid to the Indiana State VEX Robotics Championship on Mar. 12 at Lucas Oil Stadium. This was only their second ever robotics competition and to come away in first place is an accomplishment they were not expecting, but are extremely proud of.

The students started working at the beginning of October to design and build a robot from scratch with a set

number of resources. Once done, the students had to learn to navigate an obstacle course comprised of various skills and achievements that have a set point values. The teams compete with assigned schools to achieve the highest point total. After eight rounds of driving, students qualify for the championship round. Woodlan went into the finals at Justice Giants from Marion, Indiana to clench the first place honor.

PAULDING COUNTY REPUBLICANS WELCOME MIKE GIBBONS



Pictured here is US Senate candidate, Mike Gibbons speaking with an attendee of the Meet & Greet at Cafe @ Hollywood on Saturday, February 19th.

Cafe @ Hollywood was the setting for US Senate candidate Mike Gibbons Meet & Greet on Saturday, February 19th. The place was packed as Gibbons discussed with Paulding County residents about the upcoming Senators

race, his opponents, the country's current state, COVID, and what his plans are when he gets into office. Gibbons is definitely confident in his chances of winning this Senate seat at the Primary and then onto the general election

in November.

Mike Gibbons from Cleveland, OH area and is married to his wife, Diane, and together they raised five children. He coached numerous youth sports teams and volunteers on many boards of various non-profit groups. Gibbons is not a politician by trade. He is a businessman. He ran a middle market investment business and assisted many Ohio companies launch their businesses into profitable entities over the years.

Honesty and integrity are at the forefront of Gibbons's campaign. Drawing from his Roman Catholic roots, he depends on truth, justice, and common sense to set a precedent for government. And Gibbons does not see any of that happening. "Never lie. Always tell the truth even if it may be something they don't want to hear," Gibbons stated. He then continued, "People are tired of politicians, they are tired of their speeches telling them what they think they are going to do, and then don't."

When asked what makes Mike Gibbons stand out from other candidates which would make him a good US Senator. His response was this, "I don't bend. I finish what I start. I do what I say I'm going to do." He backed that statement up with this, "Wouldn't it be good to send a senator to Washington who knew something about economics?" Gibbons thinks so and he is qualified as he studied this in university and taught it in a graduate school.

Paulding County Republicans, thanked Gibbons for stopping in Gibbons and speaking to the people. At this time, the group will not announce its endorsement of a candidate. They will make their decisions when it is closer to election time.

After Gibbons, other political candidates introduced themselves including Ted Penner and Roy Klopfenstein, who are running for the 82nd District Ohio House seat.

Check out the video of the meeting on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOn7ZoiglQA>

ROAD CLOSURE: ADAMS CENTER ROAD (CITY OF NEW HAVEN)

Adams Center Road closed beginning Tuesday morning 2/22/22 at 8:00 am for the reconstruction of an approach. This closure is scheduled to last for two (2) weeks.

Local traffic ONLY will be allowed on S. Maplecrest Road, south to Seiler Road. Moeller Road and Seiler Road are not a Truck Route, TRUCKS MUST FOLLOW THE DETOUR.

Detour: North Bound traffic will turn east at SR 930, continuing to Minnich Road, turning south onto Minnich Road, to Tillman Road, turning west on Tillman Road, following Tillman Road to Adams Ctr Road.

NW STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Board of Trustees of Northwest State Community College will hold their next regular meeting on Friday, February 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Room C200 at the Archbold-campus. The meeting will be open to the public and all guests are required to wear a facial covering.

REGISTER FOR LOCAL TOURNEYS

There will be a Deck, Shuffleboard, Pool, Snooker & Quiz Tourney coming up soon. Entry deadline: March 9, 2022. Mail registrations to: Lynn Lichty: 7874 Rd 424, Antwerp, OH 45813

PC COLD CASE SELECTED BY UNCOVERED.COM

A sixty-one-year old local cold case has recently been selected to be featured by the online community Uncovered.com. On November 13, 1960, 14 year-old Nancy Lee Eagle-son was abducted from a village street in Paulding, Ohio, sexually assaulted, and murdered. Her body was found in a wooded area in rural Paulding County. The crime was never solved.

Uncovered.com is an online community focused on bringing awareness to cold cases. Uncovered combines data, collective impact, and public records to help visualize unsolved cases throughout the United States. Nancy's case was selected by uncovered with the cooperation of

DEMOCRAT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE ENDORSED BY PAULDING COUNTY DEMOCRATS



The board of Paulding County Democrats endorsed Nan Whaley for the Ohio Candidate for Governor. Shown in this picture is Bill Thomas, Sheri Baker, Nan Whaley, and Mike Porter.

The Paulding County Democrats met on Saturday, February 19 at the McDonald's in Paulding for a scheduled meeting with Democratic candidate for Ohio governor, Nan Whaley. Whaley is originally from Indiana and went to post secondary school in Dayton, where she soon ended up winning a seat on City Council as the youngest person to serve in the city's history. She became the first elected mayor of Dayton and found herself in the middle of a an opioid epidemic. She presented a solution of a drug rehab and needle exchange program funded to help with drug addiction.

Whaley is seeking the of-

fice of governor citing the failures of the DeWine Administration. One statement she made is she would like to see people receive their fair share from the government and also that the "rich" need to pay their fair share.

Paulding County Democrats gave their endorsement to Nan Whaley, who was glad to accept. Running with Whaley as candidate for Lieutenant Governor is Cheryl Stephens of Akron, Ohio.

See the videos at westbendnews.net or on West Bend News' youtube channel. <https://youtu.be/qY-YM9-naxqo>

ICE JAM DAMS MAUMEE RIVER



With all the melting snow and the warm temperatures recently around the area, the Maumee River has developed a dam with the breaking up of winter ice. Near the Vagabond Village Restaurant is the location where the ice is currently backed up, but it extends for miles, causing the water to overflow out of the banks of the river.

The ice appears to be stop-

ping much of the flow and forcing the water to make a new path into nearby fields and yards. The continued warmer temperatures in the next few days may break the dam, but freezing temperatures afterwards may create new problems if the ice does not break free in this time!

See the video at westbendnews.net or on the West Bend News Youtube channel.

Paulding County sheriff Jason Landers.

Over the years, local news outlets have reported on the case. To date, no one has been arrested for her brutal mur-

der. There is a GoFundMe page set up to assist with furthering and solving this ColdCase. The fund address is: <https://gofund.me/511b0f0d>

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You are invited to raise your glasses and indulge in light hors d'oeuvres with family and friends in support of the Antwerp Community Development Committee.

Cost is \$25 per person / \$50 per couple (\$30 per person after March 5th)
-OR- Purchase your own table of 8 for \$175.00

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Please complete reservation form and return to Lisa Bragg, 4379 Road 220, Antwerp, OH 45813.
You may also drop off at Oasis Bar & Grill. Please make check payable to:
Antwerp Community Development Committee.

Reservation confirmations will be sent to your email address provided and serve as your admission ticket. Please contact Lisa Bragg at lbragg@verabradley.com or 260-705-1895 with questions.