

REPUBLICANS CHOOSE M^cCLURE AS NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER



Laurie Lucas (left) and Jerry Zielke (right) stand with Lisa McClure as they Republican Central Committee voted her in as Paulding County Commissioner.

The Paulding County Republican Central Committee met on Thursday, January 5, 2023 for regular business and to appoint a new County Commissioner after Roy Klopfenstein's seat was vacated as he was elected to the OH state legislature in the 2022 election.

Jan Commers read the secretary minutes from the last

meeting and Blane Fickel gave the financial report. Jerry Zielke gave his report and an update on the appointment of Probate Judge Replacement, saying he was disappointed in how long it took to get the resignation letter after the November election. He also reported that he received the resignation of Roy Klopfenstein.

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KLOPFENSTEIN READY TO SERVE OHIO'S 82nd HOUSE DISTRICT

State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) took the oath of office Tuesday for his first term as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. He represents the 82nd House District, which includes Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert counties and the southern portion of Defiance County.

"It is a true honor to represent the 82nd House District," said Klopfenstein. "I look forward to bringing meaningful legislation to the Statehouse to help all Ohioans."

Prior to his election to the Ohio House, Klopfenstein served as a Paulding County commissioner for the past ten years. Klopfenstein operates a



family farm in the county.

Klopfenstein was sworn in during Tuesday's session, which marked the beginning of the 135th General Assembly.

SPEICE'S BARBERSHOP OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



Several people joined the owners of Speice Barbershop for their ribbon cutting on January 3rd. Pictured here is (back, l-r) PC Commissioner Lisa McClure, PCED Director Tim Copesey, PCED office manager Kristen Schilt, Paulding Mayor Greg White, and Union Bank branch manager Abby Hornish; (front, l-r) Natalie Schultz, Mike Speice (Trevor's father), Trevor Speice, Kathy Speice (Trevor's mother), and Paulding Chamber director Erica Noggle.

Speice's Barbershop held its ribbon cutting and grand opening on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. This is the newest barbershop in Paulding County owned by one of the youngest

entrepreneurs Paulding County has seen. It is located right off the square in the old fire house building across the street from Fