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ANTWERP CHEERLEADERS - STATE RUNNER UP!



The Antwerp Cheerleading squad were sent off on Saturday, February 26th at the school in the presence of fellow classmates, community members, family and friends. They were State bound for Division VI State competition set to be held at Pickerington North High School on Sunday

February 27th. For the seniors of the squad they were veteran competitors at this annual event. The Archer squad had an amazing performance - there is a plethora of talent and hard-earned skill in this group of athletes. With this smashing day of routines, they earned the title of Division VI

State Runners Up.

Competition season may be over for these athletes, but they will be back at it to support the Antwerp Boys Basketball team March 1st at Defiance High School!

Congratulations Archer Cheer!!

WT RAIDERS SEND SEVEN ON TO DISTRICTS



Pictured here are the 3 WT Sectional Champions — Corbin Kimmel, Jarrett Hornish, and Hunter Long.

The Wayne Trace wrestling team enjoyed a highly successful Division III sectional wrestling tournament at Lima Central Catholic over the weekend as seven different Raider grapplers advanced to the district tournament this coming weekend.

Nathan Osborn (190),

Samuel Moore (150), Jarrett Hornish (144), Hunter Long (132), Jared Pierce (126), Conner Blankenship (113) and Corbin Kimmel (106) all moved on to the district on March 4 and March 5 at Hobart Arena in Troy.

Kimmel, Long and Hornish all claimed sectional championships at Lima Central Catholic, with Hornish also posting the 100th pin of his career as well.

Kimmel recorded pins of 19 over Allen East's Aizik (Continued on Page 8)

Community Calendar

March 1

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

March 2

- Lenten Lunches @ Paulding First Pres. Church, 12-1p
- Senior Citizen Luncheon @ Antwerp VFW Post #5087, 12noon

March 4-6

- "The Sound of Music" @ WT HS, 7:30p (3/6, 2:30p)
- "Annie" by Hicksville School @ The Huber

March 7

- VWCOA Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night, 6pm

March 8

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

March 9

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

Add event to the calendar
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DRIVE THRU MEALS @ OAKWOOD LIBRARY

The Oakwood Library Association, Friend's Group, for the Cooper Community Library has been busy planning Drive Thru Meals for the month of March. First Meal is

Thursday, March 17 with pickups between 4:30 - 6:00. St. Patrick's Day is our theme for the evening. Brats, Homemade Sauerkraut, Cheezy Potatoes, Green Beans and Green Jello Poke Cake are on the menu. Please take note we (Continued on Page 2)

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OBITUARIES



wonderful and attentive care provided to Dad in his last days.

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Visitation was 2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Monday, February 28, 2022 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There was also a visitation from 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Tuesday.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Bill's Honor to the Grover Hill Fire Department, 104 S. Main St., Grover Hill, OH 45849.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

HICKSVILLE, OH

E. Joan Kimpel, 90, of Hicksville, Ohio, passed away Sunday, February 20, 2022 at her home. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

PAYNE, OH

James Robert Overmyer of Payne, Ohio passed away Sunday February 20, 2022 at the Vancrest of Payne. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

PAULDING, OH

Garry LaFountain, 73, of Paulding, Ohio, passed away Monday, February 21, 2022, at Divine Rehab Nursing in Sylvania, Ohio. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

On October 21, 1956, Bill married the lady who stole his heart via peanut butter fudge and popcorn, which was the start of his family legacy. Bill was best known as a life long farmer and owner of Ross Service Station in Grover Hill. He loved farming, his red tractors, going to the Farm Science Review and other trade shows, flower gardening (in particular Hibiscus and petunias), sharing stories and life experiences with family and friends as they passed through the gas station. Bill didn't know a stranger, he would strike up a conversation with anyone.

In addition to farming and the station, he held many jobs to provide for his family, some of which include being a Barber, owned and operated J&J Clothing, semi driver, Norfolk & Western Railroad, General Motors, Ottawa Phillips and Weather Reporter for NOAA. Bill worked for several surrounding townships and private cemeteries helping lay to rest many friends, family and neighbors by digging their graves. Bill also served his country as a member of the US Navy. In high school he joined the Navy Reserve and went active duty after he graduated.

Bill's biggest hobbies outside of farming and gardening were watching the stock market and taking Mom to dinner theaters, surprising her with cross country trips, boat and train rides. He had a life-long passion of being a train conductor.

A special thank you to Vancrest nursing staff for the

Arrival at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church at 10:30 AM with burial to follow in the

church cemetery on Friday, March 4, 2022.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at Latty Apostolic Christian Church. There will also be visitation from 9:30 AM until time of services on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Health Professionals Home Care and Hospice, 250 Dooley Dr., Suite A, Paulding, OH 45879

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2022 NORTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter has announced the dates for its eight 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's, the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

The schedule for the Northwest Ohio Walks is:

- Sept. 10: Black Swamp/Defiance, Downtown Defiance Triangle Park
- Sept. 10: Erie Shores/Sandusky, Shoreline Park
- Sept. 17: Grand Lake, Wright State - Lake Campus
- Sept. 17: Findlay/Hancock County, 50 North
- Sept. 17: North Central Ohio/Mansfield, OSU/NCSC Campus
- Sept. 24: Tiffin Regional, location to be announced
- Sept. 24: West Central Ohio/Lima, location to be announced
- Oct. 8: Toledo Regional, Promenade Park, 400 Water Street

Throughout the Northeast Ohio service area, thousands in the community walk in memory of mothers, fathers, grandparents and loved ones who are impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S., more than breast and prostate cancers combined.

Communities also support the Walk to End Alzheimer's in support of:

- more than 6 million individuals in the U.S. are living with Alzheimer's, and there are 220,000 in Ohio.
- more than 442,000 unpaid caregivers in Ohio who tirelessly provide care and support;
- reaching the first survivor of Alzheimer's disease by finding a cure;
- women's brain research, as Alzheimer's disease disproportionately impacts women.

"As the world's largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support," said Julia Pechlivanos, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter. "Our research efforts are a catalyst and convenor that unites the world's leading researchers to drive scientific progress forward in finding a cure."

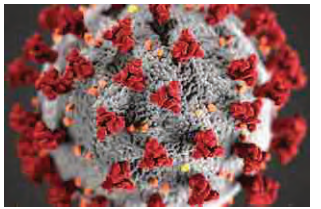
"Every step forward strengthens the Alzheimer's Association vision of a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia," said Karen Moore, Walk manager at the

Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter. "Every stride forward brings us closer to achieving that goal. Together, we can raise awareness and the needed funds to enhance Alzheimer's care and support, and advance critical research. Please register to walk with us at one of our 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's."

Registration for the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's is now open. To register a team, sign up as a team captain or register to walk as an individual, visit alz.org/walk.

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia". Visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900.



PAULDING COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE: WHERE ARE WE?

January was a struggle — from bitter cold to the let down after the bustling holiday season — COVID-19 cases spiked to an average of 27 new cases daily. It was enough to wear on a person's psyche. Indeed it was a dark month. As February dawned, the tide had appeared to turn with only 12 cases reported for the beginning of the month (2/1/22). This average has continued and improvement is being seen in Paulding County. On February 22nd, Paulding County reported no new cases. The state of Ohio has gone from a statewide average at the end of January of 1582.0 cases per 100,000 to 255.8 cases per 100,000 as February comes to an end. In Paulding County, January ended with 1960.2 cases per 100,000 compared with 219.6 cases per 100,000 as February draws to a close! The light at the end of the tunnel has appeared it seems, February 2022 is sitting better than even December 2021 when cases were at 396.3 per 100,000.

Further statistics (provided by the Ohio Department of Health's Coronavirus webpage) show that from January 2021 to February 2022 there was a 97% recovery rate for all those diagnosed with COVID-19. Mid-January did see a slight uptick in COVID Hospital admissions for 0-17 year olds.

Keep your chins up, take care of yourself, help others do the same, be kind. We are learning to live with COVID-19 and this is good news.

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Scripture of the Week

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

—2 Timothy 1:7

VW COUNTY COUNCIL OF AGING RECEIVES VAN



Shown in the picture from left to right are: Mike Butler, Sales Professional, Greve Chrysler; Krista Somerton, Program Manager, Van Wert Economic Development and Kevin Matthews, Director, Van Wert County Council on Aging

Through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) the Van Wert County Council on Aging recently received a 2021 Braun converted handicap accessible Chrysler Voyager van that will be used to meet the increased demand for the specialized senior citizen transportation in Van Wert County. Without a formal public transportation system in Van Wert County the Council on Aging assists in meeting the needs as an informal public transportation for senior citizens that want to remain living independently in their later years. As well, through United Way funding the Council on Aging assists those under 60 who also are in need of specialized transportation services. There is no set fee for senior citizens to use the specialized transportation service, however, with the Council on Aging being a 501c3 charitable organization, contributions are always appreciated.

Krista Somerton, Program Manager with Van Wert Economic Development was the instrumental person in work-

ing with the Council on Aging in acquiring the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of the Van Wert County Commissioners. Ms. Somerton's commitment to the process of acquiring the vehicle grant will impact hundreds of seniors for years to come. The Community Development Block Grant program provides flexible funding to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and improved community facilities and services. Mike Butler, Sales Professional, with Greve Chrysler was also an important part of the grant process as with the limited supply of specialized vehicles available, he had the expertise necessary to use his industry relationships to be able to acquire a vehicle that met the grant guidelines, as well to obtain the vehicle within a reasonable timeline.

For more information on the Council on Aging's specialized transportation program, contact the Council on Aging at 419-238-5011.

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only plan for 100 meals. All proceeds go to the Oakwood Library Association to help with the cost of utilities and maintenance of our beautiful building. March 24 meal will

feature Salisbury Steak. Our last meal will be March 31 and the rumor is there will be Marinated Turkey Strips involved. Reminder: Come at 4:30 to make sure you get a meal.

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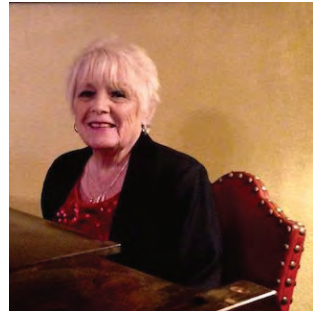


FRANKLY MY DEAR, I DON'T GIVE A GRIT

Penny For Your Thought
By: Nancy Whitaker

Bring on the grits, black-eyed peas, cornbread, ham hocks and beans and fried chicken, chess pie for dessert and you've got a meal. Southern cooking has become more popular with the recent cooking show hosts and the idea of good home-style comfort food. I know my grandma was from the South and no one could cook like her. She could take a can of beans and make them taste delicious. Her dandelion greens, wilted lettuce, juicy pork chops, ham with red eye gravy and biscuits were a treat everyone looked forward to when they ate at grandma's house. When thinking of great tasting comfort foods, many are reminded of southern home cooking which is exactly what it is.

food. Now I have heard folks from the South pronounce grits in two syllables which is different than how we pronounce it. They say, "Gri yats." Personally, I am not a grits or a "gri yats" eater, so my experience with them is very limited. I saw in the grocery store you could buy packages of instant grits and also grits with cheese. Now even though grandma didn't fix a lot of



grits, she did cook hominy. This was a southern staple and was usually cooked in with scrambled eggs. I remember one time when we were on a vacation in Tennessee, my one little girl was ordering from a breakfast menu and said, "I want some of those grits." We let her try them and she tried to eat them; however, I saw her spit some in her napkin. I bet my grandchildren have never heard tell of southern cooking and foods like grits, hominy, mush, and the ever popular beverage of the south, "sweet tea."

I remember one Thanksgiving my grandpa went hunting with a slingshot. He had got lucky and bagged a pheasant. Even though grandma cleaned and cooked it beautifully, I just could not eat it. I guess I would not have made a good southern settler, because wild game is just not in my repertoire of favorite southern food.

People all like to eat and most of us like the old fashioned southern comfort foods. I know in the winter, when the cold winds blow and the snow starts falling down, my thoughts go to soups, stews and belly warming food. If you were to travel south, you would probably get to try all the home cooked southern cooking and things like "gri yats", corn pone, thick slices of salt pork, grease gravy, light fluffy biscuits and oh yes, "a glass of sweet tea."

Each area of our country eats different depending on availability of certain foods. Where you live and where you visit will bring all kinds of area cuisine for your palates. As for me, I like it all, but maybe not pheasant.

Do you like southern cooking and foods such as: ham hocks, sauerkraut, corn pone and oh yes, "gri-yats"? Let me know and I will give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

MR & MRS TREECE WIN CUTEST COUPLE CONTEST



This couple won Antwerp Pharmacy's cutest couple Valentine's Day photo contest. Ray & Maxine Treece are pictured with their gift bag from Antwerp Pharmacy.

NWEC MEMBER-OWNERS TO VOTE ON PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

North Western Electric Cooperative (NWEC) member-owners will receive an election ballot in the mail in mid-March, asking them to accept the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes and proposed changes to the co-op's Code of Regulations. NWEC's Drive-Through Annual Meeting of Members will be held Saturday, April 9, at the NWEC office (04125 State Route 576, Bryan). Member-owners are invited to drive by between 9 am and noon to deliver their completed ballots in person or cast their vote online through their secure SmartHub account starting March 21 until April 8 at noon.

Member-owners who vote either in person or online via SmartHub will receive a \$20 bill credit on their August electric bill. This year, two Code of Regulations changes have been identified by the NWEC Board of Trustees, following recommendations from NWEC's national and statewide cooperative organizations' legal counsels. These endorsed changes align with industry best practices and will support NWEC's future operations and protect the board's integrity as a democratically elected organization.

Proposed change #1 organizes the order of business at NWEC's Annual Meeting and stems from the Covid-19 pandemic, which resulted in a new drive-thru meeting format. This update is needed to provide continuity to the current meeting format and ensure operations can continue effectively and fairly for all members who wish to participate. The old Code language was written for a large in-person Annual Meeting, whereas today's hybrid format is not supported by that verbiage. The board strongly thinks the revised agenda format better reflects how future meetings may be conducted.

Proposed change #2 will align NWEC with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives (OEC)'s established best practices and recommendations by legal counsels for ba-

sic director qualifications to uphold the integrity of NWEC's board governance. The update expands the co-op's nepotism policy for board members to include close relatives and former employees of less than three years - including employees of NWEC's subsidiary, NW Ohio Propane. It also adds that trustees cannot be recent convicted felons. Adding these qualifications for NWEC board members enhances transparency and removes potential conflicts of interest that may not serve the membership's best interest.

Change #2 also removes the option of nominating trustee candidates for election from the floor of the Annual Meeting. This old Code language reflects how business was conducted in NWEC's early days; today, with a larger territory, busy member-owners, and the availability of mailed or electronic ballots, this practice is outdated. Not all member-owners can attend the Annual Meeting, so nominations at the event are biased toward those in attendance.

It's also a matter of fairness: allowing nominations at the meeting enables board candidates to forgo the verification process and skip the requirement to obtain signatures of support from their fellow member-owners - this is unfair to those candidates who perform due diligence and follow the established petition process. Enforcing a single method of self-nomination follows industry standards and provides an impartial procedure.

More information about the election, proposed Code changes, and full verbiage can be found on NWEC's website at www.nwec.com/proposed-changes-code-regulations.

Regarding trustee elections, no nominating petitions were received for Board Districts 3 or 7; therefore, the incumbents, Kim Shoup and Dick Polter, are considered elected by affirmation and do not appear on the official ballot. Their biographies are provided on NWEC's website.

Member-owners with questions can contact the NWEC office at 800-647-6932.

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.

PCH SURGERY DEPARTMENT NURSES RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Paulding, Ohio- Paulding County Hospital is pleased to announce that our Surgical Department has been awarded the 2022 CNOR Strong Award. This award was given by the Competency and Credentialing Institute (CCI), a nationally accredited organization that focuses on perioperative professional certification for nurses. Over fifty percent of the Paulding County Hospital Surgery Department nurses are Certified Perioperative Nurse (CNOR) credentialed. Earning this designation

demonstrates a facility-wide commitment to nursing excellence, the highest standards in patient safety and outstanding patient care.

Established in 1979, CCI is one of the largest specialty nursing credentialing organizations. The mission of CCI is to lead competency credentialing that promotes safe, quality patient care and that supports lifelong learning.

Shout out to the Paulding County Hospital Surgical Department for your continued dedication to excellence in healthcare, close to home!

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP ANNOUNCES BOARD MEMBER DEPARTURE AND ADDITIONS

The New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) has announced the departure of long-time board member Jon Aitken, who ended his 8 1/2 years of service as both a volunteer and board member effective January 2022. Pamela Clark, Executive Director of NHEG, stated, "Jon will be missed, but we wish him all the best. We are thankful for his many years of service." Two new board members were sworn in February 2022: Laura Casanova, who serves as a proofreader/editor with NHEG and Marina Klimi, who serves as a volunteer in multiple departments, including as production manager of

the NHEG EDGuide, and AVDD of social media and marketing and graphic design. Clark said, "We welcome Ms. Casanova and Ms. Klimi as board members and look forward to working with them in these new roles."

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MATT'S MISHAPS



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"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



It can take a couple tries to arrive

An empty boat trailer parked near the water means someone is having fun. When traveling around, I love to count how many trucks with empty boat trailers are parked by a boat launch, river, or lake. It reminds me that somebody is having good time and enjoying the water. Occasionally, it times just right to see the fisherman returning to fitness his boat back onto the trailer perfectly for a smooth arrival.

We have lived overseas about a half hour drive from a major Atlantic port. We have seen container ships, cruise ships, aircraft carriers and many fishing boats arrive and depart over the years. Once we went to the port to join the

arrival party for a boat that served as the launching base for teams of workers who help needy people.

We stood along the port with a group of people and there was even a small brass band. We cheered when the boat was in sight and was being guided by a tug boat. The brass band began playing "When the saints come marching in." Moments later the problems began. It may have been a mix up with the ship and tug captains, or the seas were too rough, but the boat started approaching broadside and had to be taken back out to sea to reposition. The band did not miss a beat and they switched to playing "Auld Lang Syne" to everyone's uncontrollable laughing.

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

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HEART OF A HARLOT

By: Doris Applegate

When Joshua, the leader of Israel, sent spies into Jericho, they went to the home of Rahab, a harlot. She told the spies that the whole city was terrified because they knew how God had helped Israel by bringing them out of Egypt and opening up the Red Sea for them to cross over and be saved. The spies promised Rahab that if she hid them and

told no one of their plans, they would spare her and all of her family.

In Joshua chapter 6:22 we read: Joshua told the spies to go into Rahab's house and bring out all she has. Then they went up and took Jericho. We know that they marched around Jericho once and again for six days. "On the seventh day, you shall compass the city seven times and when the priests blows a long sound on the trumpets that the people will shout and the walls of Jerico will fall flat down and all the people will go in and take it/

One of the greatest miracles is that the people kept quiet, no talking, but were obedient to Joshua, their commander. If they had not obeyed him, they would not have taken Jericho. What a lesson for us as Christians, to also obey the Lord Jesus, our commander, who said, "If you love me, you will obey me." Someone may wonder, what is it that Jesus wants me to do, or obey? We can find His desires for us as we open the four books of the Gospels and what is said there. One of the greatest is, "Love God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as you love yourself." Wow, if we do this, we have obeyed Jesus. Whatever we do unto others, we have done it unto the Lord Jesus. He knows every thought, word and deed.

As we let the Holy Spirit guide and lead us each day, we begin to walk in doing what God has planned for us to do. Sometimes He just wants us to sit quietly and meditate on Him and seek Him in a greater way. Each day is by His leading ... the song: "Where He leads, I'll follow., follow Jesus every day and all the way." Better yet, if we stay yoked up with Jesus, we abide in Him always.

Amen.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
If human sacrifice was an abomination in the Bible, how could God sacrifice His Son?*

Human sacrifice is not always wrong. Soldiers have jumped on grenades to save their buddies, thousands have given their lives for our freedom, and multitudes have faced martyrdom rather than recant their faith.

Check out Leviticus 18:21; Deuteronomy 12:31; II Kings 6:3; II Chronicles 28:3; Psalm 106:38; Isaiah 57:5; Jeremiah 19:5; and Ezekiel 16:20. You will find that what made human sacrifices abominable was the fact that what belonged to God (Psalm 24:1) was being offered to a false god. Offering one's life, or another's life,

to please a false god is still an abominable act.

When God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son of promise, Isaac, it was to test his faith and willingness to obey. Abraham passed the test, believing God was able to raise his son (Hebrews 11:17-19; Genesis 22:1-14). God intervened by providing a substitute, just as He has provided Christ as our substitute.

When God gave his only begotten sinless Son for us, it was an act of love and our only hope of salvation (John 3:16-19), but Jesus willingly gave His life (John 10:17-18). He also indicated that because Christ willingly died for us, we should be willing to die for one another (I John 3:16). In the right circumstances, human sacrifice can be a good thing.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

GOVERNOR DEWINE ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY FOR TEEN DRIVERS

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced a partnership between the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) and the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) to raise awareness about the resources available to help teens drive safely.

"We want everyone on the road to make it home safely. If we put teens in controlled driving situations before they face them in real time, they will be better prepared to navigate the road safely," said Governor DeWine. "Inexperience behind the wheel is a major factor in crashes for new drivers. Giving our young people more opportunities to practice making good driving decisions will prevent crashes and save lives."

OTSO houses the Teach Your Teen to Drive (TYTTD) website, which includes links to short videos for teens to learn how to safely enter and exit a highway, change lanes, and manage intersections. Other links feature a guide with tips and tricks to prepare for behind-the-wheel practice, Ohio driving laws and requirements, and a tool to help families track their progress and record which driving environment their teens need more practice with.

Governor DeWine has placed a priority on safe driving during his administration. In 2019, he launched a statewide virtual driver assessment program, Ready, Test, Drive!, to better equip Ohio's new drivers with critical skills to safely navigate the roads. Additionally, by executive order in 2020, Governor DeWine created the Ohio Traffic Safety Council of federal, state, and local partners to focus on ways to make Ohio's roads safer by using proven education, engineering, enforcement, emergency response, and public policy countermeasures.

The OTSO/OHSAA partnership builds on Governor DeWine's initiative by raising awareness during the boys and girls district, regional, and state basketball tournament games and sectional, district, and state wrestling tournaments. TYTTD messages will be in-

AREA YOUTH FOR CHRIST TO HOST FIRST ANNUAL BE THE STORY FUNDRAISING BANQUET



West Central Ohio Youth for Christ is pleased to present the first annual Be the Story Fundraising Banquet. The event is on April 8, 2022, at 6:00 PM at Calvary Evangelical Church at 10686 Van Wert-Decatur Road, Van Wert, OH 45891. The purpose of the event is to share dynamic new developments happening in the ministry that are impacting lives in West Central Ohio. Featured will be an update from Executive Director, Brad Petrie, as well as youth who will share their testimonies and pastors will highlight their experiences with Youth for Christ. There are many ways to be part of the Youth for Christ Story. Any member of the community is welcome to attend and see what Youth for Christ is up to now! To RSVP, call 419-238-1370 or visit

wcoho.yfc.net by March 25, 2022. Event Sponsorship is available by contacting the Community Engagement Coordinator, Kirsten Brunswick, at kbrunswick@wcohyfc.com.

West Central Ohio Youth for Christ is a relational ministry that reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement. West Central Ohio Youth for Christ serves all of Van Wert County, Mercer County, Auglaize County, and part of Allen County. To learn more, visit wcoho.yfc.net or West Central Ohio Youth for Christ on Facebook.

cluded in programs, on parking passes and tickets, during public address announcements, and on signs and banners during the sporting events. The goal of this campaign is to create an open conversation between teens, parents, and other family members on the importance of road safety.

"We are proud to partner with the Governor and the Ohio Traffic Safety Office on this important safety initiative," said OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute. "We are committed to get this mes-

sage in front of as many teens and their families as possible. As teens are learning to drive, this safety program will help save lives."

Crashes are the leading cause of death among young drivers (ages 15-20) nationally. In Ohio, young drivers ages 15 to 25 represent almost 30% of deaths and 35% of serious injuries each year. This age group is more likely to be involved in fatal and serious crashes because they lack driving experience and tend to take greater risks.

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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.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Ruth Dorothy (Wuchter) Whigam was another World War 1 American Red Cross Nurse with Paulding County ties. She was born in Akron, Summit County, Ohio, December 29, 1895. The daughter of William Wallace and Mary A. (Klingler) Wuchter. William was born in 1872 in Ohio. Mary was also born in Ohio in 1874. The couple was married March 28, 1894 in Akron, Ohio.

In 1900, the family was living in Akron at Room #2, 188th Upton Street, Akron, Ohio. In 1909, a son, William T. Wuchter, was born. He passed away in 1910. He was buried in East Akron Cemetery, Akron, Ohio. In 1910, Ruth was attending school, the family was living at East Buchtel Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

In 1913, Ruth attended Buchtel Academy in Akron. In 1914 and 1915, Ruth attended Akron University. During this timeframe, she met a fellow classmate named, James Eugene Whigam, born March 14, 1892 in Barberton, Ohio. They married, June 3, 1915 in

Cuyahoga County, Ohio. April 10, 1916, while living in Canton, Ohio, a son James Eugene Whigam Jr. was born. As World War 1 broke out, James E. Whigam Sr., registered for the draft, June 5, 1917. He was working as a superintendent at the Kansas City Rubber Works, Chester West Virginia. He was listed as tall and stout, blue eyes, black hair.

Strange, Ruth's father, William W. Wuchter, also registered for the draft, September 12, 1918, while living in Nebraska. He was listed as tall stout build, blue eyes, black hair. He was employed at the Nebraska Tire and Rubber Company as a supervisor. Sometime during 1918, Ruth was sent to Norfolk, Virginia to serve with the American Red Cross. It is unclear who was taking care of James Jr. It does not appear that either William or James Sr. were selected to serve. By 1920, the Whigam family had moved to 28th North Street, Douglass, Nebraska. James was still working for the Rubber Company as a chemist, Ruth was a homemaker. A daughter, Gloria Joan Whigam, was born November 10, 1922 in Nebraska.

In 1928, Ruth's father William passed away, he was buried alongside his son, William T. By 1930, the Whigam family, moved to 8698 Southgate, Los Angeles, California. James was a foreman, working at a rubber shop. Ruth was a homemaker.

By 1940, the Whigam family was still living at the same address. James was working as an assistant molder at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, 2525 Firestone Blyd.

Southgate, California. Also Ruth's mother Mary, moved in to live with the family.

On October 16, 1940, James Eugene, registered to serve in World War 2. He served from December 8, 1941 to February 13, 1946. In 1947, Ruth's mother, Mary, passed away. She was returned home to be buried with her husband, William and her infant son. Ruth filed for Social Security in 1959, while living at 91766 Pomona, California. Her husband, James, passed away, August 22, 1974. Ruth passed away, November 17, 1989 in Los Angeles, California. I could not find where they are buried, my guess is, Los Angeles.

... Until Net Time

OSU EXT & OHIO TREASURER ROBERT SPRAGUE CELEBRATE OHIO SAVES WEEK 2022

Columbus - Ohio State University Extension and Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague are proud to partner in celebrating Ohio Saves Week, an annual statewide campaign and recognition of the larger America Saves Week that encourages individuals and families to check in on their finances by highlighting several key areas that contribute to financial stability. Beginning an automatic saving plan, reducing debt, and planning for retirement and unexpected expenses are all strategies to help build a more stable financial situation.

Ohio Saves Week will tie in with America Saves Week, which took place this year February 21-25.

During last year's cam-

paign, Ohioans made an average pledge to save \$1,240 toward their self-selected goals. General and emergency savings, and saving for homeownership, were Ohio savers' top three goals in 2021.

The America Saves pledge is the online tool that allows savers to set a goal and to make a plan to achieve greater financial stability. Learn more at americasavesweek.org.

"Whether you're a high school student preparing for life after graduation or an older adult working toward retirement, financial literacy education can ensure you're ready to navigate any challenge that lies ahead," said Treasurer Sprague. "Ohio Saves Week is a great opportunity to evaluate your goals and take advantage of the resources available to help Ohioans secure a sound financial future. We're proud to partner with OSU Extension to expand the reach of their financial literacy and empowerment tools."

Throughout Ohio Saves Week, OSU Extension will share information and helpful tools through social media to encourage Ohioans to set and carry out a savings goal. A variety of virtual events will also be held to build more financially resilient households in our state, including virtual webinars about "Saving Under Pressure" and how to "Save Automatically."

OSU Extension, which is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), offers financial management assistance and financial literacy instruction in Ohio's counties through its Family

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT PRESIDENTS



Shown here with their patriotic windsocks are from left: Hadley Mohr, Macklen Osting and Savannah Coil.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers recently celebrated President's Day by reading stories and making crafts. The children really loved learning all about George Washington and

Abraham Lincoln and they all want to go to the White House to visit! For more information about our program, visit our website at www.annsbrightbeginnings.com or call 419-399-KIDS (5437).

and Consumer Sciences and 4-H Youth Development programming.

Last year during America Saves Week, Treasurer Sprague announced a partnership with CFAES to advance and expand the use of the college's Real Money. Real World. financial literacy program statewide. The Real Money. Real World. program was developed by OSU Extension and is designed for youth ages 12-18. The curriculum includes an interactive spending simulation that provides participants the opportunity to make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those they will make as adults.

"Promoting effective savings strategies is key in Extension's effort to help Ohio households build a more sta-

ble and resilient financial future," said Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State's vice president for agricultural administration and CFAES dean. "We appreciate the partnership of Treasurer Sprague in highlighting OSU Extension's work throughout our local communities."

Since 2007, America Saves Week, coordinated by America Saves and its partners, has annually celebrated a call to action for everyday Americans to commit to saving successfully. Through the support of thousands of participating organizations, together we encourage our local communities to do a financial check in to get a clear view of your money story and saving behaviors.

Dear friends,

In March of 1999, the Harlan Christian Youth Center, Inc. opened its doors with its mission to reach the many unchurched children and their families in Harlan and the surrounding area and lead them into a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Since that time, thousands of kids have come through the doors and have been welcomed with open arms. The Good News of Jesus Christ has been modeled and shared alongside afternoon snacks and meals, cooking classes, homework and tutoring assistance, computer classes, games, Bible lessons, and so much more. All participants are known by their first and last names and are treated as one of our own.

After school programs for K-12 grade students and our Friendship Class for the developmentally disabled have been a tremendous blessing to our community. As you can imagine, the costs of maintaining a high quality facility and programming are a yearly need. We are simply asking for donations from the community members and businesses that believe in our work and our mission. The work of Christ is never done until He returns and within His will, we aspire to serve Harlan for many more years. While prices seem to go up and times seem to change, our operating budget and mission have remained consistent.

If you believe in our mission and want to partner with us in sharing a lasting legacy, would you prayerfully consider making a donation? Our general operating budget and endowment fund are the two main areas where we need funding.

Donations can be made by cash, check or credit card. Donations can be mailed to the address at the top of this page or stop in and drop them off. Credit card donations can be made online at hcy.org. Click on the Support tab or scan the QR Code to the right with your phone's camera to make secure online donations through PayPal.

We thank you for your past and continued support!

-Harlan Christian Youth Center, Inc.

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Yes! I believe in the mission of the Harlan Christian Youth Center. I appreciate the work that they and their volunteers have done in our community, I would like to see their efforts continue in Harlan and the surrounding area, and I wish to support those efforts!



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"Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish." Matthew 18:14

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 21214 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT COMPLETED



Girl Scout Troop 21214 from Antwerp, Ohio, recently completed a community service project. This is the same troop that made and placed "Heroes Work Here" signs around the county, as well as, created and delivered goodie bags to essential workers when the initial Covid lockdown occurred in 2020.

This year, the girls decorated, packed, and delivered goodie bags to all the Paulding County township trustee snowplow drivers. In order for the girls to know the amount of supplies needed, the girls created phone scripts and attempted to call one trustee or fiscal officer from each township. Since some of the phone calls resulted in no answer, the girls created an email to send to gather the needed information, as well. Once we knew how many bags we would be creating, the girls set out to purchase items to be included. By word of mouth, our troop received a generous donation from the Gleaners to be able to purchase more items to be included. Before deciding on our project, our group discussed people who work in

careers that don't always receive the recognition or support that they deserve. Are you aware that there are almost 50 people within the 12 townships that help plow the roads when the weather is bad? These 50 people, along with the state and county snow plow drivers, help keep our roads open so we can travel wherever we need to go.

While working on this project, the girls learned about how trustees are elected and their basic responsibilities. Township officials are elected in November during the general election on odd numbered years. Township trustees serve 4 year terms unless unforeseen circumstances occur then someone is appointed to finish out the term. Township trustees take office January 1 following the election. Prior to being allowed to run for an election, candidates must obtain 25 township resident signatures on a nominating petition and file the petition with the county board of elections at least 90 days prior to the general election.

According to the Ohio Township Association web-

site, "Ohio townships most commonly provide residents with services such as road maintenance, cemetery management, police and fire protection, emergency medical services, solid waste disposal, and zoning. Ohio townships have direct responsibility for maintaining 41,000 miles of roads and streets, and townships manage more than 2,400 cemeteries." In Paulding county, there are close to 500 road miles and several cemeteries within the 12 townships that the trustees help maintain.

After the girls learned about the responsibilities of the trustees, the girls wanted to recognize the hard work that each of the trustees do and most of us don't recognize.

WALTER & RUTH ROSS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP FOR AHS SENIORS

The Walter and Ruth Ross Family Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications for its first annually awarded \$1,000 scholarship to students who are graduating seniors at Antwerp High School in Antwerp, Ohio.

William Ross, a 1964 graduate of Antwerp High School, is pleased to announce the establishment of the Fund in memory of his parents. The Fund will support Antwerp High School students in achieving their education goals.

The award is available to graduating seniors at Antwerp High School in Antwerp, Ohio. Applicants must plan to enroll full time at an accredited, nonprofit, trade/technical school, two-year college,

or four-year college or university in Ohio or in another state where the student will receive in-state tuition. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to completing a degree or credential; extracurricular and community involvement, including work experience; transcript that demonstrates past successes and potential degree completion; and financial need.

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of essays that demonstrate a commitment to completing a degree or credential; extracurricular and community involvement, including work experience; transcript that demonstrates past successes and potential degree completion; and financial need.

Recipients of the Ross Family Scholarship may reapply for award consideration for a maximum of four years of undergraduate funding, provided they continue to make satisfactory progress toward a degree and continue to meet eligibility criteria.

The Walter and Ruth Ross Family Scholarship Fund is a component fund of the St. Louis Community Foundation, and the scholarship program is administered by the Foundation. The Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin, gender, age, color, sexual orientation, veteran status, physical or mental disability. Final decisions on eligibility, selection, and award amount will be determined by the St. Louis Community Foundation.

Application materials are due by midnight on April 15, 2022. For complete eligibility requirements and application materials, please visit <https://link.stlgives.org/RossFamilyScholarship>

2021-22 GMC ALL-CONFERENCE GIRLS BASKETBALL SELECTIONS

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce the All-Conference Selections for Girls Basketball 2021-2022 season:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Kenzie Schroeder (11), Hicksville High School
FIRST TEAM: Kenzie Schroeder (11) Hicksville; Asti Coppes (11) Antwerp; Ally Schindler (10) Ayersville; Carrie Zeedyk (11) Fairview; Kelly Crites, (10) Fairview; Janae Pease (12) Paulding

SECOND TEAM: Aewyn McMichael (10) Antwerp; Kaylee Dockery (11) Ayersville; Allison Rhodes (11) Fairview; Lindsay Bergman (11) Hicksville; Anna Gray (10) Tinora; Rachel Stoller (12) Wayne Trace

HONORABLE MENTION:

Hayleigh Jewell (11) Antwerp; Taylor Craft (10) Ayersville; Taylor Smith (12) Edgerton; Katlyn Zeedyk (12) Fairview; Molly Crall (11) Hicksville; Claire Schweller (12) Paulding; Karli Okuley (10) Tinora; Christina Graham (10) Wayne Trace

USDA COMMITS \$215 MILLION TO ENHANCE THE AMERICAN FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is making available up to \$215 million in grants and other support to expand meat and poultry processing options, strengthen the food supply chain, and create jobs and economic opportunities

in rural areas. Today's funding opportunity, announced on the one-year anniversary of President Biden's Executive Order 14017 "America's Supply Chains", is one of many actions that USDA is taking to expand processing capacity and increase competition in meat and poultry processing to make agricultural markets more accessible, fair, competitive, and resilient for American farmers and ranchers.

USDA Rural Development will make \$150 million available in grants to fund startup and expansion activities in the meat and poultry processing sector. USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will provide another \$40 million for workforce development and training, and the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will provide \$25 million to offer technical assistance to grant applicants and others seeking resources related to meat and poultry processing. These new opportunities are part of the Biden-Harris Administration's historic commitment to fight monopolization and promote competition across the economy. They are also aligned with USDA's vision of a food system that supports health and ensures producers receive a fair share of the food dollar while advancing equity and combating the climate crisis.

Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program

USDA Rural Development is making \$150 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding available through the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP). USDA is offering grants of up to \$25 million each to expand processing capacity through a variety of activities, including but not limited to construction, expansion of existing facilities, and acquisition of equipment.

USDA will host two informational webinars to provide information on MPPEP. The first, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, will provide an overview of the program. The second, March 7 at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, will cover application requirements. Registration in-

formation for the webinars is available on the MPPEP website.

For additional information, applicants and other interested parties are encouraged to visit the MPPEP website: www.rd.usda.gov/mppep. Questions may be submitted through the website or sent to MPPEP@usda.gov.

All application materials can be found at www.rd.usda.gov/mppep or at www.grants.gov. Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 11, 2022, through www.grants.gov.

Meat and Poultry Processing Technical Assistance

USDA is also helping to ensure that entities proposing independent meat and poultry processing projects through the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP) have full service technical assistance support from application through post-award. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will provide approximately \$25 million in American Rescue Plan funding to establish partnerships with organizations that will provide technical assistance to MPPEP applicants, recent recipients and future applicants of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grant program, and to entities who require general guidance and resources on meat and poultry processing. Of the \$25 million, AMS will utilize \$10 million to implement the first phase of support by establishing an initial technical assistance network and lead coordinator. More information about the technical assistance is available at the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain website.

USDA's one-year supply chain report, also published today, assesses the opportunities, including today's significant investment in the meat and poultry sector, that USDA, other Federal agencies and Congress have made over the long-term to infuse stability, improve equity, diversify and expand infrastructure and markets, and transform the food system.

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There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 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.
- 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

PAULDING FFA MEMBERS VISIT FLAT ROCK JR FARMERS 4-H



Paulding FFA members Carter Manz and Paige Jones came and presented Parliamentary Procedures to our 4-H group during our February meeting. Flat Rock Jr. Farmers want to give a shout out to Carter and Paige for getting started to serve others and teaching the youth of Paulding County.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH AT THE LIBRARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library has many things happening this month. Stop by and try out our Click Mini Scanner at Main. KIC's Click Mini scanners are the fastest book scanner, capturing up to 30 pages per minute. Its scanner bed can hold documents up to 12.25" x 19.2". Scan face up to preserve the book's spine. Great for large photos too. KIC can be used for making copies of documents. The images are scanned and saved. Images can be edited after they have been scanned.

Documents scanned with KIC can be saved to a USB drive, sent via email or FTP, transferred to a Smart Device, uploaded to a cloud storage service or saved to the local

network. Quick PDF, JPEG and PNG are very quick to create, while the other formats require substantial extra processing time to create. The KIC Click Mini Scanner is a touch screen and very easy to use. Library staff can help you get started. Great for reports, newsletters, old (and new) photos, and saving documents to send via email.

Remember to turn your clocks forward on Sunday March 13th. The first day of Spring is March 20th!

The Adult Section will be having fun activities on their facebook page. "Things that make you hmmm" is random questions that we will be posting daily for you to answer. There are no right or wrong replies, it will be opinions or just things to consider. The Cookbook Club will meet on March 21st at 5:30

pm. The topic is yet to be determined. If you would like to join us, call the library at 419-399-2032 and ask Ali, Kelly, Vicki and Jany. Are you like many folks, tired of winter and craving a little human interaction? Join us Thursdays at 1:00 pm for "COFFEE TALK". We will share a snack and some conversation, book recommendations, sharing a favorite craft, recipe or current event, local or worldwide! We'll just go where the talk leads us and who knows, maybe a new friend or two in the process. Make sure you stop by anytime and check out new books and movies. When you feel the need to mingle, the library is a safe place to go, and we are always glad to see you.

The Children's Room is celebrating "Your library is a treasure" month. Stop by and spin the lucky wheel for a chance at prizes, during "Lucky Week" March 14 to the 19th. Storytime is every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Stop by or call the library at 419-399-2032 and Sue or Kirk can help you.

The Antwerp branch has scheduled a Diamond painting for March 7, call the library for more details at 419-258-2855. Storytime is every Wednesday at 11 am, Crochet Club is Saturday, March 5 and March 19, 12:00 to 1:00. Book Club meets Monday, March 14th at 6:00 pm and Cookbook Club is March 21st at 5:45 pm. Call or stop by the library and see Sara or Stephanie for any other information.

The Grover Hill branch wants you to join the staff as they jump through hoops and break brackets all month

long. On March 1st we will celebrate Mardi Gras with beads and bling then keep the bash going all week long in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. March begins with the book bracket selection process for the 2022 GHBL Book Tournament. Monday March 7, Munchkin Storytime at 10:30 join us for Dino basketball and fruit loopy craft. March 14th will be the launch of the GHBL book bracket 2022. Teens and Tweens are invited to a "Go Green" afterschool party on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day). Munchkin storytime will be on March 21st at 10:30. Adults can enjoy a spring hoop wreath crafting session on Monday, March 21st. Book Club is on Wednesday, the 23rd at 4:00 pm, Cooking Club is at 5:00 pm on the 24th and Photography Club is Monday the 28th at 5:00 pm. Fridays are Free activities and patrons can sign up for the monthly drawing. The winner will be drawn March 31st. The GHBL Book Champion will be decided by Monday April 4th correlating with NCAA Basketball tournament. Call 419-567-1717 and ask Tawnya or Amanda about any of the fun things happening in Grover Hill.

The Oakwood branch will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Birthday this month. Join us every Monday for story time at 11:15 and don't forget about Popcorn Fridays. March 2 we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss birthday with a special story time. Thursday, March 10 at 11:30 is Senior Bingo. March 12 from 11:00 to 12:00 will be our quilt block of the month. March 17, 24 and 31 our LBA will be selling meals in the community room. March 21, 5:00 to 7:00 pm will be kids' cookbook club. March 26, 10:00-1:00 we will be making stain glass window catchers, you must register for this class. Call 419-594-3337 and ask Jamie, Laura or Carrie about all the activities.

The Payne branch would like to invite you to help them celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on Monday, March 7 at their afterschool hangout. There will be fun, food and more! The branch will be celebrating World Poetry Day on March 21. Come in and try your hand at writing. We can even post it on our facebook page. Storytime is Tuesdays at 11:00 am. Afterschool hang-

out is every Monday. They have board games, crafts and stem projects that kids can work on. Cookbook Club is March 21st starting at 5:45 pm. Come join us. Make sure your pinch proof for St. Patrick's Day by checking out a Green Book! Call 419-263-3333 and Kris and Kris can help you with your library questions.

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet Monday, March 14th at 600 pm in the Buy the Book used bookstore, located in the Annex. We will be discussing ideas for helping patrons stay informed about library programs and upcoming events. We love to see new faces at our meetings. Everyone is welcome.

The Black Swamp Bookworms will meet March 14th at 6:30 pm in the Annex. We are reading "The Scent Keeper" by Erica Bauermeister. Please join us.

USDA GRANTS ADDITIONAL WIC FLEXIBILITIES AMID ABBOTT RECALL OF CERTAIN POWDER INFANT FORMULA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that it has granted additional flexibilities in response to the impact of the 2022 Abbott recall of certain powder infant formula provided through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

In response to the recall, USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is strongly encouraging WIC agencies in affected states, territories and tribal nations to take immediate action to ensure that WIC participants can exchange their recalled baby formula and can use WIC benefits to purchase product that has not been recalled. FNS has offered WIC agencies the opportunity to request waivers of certain WIC regulations to offer maximum flexibility to address this issue.

The following waivers have been offered to WIC agencies:

- Medical Documentation
- Maximum Monthly Allowance
- Vendor Exchanges

FNS is working closely with WIC agencies as they review and implement these flexibilities, in coordination with their vendors and local offices. FNS is issuing these waivers under the authority provided by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

"We are committed to providing WIC participants with access to a variety of safe and healthy foods, including infant formula," said FNS Administrator Cindy Long. "We applaud the WIC community's quick response to ensure they have the flexibilities needed to quickly respond to the COVID-19 related nationwide supply chain issues that have been exacerbated by this recall."

FNS has issued reminders about options for returns and exchanges of recalled product and has posted several resources on infant formula safety.

Additional Information from our Federal Partners

- FDA Announcement
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LEAD SLIPS AWAY AS PANTHERS FALL TO WILDCATS



Junior Peyton Adams attempts the basket and is smacked while shooting. Peyton is sent to the line and scores on the foul shots. More pictures westbendnews.net

The Paulding Panthers saw a ten-point third quarter lead disappear as Lima Bath rallied to post a 42-32 victory over the maroon and white in Division III boys sectional basketball action Tuesday night at Miller City High School.

After leading by as much as 24-14 midway through the third quarter after Nick Manz hit one of two free throws, Lima Bath rallied late in the period.

The Wildcats closed the stanza on a 10-3 run, capped by a three-pointer from Jonah Wauben at the buzzer to bring Lima Bath within 27-24 entering the fourth quarter.

In the final stanza, Lima Bath then completed the rally by scoring the first 14 points of the stanza to grab a 38-27 advantage.

Paulding did close within 38-30 as Peyton Adams hit one of two foul shots and Manz added a pair but the maroon and white would not get any closer in falling 42-32.

Adams led the way for the Panthers with a dozen points, hitting a trio of three-pointers, while Nick Manz bucketed nine and Christian Bauer recorded six. Casey Agler (three) and Ethan Foltz (two) completed the Paulding scoring.

Britton Hall topped Lima Bath with 15 points and Wauben recorded ten for the Wildcats. Griffen Mikesell (six), Cole Craddock (three), Drake Craddock (two), Andrew Stahr (two), Ian Armentrout (two) and Lucas Prichard (two) completed the scoring for Lima Bath.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB WRAPS UP THEIR SEASON

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed at Paulding on Sunday, February 27, 2022. All 15 Archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Finishing 4th on the day was Bennett Graham. Ending their day in 3rd place were Olivia Kosch, Owen Dangler, Cooper Nestleroad, Landyn Hermlinger, Krayston Eicher, Jameson Graham, and Cadem Ingol. Earning 2nd place finishes on the day were Duke Dangler, Owen Parisot, and Ulrik Zijlstra.

The Archers also crowned 3 champions on Sunday. Sawyer Parisot, Brevyn Eicher, and Carson Blair were all undefeated champions for the day in the season finale for the GMC tournament series. Congratulations to all of the young Archer wrestlers for their success this season. Their hard work and dedication made this season a tremendous success. GO ARCHERS!!

SCHROEDER SELECTED GMC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Hicksville junior Kenzie Schroeder was selected the Green Meadows Conference

Girls Basketball Player of the Year in voting by the league's coaches recently.

Schroeder was joined on the first team by Antwerp junior Astianna Coppes, Ayersville sophomore Ally Schindler, Fairview junior Carrie Zeedyk, Fairview sophomore Kelly Crites and Paulding senior Janae Pease.

Named to the second team were Antwerp sophomore Aewyn McMichael, Ayersville junior Kaylee Dockery, Fairview junior Allison Rhodes, Tinora sophomore Anna Gray, Hicksville junior Lindsay Bergman and Wayne Trace senior Rachel Stoller.

Garnering honorable mention were Antwerp junior Hayleigh Jewell, Ayersville sophomore Taylor Craft, Edgerton junior Taylor Smith, Fairview senior Katlyn Zeedyk, Hicksville junior Molly Crall, Paulding senior Claire Schweller, Tinora sophomore Karli Okuley and Wayne Trace senior Christina Graham.

PATRIOTS FALL TO BARONS

Visiting DeKalb used a dominant third quarter to pull away from host Heritage for a 65-45 victory in non-league boys basketball action last week.

The Barons led -9 at the end of one period before Heritage bucketed 17 second quarter points compared to 16 for DeKalb as the Patriots pulled within 29-26 at the intermission.

However, DeKalb then dominated the third quarter with a 24-point effort while limiting Heritage to ten in expanding the margin to 53-36 entering the final period.

Luke Saylor had a dozen markers to top the Patriot efforts with Kobe Meyer and Dalton Wasson chipping in nine points each. Tanner Whitman, Howie Kaiser, Adam Whitman and Landon Lybarger all had three points with Austin Buuck having two and Dylan Hale chipped in one.

Kaiser topped the Patriots with five rebounds while Knapke totaled four boards and three assists. Tanner Whitman also had four rebounds for Heritage with Kobe Meyer dishing out four assists.

Heritage captured the junior varsity contest 42-36.

The Patriots open sectional tournament play on Tuesday as Heritage (5-17) visits Norwell (19-4). In the first meeting between the two schools, the Knights recorded an 85-58 victory on February 7.

HERITAGE CRUISES TO WIN OVER SMITH ACADEMY

Luke Saylor scored 17 points with Kobe Meyer and

Nyles Knapke adding nine each to lead the Heritage Patriots to a 63-26 win over visiting Smith Academy in boys basketball action Wednesday night.

The Patriots took a commanding 17-5 lead at the end of one period before widening the lead to 30-10 at the midway point of the contest. Heritage then expanded the margin to 46-22 entering the final period.

Other scorers for Heritage in the contest were Dalton Wasson (six), Leroy Lepper (four), Dylan Hale (four), Howie Kaiser (four), Landon Lybarger (three), Austin Buuck (three), Tanner Whitman (two) and Trevin Schaffner (two).

Saylor also had ten rebounds to finish off a double-double for Heritage with Kaiser also recording ten rebounds. Meyer recorded five boards and three assists with Knapke posting four rebounds and four assists.

Schaffner chipped in three rebounds as well for Heritage and Saylor dished out five assists. Knapke had four assists as well for the Patriots.

SMITH'S TREY LIFTS WARRIORS OVER LIONS

Braden Smith hit a three-point shot from near mid-court just before the buzzer to lift the Woodlan Warriors to a 53-50 win over Leo in non-league boys basketball action Friday night at the home of the Lions.

Woodlan led 20-7 at the end of one quarter before the Lions sliced the lead to 25-20 at the midway point.

Leo then bucketed 16 third quarter points compared to nine for the Warriors as Leo seized a 36-34 advantage entering the final stanza.

With the score tied 50-50 late in the final stanza, Smith grabbed a loose ball out of a scramble before tossing a three-point shot that went through the net to give Woodlan the victory.

Joe Reidy had 16 points and ten rebounds to lead the way for the Warriors with Smith adding 14 markers.

Alex Miller also reached double figures with ten points for Woodlan. DeJay Gerig totaled nine points for the Warriors and Dawson Lichty picked up the remaining four Woodlan points.

Jackson McGee paced Leo with 23 points and Caedmon Bontrager chipped in 11 markers for the Lions.

Other scorers for Leo were D.J. Allen (six), Brody Hiteshew (five), Luke LaGrange (two), Ayden Ruble (two) and Trey Hiteshew (one).

Woodlan (15-8) opens sectional tournament play on Wednesday as the Warriors take on Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger (12-9) in the 6:00 p.m. contest at Garrett. Leo (16-5) will play Angola (7-15) on March 1 in a 7:00 p.m. start at Garrett.



Jarrett Hornish collects his 150 wins with his matches this past weekend!

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Myers in the semifinals before pinning Lima Bath's Carter Deppe in 18 to win the championship.

Long also won a pair of matches to claim the title. In his opening round, he pinned Lima Central Catholic's Bryce Williams in 32 seconds before winning the championship with a pin of Columbus Grove's Zane Stechschulte in 28 seconds.

Hornish recorded the 100th pin of his four-year career in the quarterfinals, taking down Coldwater's Jordan Houser in 23 seconds. After winning by default over Delphos Jefferson's Anthony Bodine in the semifinals, Hornish took the title with a pin of Allen East's Trenten Gatchell in 4:40.

Pierce and Osborn both brought home second place finishes for the Raiders.

Pierce pinned Crestview's Hayden Tobias in 41 seconds before defeating Ada's Clayton McClain 14-7. However, the

Raider grappler came up short in the championship in falling to Spencerville's Carder Miller 10-0.

Osborn defeated Allen East's Brogan Paxson 6-1 in his opener but fell to Coldwater's Caleb Stammen in the finals via a pin at the 2:44 mark.

Moore recorded a third-place finish overall, recording wins over Delphos Jefferson's Donnie Riorden (pin, :41), Coldwater's Sam Obringer (pin, 2:01), Parkway's Landon Younker (16-0) and Spencerville's Emerson Layman (pin, 5:44). Moore's lone loss came in the championship semifinals to Lima Bath's Ezekiel Burkholder, a 7-0 defeat.

Blankenship also moves on after finishing fourth at 113.

He defeated Lincolnview's Cody Ricker (pin, 5:52) and Columbus Grove's Levi Schroeder (pin, :48) but dropped matches to Crestview's Gavin Grubb (10-8) and Coldwater's Tyler Overman (4-2).

WT RAIDERS MOVE TO DISTRICTS!



Friday night Sectional championships were played at Miller City. Area rivals Fairview and Wayne Trace took it to the net. Raiders commanded the floor and the basket in this match up! Final score: 51-15. Pictured here is Wayne Trace Junior Tyler Davis gets under the basket and scores while fouled on the shot! Wayne Trace advances to play Bluffton (21-2) in the district semifinals at Lima Senior. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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LADY ARCHERS COME UP SHORT TO BIG GREEN



Antwerp senior Ali Reinhart sets up a tight defensive block at the corner causing her Ottoville opponent to travel! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp and Ottoville played to a tie through two quarters before the Big Green pulled away in the second half for a 36-29 victory in Division IV girls sectional championship basketball action Monday night at Bryan High School.

The Lady Archers held a slim 7-6 lead at the end of one period before Ottoville rallied to tie the contest at 15-15 after two quarters.

Ottoville then controlled the third quarter, outscoring the Archers 11-6 to open a 26-21 advantage entering the final stanza.

Hayleigh Jewell paced Antwerp with ten markers in the contest while Aewyn

McMichael had eight points. Lydia Brewer and Grace Schuette both chipped in four points for the blue and white while Astianna Coppes picked up the remaining three.

Coppes also grabbed eight rebounds for Antwerp with Schuette recording five and Jewell picked up three. Coppes finished with three steals as well for the Lady Archers and Lydia Brewer had a pair.

Five Antwerp seniors wrapped up their careers with the loss to Ottoville. Senior players on the Lady Archer roster included Lydia Brewer, Astianna Coppes, Kennadi Recker, Ali Reinhart and Grace Schuette.

2022 ARCHBOLD SECTIONAL RESULTS FOR PAULDING

132 Sheridan Matty (16-15) place is unknown and scored 3.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Sheridan Matty (Paulding) 16-15 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Shane Kruger (Delta) 22-16 won by fall over Sheridan Matty (Paulding) 16-15 (Fall 1:08)

Cons. Round 2 - Sheridan Matty (Paulding) 16-15 won by fall over Jordon Hohler (Edgerton) 7-27 (Fall 3:42)

Cons. Round 3 - Braden Studenka (Evergreen) 11-12 won in sudden victory - 1 over Sheridan Matty (Paulding) 16-15 (SV-1 14-12)

138 Jesse Shaffer (10-22) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Jesse Shaffer (Paulding) 10-22 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Gabe Chapa (Archbold) 38-14 won by fall over Jesse Shaffer (Paulding) 10-22 (Fall 3:24)

Cons. Round 2 - Jesse Shaffer (Paulding) 10-22 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Landon Brigle (Montpelier) 20-20 won by fall over Jesse Shaffer (Paulding) 10-22 (Fall 4:43)

144 Jeremiah Smith (16-15) placed 5th and scored 11.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 -

by tech fall over Dawson Lamb (Paulding) 33-4 (TF-1.5 2:27 (16-1))

175 Cayden Breier (15-16) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Cayden Breier (Paulding) 15-16 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Owen Berner (Ayersville) 41-6 won by fall over Cayden Breier (Paulding) 15-16 (Fall 1:58)

Cons. Round 2 - Cayden Breier (Paulding) 15-16 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Blake Flower (Edgerton) 32-12 won by fall over Cayden Breier (Paulding) 15-16 (Fall 4:43)

190 Marciano Murdock (6-14) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Hayden Dickman (Archbold) 24-5 won by fall over Marciano Murdock (Paulding) 6-14 (Fall 1:54)

Cons. Round 1 - Drake Harris (Swanton) 11-17 won by fall over Marciano Murdock (Paulding) 6-14 (Fall 3:46)

As a team we placed 10th at the sectional tournament. We wrestled the best we have all year. I am very proud of what this group of guys accomplished and extremely proud of how far they have grown in the sport of wrestling. Half of our wrestlers where first year wrestlers or first time varsity wrestlers and they came out today with tons of heart and grit unlike what they have all year. We won some tough matches and lost a few close ones. But all and all we wrestled amazingly. We had one sectional runner up in dawsen lamb with a loss to tinora in the finals and we have one alternate with jeremiah smith who won his last match against evergreen. Cayden Breier lost in the consi quaterfinals in a tough match that he almost won. Sheridan Matty also lost in the consi quaterfinals with a tough loss in over time. Overall all wrestlers looked and wrestled tough. We look forward to the district tournament, and look forward to building in the off season with this great group of young men.

On the day Sheridan went 1-2, Jesse went 0-2, Jeremiah went 3-2, Dawson went 3-1, Cayden went 0-2, Marciano went 0-2.

DIVISION II BOYS SECTIONAL BASKETBALL AT PAULDING

Score by Quarters:
Bryan - 8 9 17 18=52
Lima Shawnee - 15 22 13 20=70

Bryan (52) - Brown 2-1-0-7, Koenig 0-0-0-0, Moss 0-0-0-0, Cox 1-3-0-11, Pelz 0-0-0-0, Watson 0-0-0-0, Jackson 1-0-0-2, Kepler 1-0-1-3, Herold 4-2-1-15, Langenderfer 1-0-0-2, Dominique 6-0-0-12

Lima Shawnee (70) - McBride 2-2-0-10, Best 2-0-3-7, Noonan 0-0-0-0, Wheeler 5-1-4-17, Bowers 0-0-0-0, Wilson 0-0-0-0, Miller 8-1-4-23, Altenbach 0-0-2-2, Fisher 0-0-0-0, Johnson 2-0-0-4, Barker 0-0-0-0, Lynch 0-0-0-0, Goldsberry 0-0-0-0, Pasion 2-1-0-7

Score by Quarters:
Defiance - 11 5 8 17=41

Napoleon - 2 13 17 21=53

Defiance (41) - Shaw 5-1-2-15, Jimenez 1-0-0-2, Schlatter 1-2-0-8, Zachrich 4-2-2-16

Napoleon (53) - Behnfeldt 0-3-0-9, Wolf 2-3-3-16, Mack 4-0-2-10, Woods 0-1-0-3, Kruse 1-1-0-5, Rubinstein 1-1-5-10

ANTWERP BALL REGISTRATION NOW ONLINE - DEADLINE LOOMING

The deadline to register for Antwerp spring/summer T-ball, Softball, and Baseball is March 5th 📅🏆 The link to register is <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?=9503>

NH BULLDOG WRESTLERS TAKE 3rd & 4th @ SEMI-STATE

3 wrestlers went to the Semi-State competition on February 12th to represent New Haven High School. Julianna Ocampo (106), Easton Doster (113), and Josh Clark (285) all battled in their respective weight classes on the 12th amid stiff competition.

In the 106 weight class, Ocampo started her face off with Jimtown's Alex Moyer. Ocampo pinned her opponent in 0:38 in that match. Next, Ocampo met Ayden Bollinger from Delta where she was pinned by Bollinger in 3:39. Ocampo then met Levi Johns of Bluffton to compete for the 3rd place spot in the weight class at Semi State. Ocampo fought throughout the match, but a final Dec 8-3 was made in favor of Johns. Ocampo took 4th place at Semi-State as a Freshman!

In the 113 weight class, began his semi-state run on the matt against Conner Shaffer of Peru. Doster pinned Shaffer in 3:13 where he moved onto face Tanner Tishner of Western. Tishner took down Doster in a SV-1 4-2. Doster then went onto fight for the 3rd place billing against Bowen Keith of Cowan. Doster won that 3rd place spot in a pin at 2:47.

In the 285 weight class, Josh Clark started off against Brandon Villafuerte of Angola and took the win in a pin at 3:14. Next, Clark met Juan Cruz of Bluffton on the mat. Clark topped Cruz in a pin at 3:03. Next up, Clark took on Ian Clifford of Columbia City in the semi-final match. In that match Clark fell in 1:38. Then Clark had

ARCHERS CRUISE TO SECTIONAL TITLE



Jagger Landers sinks the first 3 point basket of the sectional game against the Locos. See more pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp improved to 22-1 on the season as the Archers cruised into the district tournament with a 69-31 victory over Montpelier in the Division IV sectional championship at Napoleon High School Friday night.

Jagger Landers bucketed 32 points to lead the way for the blue and white and Landon Brewer added 15 markers for Antwerp.

Carson Altimus chipped in nine markers for the Archers followed by Luke Krouse (six), Gage McMichael (five) and Hunter Sproles (two).

Antwerp took control of the contest in the opening eight minutes of action, scoring 23 points on the way to posting a 23-7 lead at the end of one period.

The Archers extended the

margin in the second stanza, bucketing 28 points in the quarter and limited the Locomotives to six in taking a 51-13 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, Antwerp picked up 13 points compared to 11 for Montpelier as the Archers took a 64-24 lead into the final period.

Garrett Walz topped Montpelier with 20 points and Jamison Grime recorded four markers. Trent Thorp (three), Brayden Brink (two) and James Camper (two) completed the scoring for the Locomotives, who finish the season with a record of 3-20.

Antwerp advances to play Stryker Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. as in the Division IV district tournament at Defiance High School.

to vie for the 3rd place spot against Braydon Ellison of Elkhart. Clark took that win with a pin in 0:55.

New Haven scored the 7th place spot as a team at Semi-State competition.

This was an eventful season for the New Haven Bulldog wrestlers! Way to go Bulldogs!

WILLIAMS SCORING RECORD 7th IN NEW HAVEN HS HISTORY

Tuesday night February 22nd, New Haven boys basketball played host to the

Bishop Luers Knights. New Haven played aggressively at the basket keeping their lead throughout the periods. Final score for the night: 77-71.

Senior Jakar Williams scored his 1,000th point in this match up. Now, Williams stands at 7th in the all-time scoring for New Haven High School.

Stat Leaders on this night for New Haven are the following:

J Williams - 36pts, 13reb, 5ast, 5stl, 4 blk; D Broks - 13pts, 2reb, 3ast, 1stl; T Harding - 7pts, 1reb, 2ast, 1stl

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sion tables with the name you purchased the tickets under. Elevator access is available through the cafeteria door on the east side of the school. THE SOUND OF MUSIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization.

FAIRVIEW FFA TO HOLD PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Saturday, March 12, the Fairview FFA will be holding its annual pancake breakfast in the Fairview High School Cafeteria. The breakfast will be a free-will donation. There will be biscuits and gravy, sausage, pancakes, hash-browns. In addition to food, there will be a silent auction, educational displays, and other FFA memories throughout the year. The chapter is looking forward to a great turnout with our families and community.

ROAD RACE TO BE HELD IN COLUMBUS GROVE

The 44th annual BBO Road Race will be held in Columbus Grove on Saturday, March 12, 2022. The race will begin at 2:00 PM in downtown Columbus Grove and will be four miles long through town and out into the country and back, all on paved roads. Registration the day of the race will begin at noon and will take place in Columbus Grove's gymnasium. There will be t-shirts available for those who pre-register for the race. Money prizes will be awarded to the top three males and top three female finishers. Age group awards will be given as well as door prizes on race day. If interested, please contact Terry Schnipke at 419-659-4331 or go to the website at <http://cg.noacsc.org/bboregistration>. All proceeds from the race support Columbus Grove Cross Country.

ENERGIZED ROI WATER

It's hard to believe that water which is H₂O or two atoms of hydrogen combined with one atom of oxygen can have so many different properties. Water is a universal solvent since many crop nutrients easily dissolve in it. Water is polar, meaning one side has positive charges (hydrogen) and the other side has negative charges (oxygen), increasing solubility. New science is starting to find that not all water is the same and this has important impacts for agricultural production.

Everyday humans are exposed to over 100,000 chemical compounds, many of which reside in our water. Many pollutants tie up and have a negative effect on crop growth. When farmers spray their crops with herbicides, hard water decreases its effectiveness. Hard water contains calcium carbonates, iron, aluminum, and many other minerals and pollutants. Water softeners use salts like sodium chloride and/or potassium chloride to displace the high mineral content of hard water. However, these salts can also be hard on the environment.

Another way to reduce the minerals content of hard water is to use reverse osmosis. In reverse osmosis, water is purified with a partially permeable membrane to separate out ions and pollutants, so that the water is "softer" or cleaner. Often the membrane gets clogged as mineral ions build up. Some of the natural minerals like calcium and

magnesium are removed but these are good for plant and human health. So reverse osmosis water by itself has its advantages and disadvantages.

Recently, scientist discovered that moving water has energy. When water moves quickly, some of the water atoms split apart, allowing hydrogen ions (H⁺) and hydroxyl (OH⁻) groups to form. Molecules with hydrogen (H) have more energy. Rocket fuel (H₂) and methane (CH₄) have high energy and are used for fuel. Highly energized water reduces the surface tension and allow water to flow and be absorbed more easily; by plants, animals, and humans. This energized water has one oxygen atom surrounded by four hydrogen atoms and lowers water pH. The benefit is that many nutrients stay in solution longer when water is energized. Farmers often keep the liquid sprays agitated or moving to keep the chemical or fertilizer from precipitating to the bottom of the tank.

Water that has been purified by reverse osmosis and then energized has many benefits. Due to extra H ions in energized ROI water, products dissolve more easily and completely. Chemicals or fertilizers that stay suspended are easily absorbed by plant, due to reduced surface tension. An average of 37% less product is needed to get the same yield result with the added benefit of less fertilizer runoff. The return on investment for fertilizer increases because less fertilizer is needed while yields generally increase. Since the minerals stay in solution, there is less scale and mineral build up on pipes. Stagnant water (non-moving) has less energy and allows pathogens and algae to grow, creating odors and disease. Generally, energized water can stay energized for six months but if the water is circulated it can last a year.

Energized ROI water may reduce irrigation and plant watering needs. Today, rainwater is not pure and contains many industrial pollutants which reduces its effectiveness as a universal solvent. After a drought, when the rains first start to come, the first rain water often runs off the soil because the surface tension does not allow water to infiltrate. Energized ROI water decreases plant water needs by reducing surface water tension and in-

creasing water absorption. Water infiltration and water use efficiency increases when water is energized.

Many greenhouses are now using energized ROI water due to a decrease in disease and insect activity. The energized ROI water has a different or lower harmonic frequency which insects can detect. Insects attack sick plants which have a higher harmonic frequency. As insects attack a sick plant, the incidence of disease also increases. Farmers using energized ROI water in their spray water decreased soybean cyst nematodes by 32% and had less anthracnose, gray leaf spot, and northern corn leaf blight. One word of caution, herbicide and pesticide rates may need to be reduced (especially on Roundup) because the absorption rate increases so much that even tolerant plants can be hurt.

Energized ROI water increases plant mineral absorption, so average crop yields were 8-12 bushel higher on corn and 3-5 bushels higher on soybeans. Higher nutrient density in irrigated energized ROI water crops fed to livestock increased the animals rate of gain, reducing feed costs. Animals who drink energized ROI water also had less disease and sickness. Energized ROI water may be something farmers will want to investigate to improve their agricultural efficiency.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

CANARIES IN A COAL MINE: ENERGY TRANSITIONS IN APPALACHIAN COAL REGIONS

U.S. coal industry employment fell 94% over the last century and is expected to almost disappear by 2050. As the nation transitions away from coal, regions and communities must learn to adapt.

A new study by researchers at The Ohio State University is the first to go beyond national trends to analyze how the coal industry affects local Appalachian counties—a coal-intensive region spanning 13 states and 420 counties—and outline policy recommendations to support successful transitions away from coal.

"Our research found coal mining-dependent economies have generally struggled in the last century compared to Appalachian communities that have not been tied to coal extraction," said Mark Partridge, professor and C. William Swank Chair in Rural-Urban Policy at Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). "Remaining tied to coal mining is exactly the opposite of how more prosperous communities have evolved and it risks the future viability of Appalachian counties."

The study, funded by the World Bank, recommends generous "buyouts" to coal workers—much like businesses use for senior management. "Coal workers typically feel the government is stealing their livelihood. Fair buyouts provide workers confidence that they are being made whole," said Partridge, a faculty member in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics (AEDE). "The high price these communities have paid is further justifica-

tion. And it's much less expensive than the current gridlock that benefits few, while enhancing climate-change risks."

National coal industry employment is now only 42,800 (for comparison, retailer Bed Bath & Beyond employs about 65,000 workers nationwide). Low coal-mining employment shows that buyouts are financially viable. Indeed, Appalachia has some of the nation's highest poverty rates and lowest household incomes. A fair transition seems to be the least society can do, according to Partridge.

Appalachian coal employment has fallen about 97% over the last century. Unfortunately, only a handful of Appalachian counties have successfully transitioned away from coal and have recovered or maintained population. Since 1950, the authors found only four Appalachian counties that had made a successful transition:

- Sequatchie County (southeastern Tennessee)
- Laurel County (southeastern Kentucky)
- Athens County (southeastern Ohio)
- Noble County (southeastern Ohio)

"Few communities successfully transitioned away from coal mining, and each followed their own unique path," said Linda Lobao, study coauthor and Distinguished Professor of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at CFAES. "Communities that successfully transitioned benefited from close proximity to 'modern' highways and leveraged unique assets such as the presence of local colleges, tourism, and cultural activities."

At one time, Appalachia was responsible for 80% of national coal production, which fell to 27% in 2018. The writing is on the wall for coal mining's ultimate fate and the likelihood of successful transition declines with further delay.

The authors note that keys to success are avoiding large-scale population loss and the failure of businesses after mines close. Once a downward trend surpasses a tipping point, it is almost impossible to reverse. The report recommends that higher-level governments back-fill lost tax revenue to coal-country local governments to ensure residents are provided basic services. These subsidies would later be phased out as communities adjust.

Additional recommendations include the following:

- Offer generous training and education programs to coal workers.
- Employ displaced workers in new jobs that remediate past environmental damage from coal mining.
- Diversify local economies, leverage natural amenities to build tourism-related business (and attract commuters/telecommuters), and support small businesses and new-firm development.

Promotion of local entrepreneurship is especially critical.

• Provide grants and bridge loans to struggling businesses until the local economy stabilizes.

• Engage higher-level development agencies to encourage local governments to cooperate with their neighbors, as well as facilitate joint efforts among economic development agencies and nonprofits (e.g., Chambers of Commerce) in broader regions.

• Relocation assistance for coal workers when necessary

It is impossible to expect politicians, nonprofit organizations, or leading academics to provide a one-size-fits-all playbook that picks "winning" specific industries for communities to target. Success requires maintaining sufficient population to provide public services and retain critical businesses to begin the economic transformation. To measure long-term community success, population growth is used as a catch-all measure of the economy and quality of life.

"The nation's development benefited from coal, yet coal communities suffered almost all direct, environmental, and human costs (e.g., natural resource destruction, crippling injuries, black lung disease, economic decline). We need to approach this situation with the mindset of ensuring a just transition that provides the foundation for these communities to thrive," said Partridge.

Despite shrinking coal employment, political gridlock surrounding coal derails important climate change policy. Mechanization starting in the 1920s is primarily responsible for collapsing industry employment. More recently, the industry has further suffered from cheaper energy alternatives due to fracking of natural gas (which releases half the carbon dioxide as coal) and falling costs of wind and solar generation. The report shows environmental regulations played a smaller role.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of March is a very busy time period for our students and staff. Winter sports are either moving into their tournament opportunities or are winding down. Our student athletes are also gearing up for their participation in a spring sport season. A sizeable number of our students have also been busy in preparation for the High School musical entitled "The Sound of Music". Performances will take place March 18th and 19th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 20th at 2:00 p.m. All performances will take place in our Auditoria.

From an academic standpoint, the third nine-week grading period ends Friday, March 11th. As we work our way through the last half of the school year, our seniors are busy planning for their future after graduation by finalizing plans for college, work, or the military. Similarly, during the last quarter of the school year, students in grades 3-11 will also engage in state assessments. Additional information regarding state assessments is available on the Ohio Department of Education website: <http://education.ohio.gov/>

The effort to assure that educational needs and requirements are met for all children in our school district is a challenge, especially when you consider that several of our school age children are receiving their education outside of the traditional school setting of our school building. On any given school day, 666 students in grades Pk-12 attend school in the school building. 23 high school students are enrolled in at least one College Credit Plus (CCP) course that may involve traveling to the college or completing the course online. 50 students in grades 11 and 12 attend the Vantage Vocational school in Van Wert. Six students attend the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Opportunity School located in Paulding, Ohio. We have two students who are transported and attend the Bryan Autism Center. There are also five students currently at home receiving their education through our NOVA online program. While technically not Antwerp students, we have 33 school age children receiving their education in a "home school" environment. Unfortunately, we have one student who receives his education in a specialized residential or incarcerated setting.

We are excited to let you know that construction of our award-winning Innovation and Aquaponics Center (IAC) is nearing completion with a Grand Opening scheduled to take place this spring. The IAC has been designed as a super-size Maker Space center to engage all students in Pre-K through 12th grade in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) environment. The IAC will also offer the space and environment for deeper understanding, connection of ideas, problem solving, and the ability to apply and transfer ideas to other areas. Furthermore, the IAC will provide the avenue for learning expectations that involve higher levels of thinking, research, real-world application of learning, and critical thinking. It is our hope that the instruction and training students will receive in the IAC will engage them in all facets of learning and provide them with experiences that will excel their transition when they graduate and move toward future endeavors.

We are also excited to let you know that an anonymous donor has provided a donation of \$40,000 to our school for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies for the Aquaponics Center. The donor requested that it be known that the gift came from an admirer of the school community for its effort toward renewable energy and sustainable living. The donor shared: "This gift is in appreciation and admiration of the combined efforts of the school, administration, and community for embracing innovation."

Go Archers!
Dr. Martin A. Miller

MR. LICHTY - HS/MS

All Juniors recently completed the ACT at school. Thank you to our teachers for engaging our students in ACT preparatory activities. We look forward to seeing our results.

The third grading period ends March 11. Please continue to monitor student academics on ProgressBook.

Summer School is tentatively scheduled to begin Monday, May 23. The program will be in-person again this year. High school students who fail a course for at least 1 semester will be required to attend. Middle School students will attend if they fail a class for the year. Mrs. Hammer will begin contacting families during the 4th quarter.

Spring Testing will take place during the mornings on April 5-6, April 12-13, and April 26-27. Please avoid scheduling appointments during those times.

Our Boys Basketball team finished the regular season ranked #1 in Division IV in the AP poll. Our boys are led by head coach Doug Billman. Coach Billman won Coach of the Year in District 7, and Senior Jagger Landers was named Player of the Year in the District. Senior Luke Krouse and Sophomore Landon Brewer received 2nd Team All-District Honors, while Senior Kaden Recker received District 7 Honorable Mention.

Congrats to our HS and MS cheer squads on finishing first at the Bowling Green Cheer Competition recently. The HS squad advisors are Kelli Bradbury and Katie Scharr. The MS girls are coached by Alicia Hook.

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Any sophomore or junior interested in attending Vantage Career Center for the 2022/23 school year should submit their application by Wednesday, March 2nd. Submit your application online by visiting www.vantagecareercenter.com.

Students taking the AP exams can submit final payment of \$55 per exam to Mrs. Diana Hammer anytime during the months of March and April. Visit the guidance website for the 2022 AP exam administration schedule.

Juniors will be attending the Northwest State Community College Fair on Tuesday, March 8th.

Freshman will be attending Vantage on Monday, March 7th to tour the programs that Vantage has to offer their junior and senior years. This trip is rescheduled from Fall 2020.

A detailed scholarship list can be found on the guidance website at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/scholarships?authuser=0>. There are numerous local scholarship applications due in the months of March and April.

SPRING BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning! It will be open during Family Literacy Night on March 24th and will continue through Friday, April 1st. Students can shop during school and library time (not before or after school). Parents attending kindergarten screening on March 31st and April 1st will be able to shop at the fair as well.

SNEAK PEEK at 2022-2023

Aug 24	First day of classes
Sept 5	Labor day - No school
Sept 23	In-service - No school
Nov 23	In-service tradeoff - No school
Nov 24-25	Thanksgiving break
Dec 21-Jan 2	Christmas/New Years break
Jan 16	M.L.K. Jr. Day - No school
Feb 20	Presidents Day - No school
Apr 6-10	Easter/Spring break
May 19	Seniors last day
May 21	Graduation
May 24	Last day of school (K-11)

MRS. STOKES - ELEMENTARY

TESTING

Grades 3-5 will have English Language Arts and Math tests. Fifth grade will also have Science testing. Tests are two days each per subject. We will be testing ELA on April 5-6, Math on April 12-13, and Science on April 26-27. Please make every effort for students to be at school and on time always, but especially on these dates.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for 2022-23 Kindergarten screening and registration. Screening dates are March 31 & April 1 & 4; however, availability is limited to Friday, April 1. If you are planning to attend, please call the elementary office as soon as possible at (419) 258-5421 ext. 2200.

A child is eligible for entrance into kindergarten if s/he attains the age of five on or before September 30 of the year in which s/he applies for entrance.

Our regular kindergarten program is designed for students who attain the age of five years old prior to August 1 of the year in which s/he applies for entrance. The early five kindergarten program is designed for students who turn five years of age before September 30 and would benefit from a two-year program at the kindergarten level. All children must complete kindergarten before entering first grade and all children age 6 must be enrolled in school.

OUTSIDE RECESS

Please be sure students are coming to school dressed warmly in coats, hats, and gloves for the outdoor recess.

PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

Preschool screenings will be held on March 17-18 and April 8. Screenings are available for Antwerp district children ages 3-5 years by appointment only. Call (419) 258-5421 ext. 2103 to schedule an appointment. If you plan to send your child to our preschool next year, s/he must go through our screening.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

Antwerp Elementary will hold a family literacy night on March 24th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Information has been sent home with all students in grades K-5.

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in classroom guidance, the kindergarten classes learned about honesty and why it's important to always tell the truth. They listened to the book, *Howard B. Wigglebottom and the Monkey on His Back*. Then they played an honesty game.

First graders talked about "big" feelings, such as anger, worry, stress, and sadness. They watched a video on the topic and discussed various coping strategies that could be used to relieve these feelings. Then, Mrs. Lichty and the students made their own "calming bag" with different items to use to help students when they have "big" feelings and need to calm down.

Second and third graders also talked about stress and worry. They listened to the book, *Keep Calm! My Stress-Busting Tips*. Students were taught how to use deep breathing as a stress relieving activity. They were then given a list of 50 additional coping strategies, with which they created their own coping "fortune teller" to use at home.

Fourth and fifth grade continued their career awareness by researching the career which they discovered last month. Students used a career website to research their careers, focusing on the career's job description, salary, training, job duties, and tools and technology needed.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

The music booster flower sale is March 1-15. See any band or choir student to purchase flowers.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

VARSITY BASEBALL

Mar 28	5:00	Home vs. Edon
Mar 29	5:00	Home vs. Eastside
Mar 31	5:00	Home vs. Kalida

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Mar 28	5:00	@ Edon
Mar 29	5:00	@ Hicksville
Mar 31	5:00	Home vs. Continental

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

Mar 29	4:30	@ Edgerton/Hilltop
Mar 31	4:30	Home vs. Tinora/WT/Stryker

JV SOFTBALL

Mar 29	5:00	Home vs. Paulding
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 1	Music Booster flower sale
Mar 2	Vantage Apps. due for 22/23
Mar 11	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 13	Time change - Spring forward!
Mar 17-18	Preschool Screenings
Mar 18-20	Spring Musical
Mar 24	Family Literacy Night
Mar 24-Apr 1	Spring Book Fair
Mar 31-Apr 1/4	Kindergarten Registration
Apr 5-6	ELA testing
Apr 12-13	Math testing
Apr 15-18	Easter/Spring Break
Apr 23	Spring Arts Festival
Apr 26-27	Science/SS testing

WHAT'S COOKING ?

MENU - March 1-11

Tue, Mar 1	Pizza burger on bun, vegetable, fruit, milk
Wed, Mar 2	Fish on bun, vegetable, fruit, milk
Thu, Mar 3	Cheeseburger on bun, vegetable, fruit, milk
Fri, Mar 4	Chicken quesadilla, salad, applesauce cup, milk
Mon, Mar 7	Mini corn dogs, vegetable, fruit, milk
Tues, Mar 8	Breaded chicken on bun, vegetable, fruit, milk
Wed, Mar 9	Hot dog on bun, vegetable, fruit, milk
Thu, Mar 10	Chicken fajitas, vegetable, fruit, milk
Fri, Mar 11	Cheese pizza, carrots w/ dip, applesauce, milk

Our menus are subject to change without notice.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Per adopted board policy 5517.01 (Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior), schools are required to semi-annually provide a written summary of all reported incidents of bullying/harassment/intimidation.

Ohio law requires school policies to use the definition of bullying found in R.C. 3313.666, which defines "harassment, intimidation, or bullying" as: Any intentional written, verbal, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both: (a) causes mental or physical harm to the other student; (b) is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student.

In accordance with these laws of the State of Ohio, it is reported that the administrators of Antwerp Local Schools dealt with the following number of incidences of bullying during the 1st Semester:

Gr. PK-5:	For the 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year, there were 0 cases of bullying.
Gr. 6-12:	For the 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year, there were 0 cases of bullying.

PAULDING SCIENCE OLYMPIADS COMPETE AT NW REGIONAL



Members photoed: Back row: Olivia Porter, Emma McClure, Paige Jones, Aiden Miller, Joe Estle, Wes Ludwig. Middle Row: Emma Porter, Brooklyn Verfaillie, Parker Egnor, Lucy Porter, Claire Miller, Anya Arend. Front Row: Hunter Harwell, Aleah Matty, Esther LeMieux, Addison Arend. Team members unavailable for photo: Sheridan Matty, Cassie Weller

The Paulding Science Olympiad Teams competed at the Northwest Regional competition on Saturday, February 26th at Bowling Green State University. The Division B team earned the 6th place slot, qualifying

them for State competition in April. Congrats to all who participated.



ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

2/9 - A resident of North Garden Apartments reported several items had been taken from her house. The items include her social security card, bank card and insurance card. Prior to the officer investigating she called back and stated she located the items.

2/9 - A motor vehicle accident was reported at 511 N Main. Officer responded and prepared a report.

2/11 - Antwerp High School contacted Antwerp Police Department in reference to an individual driving recklessly through the school parking lot. The person was contacted, and explained reckless driving anywhere in the village will not be tolerated.

2/11 - An individual of the village reported that she received threats from her ex-husband through a third

party. She just asked that the information be documented.

2/12 - It was reported that there was a man standing near the intersection of CR 424 and SR 49 swinging a baseball bat. Officer responded, no one was swinging a bat, suspect was located and the officer investigated then assisted with getting the individual gas to leave the village.

2/14 - It was reported that an individual acting strangely was in a pick up truck in a field south of Canal Rd., driving all over the field, periodically the driver would get out and act erratically. The field in question is partially in the village and the remainder in the county. The deputies from the Paulding Sheriff's Office responded and was assisted by the Antwerp Police Department. The individual was contacted and was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

2/15 - Antwerp Police Department was contacted by Antwerp School for possible child abuse. The case was investigated and referred to child and family services.

2/16 - Antwerp Police was contacted in reference to an individual allegedly wanting to do harm to himself. Officer responded and discovered it was a juvenile. The officer made arrangements for the juvenile and the mother to go to the nearest hospital for him to be evaluated.

2/18 - An officer was requested for parents to exchange custody on Washington St.

2/19 - An individual called in reference to her ex-husband possibly violating a court ordered No Contact Order. The officer investigated and was unable to determine a violation. A report was referred to the Paulding Court and the prosecutor's office.

2/19 - An intoxicated pedestrian was reported on the south edge of the village limits. Officer responded, located the individual and was able to have family come pick up their drunk family member.

2/22 - Hyman and Hyman requested copies of reports on a current case. They were provided the reports.

2/22 - A local business reported that someone had ordered \$84.78 in food and drinks and left without paying. The officer located the individual and it was determined it was just a mistake and they went and paid their bill.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition

Roy J. Thomas, Van Wert, OH; Passing bad checks (3 counts); Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant and warrant block shall be recalled

Kyle R. Hicks, Hicksville, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

Jenise D. Griffiths, Defiance, OH; Unauthorized use; Pled no contest, found guilty; Fines to be taken from bond; Placed on standard probation; Submit an evaluation; No unlawful contact with victim; Probation shall determine online classes; Risk assessment

Jacquiline Johnson, Fort Wayne, IN; Endanger child, Case dismissed per state, Costs to 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/under influence, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Chapel, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Pay all fines and costs; Driving under non FRA suspension, Count B dismissed; Following too close, Count C dismissed

Thomas J. Carr, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Submit an evaluation and complete counseling; No contact with victim; Risk assessment; No alcohol; No bars

Robert Clemons, Southfield, MI; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Fines and costs to come from bond, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; Driving under non FRA suspension; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Hill, Pled guilty, May complete DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Fines to be taken from bond, Show proof of insurance by 2/18/22; Seat belt/drive; Count C dismissed

Jakob P. Schoenauer, Defiance, OH; 12 point suspension; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Hill; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Proof of insurance provided

Jakob J. Salisbury, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jackie R. Patrick, Wolcottville, IN; Permit violation;

Case dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant rescinded

Johnathan R. Bowman, Defiance, OH; Unauthorized use; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Complete 40 hours of community service within 6 months

Braedan Andrew Hart, Mark Center, OH; Deposit Litter; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; Pay \$500.00 in restitution through the clerk's office

Kyle L. Feathers, Fort Jennings, OH; FRA suspension; Count A dismissed

Brian W. Rittenhouse III, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Neil D. Haughm, Bryan, OH; Failure to yield/left turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christopher L. Laws, Wyandotte, MI; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Erik L. Hall, Bay City, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Charity D. Williams, Fort Wayne, IN; Passing bad check (2 counts); Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant recalled

Franklin E. Grimes, Cecil, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Defendant pled no contest, found guilty, Pay fine

Elwood L. Raymond, Moravia, NY; No operator's license, Count A dismissed; Failure to control, Defendant pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs by 4/29/22

Danyale R. Stiltner, Delphos, OH; Child restraint; Pled no contest, found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brittney M. Dyer, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Devante Davis, Anderson, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cortez Turner, Romulus, MI; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ovie Ovwigho, Toledo, OH; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Defendant pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/27/22

Alicia F. Larson, Antwerp, OH; Reckless operation, Count A dismissed; Improper parking, Case dismissed, Costs waived

Mickenzie M. Martinez, Defiance, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Chris E. Foy, North Little Rock, AZ; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Naomi D. Theobald, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs

James D. Gonzales, Archbold, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay costs

Anthony D. Wickey, New Haven, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Morgahan Covington, New Haven, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Proof of insurance provided, Fines and costs to be taken from bond; No tail lights, Defendant pled no contest, found guilty; Fine to be taken from bond

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

In November, State Wildlife Officers Austin Levering and Tyler Eldred, assigned to Knox and Morrow counties respectively, investigated a hunting without permission complaint reported by a landowner. The landowner's trail camera had captured images of several individuals dragging a white-tailed buck deer at approximately midnight. Officers Levering and Eldred contacted the hunters at a nearby hunting camp and discovered that the deer was killed illegally and without permission. Officer Levering also discovered other violations of jacklighting and killing deer at night over the past several years by three of the subjects at the camp. Two crossbows and the deer were seized as evidence. The subjects were ordered by Mt. Vernon Municipal Court to pay a combined \$7,500 in restitution for the deer, along with court costs.

Several central Ohio wildlife officers and fish management staff attended the annual Columbus Fishing Expo in February. The three-day event attracts thousands of anglers and is well received by the public. The Ohio Division of Wildlife has a booth at the event where visitors can see

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7-MINDSETS CURRICULUM AT PAULDING JH SCHOOL



Paulding Junior High School is utilizing the 7-Mindsets curriculum to address the social and emotional needs of students. Each unit revolves around a specific theme students can apply to their lives. This unit's theme was 100% Accountable. Shown in the picture are Paulding Junior High School's 100% Accountable Mindset Motivators.

GROVER HILL STUDENTS ENJOY DAY OF PJ'S & PANCAKES



Grover Hill Elementary 3rd graders enjoyed pancakes and pajama day with Mrs. Allyssa Alvarez and Miss Danae Myers. They celebrated on 2/22/22 with 2 pancakes and 2 juices. They also did 22 second challenges.

replicas of state record fish and staff can provide lots of great information about fishing in Ohio. The officers and staff enjoyed answering questions about fish stocking, regulations, and more, as well as hearing stories about their fishing adventures. For a list of upcoming conservation related events

in your area, visit wildohio.gov.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In the summer of 2021, State Wildlife Officer Austin Dickinson, assigned to Defiance County, received a call about an injured great horned owl. Officer Dickinson responded to the loca-

tion and was able to locate the owl in a row of trees. The owl could only fly a short distance. Officer Dickinson captured the owl and transported it to Nature's Nursery Rehabilitation Center in Lucas County for care. After several months of expert care at the center, the owl made a full recovery and was released back to the wild in Defiance County near the location it was first discovered. Anyone who locates an injured or sick wild animal is encouraged to contact their local county wildlife officer for assistance, additional information, and instructions on how best to help the animal.

While on patrol at Mallard Club Wildlife Area in Ottawa County during the waterfowl hunting season, State Wildlife Investigator Kelsey Brockman, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, heard shots coming from one of the marsh units shortly after shooting time ended at sunset. Investigator Brockman made her way toward the unit and continued to hear gunshots. As she approached, she saw four men, all of whom were shooting at ducks coming in to rest for the night. The last round of shots came 30 minutes after shooting time ended. Investigator Brockman contacted the group, and it was found that two of them had also shot yellowlegs, thinking they were common snipe. Each of the individuals was charged with hunting waterfowl after sunset, and two were charged for taking a game bird during a closed season. All four individuals were found guilty and paid in total \$330 in fines and \$388 in court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the 2021 youth white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officers Michael Budd and Scott Cartwright, assigned to Tuscarawas and Carroll counties respectively, were patrolling Valley Run Wildlife Area in Carroll County. The officers contacted an individual who was deer hunting with a crossbow. The individual was not wearing hunter orange as required by law, and had not obtained a nonresident hunting license or deer permit. The individual was charged, found guilty in the Carroll County Municipal Court, and ordered to pay \$370 in fines and court costs.

In December 2021, State Wildlife Investigator Jason P. Hadsell, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, was finishing his patrol of Geneva State Park in Ashtabula County when he heard someone calling for help. He saw a woman in distress and holding her face. While walking a trail at the park, the woman tripped and fell on a stick, which lodged into her cheek. Investigator Hadsell asked if he could help administer first aid, to which she accepted. Realizing the severity of the injury, Investigator Hadsell summoned an ambulance, keeping the woman calm until paramedics arrived. He also contacted the woman's family to notify them of the circumstances and followed up with the individual at the hospital to make sure she was OK.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During the last two weeks of the 2021-22 south zone duck hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Cole Tilton, assigned to Scioto County, and Wildlife Officer Supervisor Lee Van Allen patrolled the Scioto County river corridor for waterfowl hunters. The wildlife officers encountered more than 60 waterfowl hunters and wrote several summonses for un-plugged shotguns and for not having the correct waterfowl stamps. Many of the waterfowl hunters were pleased to see wildlife officers in the field. Most of the hunters said this past season was good for duck hunting.

While on patrol in Morgan County during the 2021 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Mark Basinger, assigned to Perry County, and Wildlife Officer Supervisor Dan Perko checked a large group of 20 hunters for compliance. One hunter was cited for not having a valid either-sex deer permit. The hunter was cooperative and was advised to purchase an either-sex deer permit before resuming hunting with the group. Later that day in another part of Morgan County, the officers observed the same vehicle and stopped to talk to the hunter. It was the same individual they had talked to earlier in the day, and he had complied with purchasing an either-sex deer permit before going back out to hunt. The hunter paid a waiver of \$155 in the Morgan County court for the morning citation.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

While on patrol at Rush Run Wildlife Area in Preble County, State Wildlife Officer Brad Turner heard sev-

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

eral pistol shots coming from the woods. Officer Turner located two men with pistols shooting at targets stapled to a tree. Officer Turner explained to the men why they were not allowed to shoot pistols on the wildlife area, and that they needed to go to a designated range. Officer Turner issued them summonses in the Eaton Municipal Court where they paid \$145 in fines.

Ohio's National Wild Turkey Federation's annual Wildlife Officer of the Year award was recently presented to State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller. Officer Keller is assigned to Warren County and is also handler to K-9 Scout. Officer Keller has a strong working rela-

tionship with local National Wild Turkey Federation chapters. He received the award at the National Wild Turkey Federation state chapter banquet and at the national convention in Nashville, Tenn.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Village of Cecil regular council meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cecil Firehouse community room.

If you would like to be added to the agenda please contact the village of Cecil Clerk at 419-399-0520 or via email villageofcecil@yahoo.com

The unaudited financial records for 2021 have been completed and are available for inspection by contacting Carlene Turner clerk for the village of Cecil at 419-399-0520 or via the village email villageofcecil@yahoo.com

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF GUARDIANSHIP

IN THE PAULDING COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF DAVID LEE BALL
A Minor
Case No. 20222002

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF GUARDIANSHIP

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

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

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

Respectfully,

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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.

- 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, phone light per position to show when a dispatcher is on a phone call, the radio, or available.
- 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
- 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.
- A total of Five-year Warranty/Service contract must be included.
- 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

WOODBURN LIONS CLUB PRESENTS WEST BEND NEWS & PRINT WITH AWARD



Pictured with WBPP's owner, Bryce Steiner, is Woodburn Lions Club president, Shane Mumma. Thank you Woodburn Lions!

Woodburn Lions Club presented West Bend News & Printing with an Award of Appreciation at their monthly meeting on February 14, 2022. We here at West Bend News &

Print strive to be a support to all of the local organizations in the NE Indiana & NW Ohio area. "Good News for Good Communities"



ACTOR, WRITER, FILMMAKER DANIEL ROEBUCK TO APPEAR IN VAN WERT

Daniel Roebuck, an actor best known for roles including Deputy Marshal Robert Biggs in The Fugitive and its spinoff film U.S. Marshals, plus television roles in Lost, Matlock and more, is coming to Van Wert on Mar. 13 for a special showing of a 2017 film he wrote, directed, and starred in called, "Getting Grace."

Donna Saunders, owner of the Van Wert Cinemas, befriended Roebuck at a cinema convention last year. Roebuck offered to come to her theaters in Bryan and Van Wert to

present Getting Grace and to meet patrons, take photos, and sign autographs.

Roebuck will be at Van Wert Cinemas for a "Red Carpet Event" during all showings on Sun. Mar. 13 - 12 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

Getting Grace is about a teen dying of cancer who crashes a funeral home to find out what will happen to her after she dies, but ends up teaching an awkward funeral director how to celebrate life. The film is rated PG-13 and was the winner of five awards at the Northeast Film Festival.

"The film deals with the subject of the end-of-life and dying in an honest and humorous manner," said Saunders. "We partnered with our local hospice agency here in Van Wert, CHP Home Care & Hospice, to make this a community event."

Hospice staff from CHP will attend showings on Mar. 13 to answer questions about the services it provides locally for people facing a terminal illness. All of the admissions proceeds from the film's showings from Mar. 11 - 17 are being donated to CHP Home Care & Hospice, a non-profit, 501c3 organization.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2/14/22

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room.

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Baumle, Mrs. Melanie Forrer, Mr. Jeremy Moore, Mrs. Rhonda Stabler, Mr. Richard Swary

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Roll call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

CORRESPONDENCE, RECOGNITION OF GUESTS, HEARING OF THE PUBLIC:

"Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

Guests: Adam Papin, Paulding Progress; Jack Baumle, Instructor; Laura Steffen; Tim Manz, Curriculum Director; Bill Lyons, SRO

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis reviewed the Treasurer's report. Discussion was on the amendment to the appropriations and revenues for FY22 along with the new State funding.

Consent Agenda Items:
One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda item
Motion by: Mr. Baumle; Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

A. to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2021 and January 10, 2022 board meeting;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for January 2022 as presented by the Treasurer;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for January 2022;

D. to approve the budget/revenue comparison report for January 2022;

E. to amend appropriations and revenues for FY22;

*Are there any consent agenda items the Board would like to move down into "Other New Business" for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Baumle, Mrs. Forrer, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Stabler, and Mr. Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

VANTAGE REPORT - Mr. Pat Baumle reported that Sophomore Day went very well. Vantage has received over 200 applications so far. The Adult Education program LPN to RN is continuing to grow. February 28, 2022 is Open House "Taste of Vantage" from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING PRINCIPALS - JH/HS and Grover Hill principals gave a report on their buildings. Mr. Jones from Payne was absent.

SRO Report - Mr. Bill Lyons updated the board on the upcoming Safety Drills that are required to be done for this school year.

Committee Reports - No reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:
Superintendent, Mr. Ben Winans asked Mr. Tim Manz, Curriculum Director and Mr. Mike Myers, High School Principal to update the board on the survey conducted of the High School staff for laptops versus chrome books. The consensus was laptops for the high school students. The Microsoft suite is a major usage in the business world and the staff feel using this is necessary to preparing the students for college and the workforce.

A. Curriculum
• Tetrax Robotic Classroom kits have been purchased to add to our Scientific Inquiry Class and also be used by the Robotics Team. These kits should be arriving soon.

• State testing for the spring is right around the corner. Mr. Manz is working with the building principals to set our testing dates for mid to late April.

• Our administrative team and staff continue to review the English/Language Arts and science curriculum.

B. Personnel
• Consent item A represents a request for a leave of absence for Gregg Schaffner from his maintenance/custodial position at WTGHE.

• In consent item B, I am asking for your monthly approval of the WBESC substitute list.

• Items C, D, E and Item A Outside the Consent are the recommendations for spring supplemental contacts.

• I am working very closely with our administration to finalize plans for any staffing changes for the 2022-2023 school year. We will examine projected enrollments at each grade level and look to make staffing moves as are necessary.

C. Buildings and Grounds
• The project to fix the restroom in the West end of the WTPE building is now completed.

• We have received quotes for the replacement of the bleachers in the high school gymnasium and are currently reviewing our options. We will further discuss at the meeting.

• I would like to recognize the work of our maintenance crews with the recent heavy snows as they have done a great job of getting our walks cleared to allow staff and students back into the building.

D. Events
• We are beginning to see our winter sports season start to wrap up with our junior high teams competing in their conference championships. At the high school level tournament draws for both boys' and girls' basketball have taken place and wrestling has competed at in the conference match and is preparing for post season.

E. Operations
• Each year OHSAA asks that we formally approve continued membership (consent item F).

• Consent item G represents the recommendation to approve the purchase of Chromebooks to replace those at the elementary level that have reached the end of their life.

• The job description for the Student Services Director can be found in consent item H.

• We want to thank the Cooper Family Foundation/Dianne Cooper for her donation to assist our PBIS program (consent item I).

III. Consent Agenda Items
One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Swary; Seconded by: Mr. Moore

A. upon upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a leave of absence for Gregg Schaffner beginning on January 25, 2022;

B. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the WBESC substitute list as presented;

C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director (for coaching positions only), to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year to the following certified personnel:

• Kayla Gawronski - Asst. HS Softball
• Jessica Jacobs - Head JH Track & Field

D. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director (for coaching positions only), to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year to the following classified personnel:

• Ryne Jerome - Head HS Baseball
• Brad Anderson - Asst. HS Baseball
• Amber Showalter - Head HS Softball
• Troy Branch - Head HS Track & Field

• Anita Branch - Asst. HS Track & Field
• Brian Yenser - Asst. HS Track & Field

• Don Kipfer - Asst. JH Track & Field
• Matt Parish - Asst. JH Track & Field

E. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following individuals as volunteer coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:

• Jeff Morman - Baseball
• Mike Jerome - Baseball
• Corbin Vance - Baseball
• Mark Crosby - Softball
• Emilee Foor - Softball
• Josh Kuhn - Track & Field
• Christina Sinn - Club Track and Field

F. to authorize membership in the OHSAA for the 2022-2023 school year;

G. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Technology Coordinator, to approve the purchase of 425 Chromebooks from X-Tek Partners at a cost of \$166,000;

H. to approve the job description for the Student Services Director as attached;

I. to recognize the Cooper Family Foundation/Dianne Cooper for their donation of \$2,500 to assist the district as we begin our Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports programming.

*Are there any consent agenda items the Board would like to move down into "Other New Business" for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Swary, Mr. Moore, Mr. Baumle, Mrs. Forrer, and Mrs. Stabler, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Items Outside of the Consent Agenda
Motion by: Mr. Baumle; Seconded by: Mr. Swary

A. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following individual as a volunteer coach for the 2021-2022 school year:

• Mike Forrer - Baseball
Roll call vote: Mr. Baumle, Mr. Swary, Mr. Moore, and Mrs. Stabler, aye. Abstain: Mrs. Forrer; Nay, none. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS - Discussion on new bleachers in the High School gym. The current bleachers need replaced. Mr. Pfeiffer has received three quotes. BSN Sports, Farnham Equipment and Folding Equipment Co. The company that is preferred is Farnham Equipment. They are the company who installed the current bleach-

ers. Their services have been exceptional.

Motion by: Mr. Baumle; Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to purchase bleachers for the High School gym from Farnham Equipment for the amount of \$520,000.

Roll call vote: Mr. Baumle, Mrs. Forrer, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Stabler and Mr. Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

7:28 p.m. Executive Session; Motion by: Mr. Swary; Seconded by: Mr. Moore

"Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and Section 121.22(G)(4) a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of specified employment matters of public employee/official (excluding elected officials.)"

Roll call vote: Mr. Swary, Mr. Moore, Mr. Baumle, Mrs. Forrer, and Mrs. Stabler, aye. Nay, none. Board in executive session.

8:31 p.m. Regular session called to order. Director of Student Services discussion. Motion by: Mr. Baumle; Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to offer a three (3) year contract to Abigail Hendricks as Student Services Director (PK-12) effective 8/1/22.

Roll call vote: Mr. Baumle, Mrs. Forrer, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Stabler, and Mr. Swary, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion by: Mrs. Forrer; Seconded by: Mr. Baumle; To adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next board meeting will be held March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Room.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 2/15/22

The Antwerp Local School District Board of Education met at 5:00 P.M. at the above date for their February meeting at the Antwerp Local School Board Room.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board Members. Call to order.

Roll Call of Members: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette.

Acknowledgement of visitors and guests:

Others Present: Dr. Martin Miller (Superintendent), Kristine Stuart (Treasurer), Travis Lichty (HS/MS Principal), Tracey Stokes (Elementary Principal), Tim Copsey (PC Economic Development Director), Adam Papin (Paulding Progress News Reporter) and Government Students; Lydia Krouse, Hayleigh Jewell and Gavin Clevinger.

Mr. Tim Copsey, Paulding County Economic Development Director addressed the board to discuss the possibility of providing a residential CRA tax abatement on historical homes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Robert Herber and seconded by Dennis Recker, to approve the agenda with any additions or changes as presented. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion by Jayme Landers and seconded by Anita Bok, to approve the minutes from the organizational and the regular meetings of January 10, 2022. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

LAISON REPORT: Mr. Herber reviewed SB168 which would provide trainers to train school personal to carry security weapons. He also reported on a bill that will help with the shortage of Bus Drivers

VANTAGE BOARD REPORT: Mr. Recker reported that 1171 Vantage Career Center students have earned career tech credentials, 42% of the students have enrolled into college after graduation and 47 seniors have obtained a CDL license. He also noted that Vantage will hold an open house for sophomores on February 28, 2022.

TREASURER'S REPORT:
a. Review of Accounts Payable

b. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
Motion by Anita Bok and seconded by Robert Herber, that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS:
a. Staffing Update
b. Building and Grounds Update
c. Technology Update
d. Curriculum/Technology Integration Update
e. Stewardship Community Foundation Bruckart Family Trust
f. Tech and Learning Magazine Award Program
g. School Safety Update
h. NEOLA Policy Update
i. AASA National Conference
j. Review of the District Vision and Mission Statement

Mr. Lichty - Middle/High School Principal
a. Academic Update
b. Extracurricular Update
c. Thank you
d. Upcoming Events

Tracey Stokes - Elementary School Principal:
Student of the Month - December & January
Kindergarten Registration & Screening - April 1 & 4

Thank you to the PTO for bowling party & fundraiser reward earners D.A.R.E. resumed for 5th grade

CONSENT ITEMS:
a. Approve the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Substitute list for the current month and provide reasonable assurance that all active members on the list have a position as a Substitute Teacher on an as-needed basis with the Antwerp Local School District.

b. Approve overnight trip for Dr. Miller to Nashville, TN February 16-19, 2022.

c. Approve OHSAA Resolution for 2022-2023 school year.

d. Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year:

• John Robarge - Asst. Softball Coach
• Paul Cottrell - Co-Asst. Baseball Coach

• Josh Poulson - Co-Asst. Baseball Coach
• Derek Smalley - JV Baseball Coach

e. Approve Dan Lehman as Summer School Teacher to be paid \$22.00 per hour, payable by timesheet.

f. Approve the purchase of one (1) 84-passenger bus from Cardinal Bus Sales through the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council for \$110,819.00.

g. Approve the revision of Policy 5112 and the Elementary Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year.

h. Approve Tony Dangler as a substitute custodian.

i. Approve Ashlie Ladd as a substitute custodian.

j. Approve Robert Phillips as a substitute bus driver effective February 10, 2022.

Motion by Jayme Landers and seconded by Anita Bok, that the Board approve the following consent items (a-j).
Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Motion by Sara Schuette and seconded by Robert Herber to go into executive session at 5:47 p.m. Reason: To consider the employment of a public employee or official. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Anita Bok and seconded by Robert Herber to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:16 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education room. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Disability Days is Science Central's program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Sessions are free to attend for those individuals, along with their caretakers.

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- Access to a sensory room
- Face shields (limited quantities)

Registration is required to attend a Disability Day. Walk-up registration the day of a session is not offered. To register, visit Science Central's website.

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farmers should think about fertilizing their microbes rather than their crops. It's actually more efficient and the plant prefers microbial N. It's a little like eating fish or meat. Would you like it cooked (processed) or uncooked?

What do soil microbes need to process N? Three things: soluble carbon, sulfur (S), and a little molybdenum. A simple carbon to nitrogen ratio of 30:1 ties up N. Soil microbes also need sulfur in the ratio of 10 parts N to 1 part S (10:1). To build soil organic matter quickly, accumulate and store more carbon by managing N and S. Soil microbes deficient in one nutrient are inefficient at keeping other nutrients in the soil. Assume a soil has 60# N and 60# S added as fertilizer. Soil microbes need 12# S to stabilize the N, but if the soil has only 8# S, about 40# of soil N as nitrate may leach or runoff. A simple remedy is to apply 4# S to keep the N stabilized. Molybdenum is needed by soil microbes to make an enzyme called nitrate reductase. Nitrogen reductase helps microbes convert nitrates into amino acids which is actually a preferred plant available N source.

In some cases, especially in sandy soils, soil carbon may be deficient. Adding some soluble carbon or a readily available carbon source helps. Most of the time, plant roots spoon feed soluble carbon and sugars to the microbes. When farmers apply fertilizer, it usually comes in one large dose! This can reduce beneficial microbes by creating conditions where pathogens flourish (short term) due to a lack of oxygen. Adding a carbon source helps microbes tie up N before it is lost.

In past articles, humic carbon compounds like fulvic acid (the miracle worker or magician) and humic acid were discussed. Both are good humic carbon compounds but there is one that is even better for tying up nitrates and SRP. Humic is the intermediate between fulvic and humic acid. Humic's ad-

vantage is that it has a high anion exchange capacity which means it has many positive charges to tie up negatively charged soil anions (nitrates, SRP). Both fulvic and humic acid have some positive charges and hold anions (nitrates, SRP) for 10-20 days in an available soil form. Humic can hold these anions for 60-90 days in a microbially

and plant available form. Most corn plants have a high demand for N during silking and reproduction (in 60-90 days) so adding humin is a great way to keep both N & P soil and plant available!

There is one problem (of course)! Most humin is manufactured from Leonardite (soft brown coal) with potassium hydroxide (KOH) which denatures or renders humin much less effective. Humin is like looking at two freshly painted restored cars, but one was wrecked! Before purchasing humic compound, ask questions about how it is manufactured. Farmers can add humic compounds (including fulvic, humin, and humic acid) at 3% by total weight or volume to liquid fertilizer to improve nutrient retention. Naturally processed humin is the best humic compound at keeping negatively charged anions like nitrates, SRP, sulphates, and molybdenum in plant available forms.

—James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

On Friday February 11th between the JV and varsity home boys basketball games, the Paulding Athletic Boosters inducted three PHS alumni into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Max Eifrid (Class of 1989) (not pictured)

Max earned 3 varsity letters in Football and 2 varsity letters in Baseball. Max was a member of our most recent undefeated football team, the 10-0 1988 NWC Championship team in which he accounted for 1042 yards rushing, 17 touchdowns and 66 tackles on defense. Max earned many accolades throughout his football career including; 2nd Team All NWC Defense (sophomore and junior season), 1st Team All NWC Offense (junior and senior season), 1st Team All NWC Defense (senior season), NWC Offensive Player of the Year (senior season), Honorable Mention All State (Junior Season), 1st Team All State (senior season), State Lineman of the year as a linebacker (senior season), Honorable Mention All America (senior season) and was nominated for Ohio's Mr. Football his senior year. In baseball, Max was a District 7 All Star as a sophomore and was honorable mention All NWC his

Boys Track Team. Throughout his track career, Rob qualified for State Pole Vault twice, placing 4th in Class AA his senior season. He is currently tied for our school record in pole vault with a vault of 14'3". As a member of the 1989 Conference Championship track team, Rob was a member of the champion 400 meter relay team, champion 1600 meter relay team and was meet champion in pole vault including setting the NWC meet record at the time - 14'3". On the gridiron, Rob was 1st Team All NWC Wide Receiver as well as 1st Team All Ohio WR while totalling 931 yards receiving with a total of 17 touchdowns accounted for. Rob was second in the area in total points scored with a total 144 points accounted for (17



Scott Strahley (photo credit: Matt Arellano)

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Scott Strahley (Class of 1989)

Scott earned 4 varsity letters in Track, 3 varsity letters in Football, and 3 varsity letters in Basketball. Scott was a member of our most recent undefeated football team, the 10-0 1988 NWC Championship Team as well as a member of the 1989 NWC Championship Boys Track Team. Scott holds the school record for discus (174'8") and was voted the 1989 Crescent News Track and Field Performer of the year. As a member of the 1989 Conference Championship track team, Scott was meet champion in the discus and placed second in the shot put. Scott was also the district champion in discus and competed in the "Midwest Meet of Champions" in which three throwers from Ohio compete with other states in the Midwest. Throughout his football career, Scott was voted a 2nd Team All NWC Linemen and was Honorable Mention All



Rob Kesler (photo credit: Matt Arellano)

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WEHRKAMP ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION

Judge Michael Wehrkamp of the Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Court has announced he will seek re-election this year.

"It's been a blessing and an honor to serve our Paulding County community," Wehrkamp said. "When I took office five years ago, there were many projects on my to do list. We've accomplished many of those, but we also have many future projects we wish to accomplish to continue to better serve the children and families in our county."

Wehrkamp was elected to the Probate/Juvenile Court in 2016 and is seeking a second term. While in office, Wehrkamp has overseen several projects and initiatives, including the creation of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program to serve children who have experienced abuse or neglect, a Mentoring Program to serve the county's at-risk youth, a Diversion Program that allows eligible juvenile offenders an opportunity to accept responsibility for their actions and complete alternative programming, and local continuing education opportunities for guardians.

Ohio as a lineman. As an offensive lineman for an offense that rushed for over 2300 yards, and averaged 39 points per game, Scott accounted for 7 "Panther Blocks" and 12 "Key Blocks" and was voted the offensive lineman of the year for his team. Scott was a member of the 1989 basketball team who is still tied for highest season average in points scored per game (71.3) in Paulding history.

MUSEUM SWITCHING TO LED LIGHTS THROUGH WIND FARM, VANTAGE



Brad Norden, operations manager for Grover Hill Wind LLC (front right) presented mitigation funds from the company to John Paulding Historical Society vice president Melinda Krick. The funds are being used for projects including upgrading to LED lighting in the museum. The work is being done by Vantage Electricity students, from left - Jarrett Hornish, Nicholas McDougle, Landon Lee, Noah Core, Andrew Gallagher and instructor Mel White. Absent is Brady Hatlevig.

John Paulding Historical Society in Paulding is updating its lighting from fluorescent to LED. The project is made possible thanks to Grover Hill Wind LLC and Vantage Career Center.

The historical society

submitted projects for building lights, cleaning and sealing the dining room floor and purchasing mannequins. The wind farm offered mitigation funds to pay for these projects.

Vantage's Electricity pro-

gram students are changing the lights under the direction of instructor Mel White. The new lights are brighter, more energy efficient and gentler on fragile artifacts.

The court has applied for and been awarded over \$715,000 in competitive state grant funds during Wehrkamp's tenure. Those funds have allowed the court to do many things, from updating its technology and creating a court website to establishing programming for youth and families.

The court has also invested a great deal of time over the past five years in establishing community partnerships. "It makes good, common sense for us to establish open and regular lines of communication with the schools and agencies who serve the same populations we do," Wehrkamp said. "Our youth and families have benefited from that increased collaboration."

Wehrkamp remains an active member of the community and enjoys speaking to the students of the county. "One of the things I've enjoyed most in this position is speaking to our young people of all ages about the branches of government and the role of the judiciary," Wehrkamp said. He and his wife, Laura, reside in rural Paulding and enjoy spending time with their two children, Andrew and Lillian.

Wehrkamp is a candidate in the Republican primary election to be held May 3, 2022.

"I would be honored to serve our county for another term. I respectfully ask the citizens of Paulding County for their vote," Wehrkamp said.

NEXT PCBW GUEST: WEST BEND PRINTING & NEWS



This week on the Paulding County Business Weekly broadcast we hear from Bryce (left) and Angel Steiner, managers of West Bend News and West Bend Printing & Publishing. Listen how a company was formed from will and determination to realize a dream for a small town community and how it

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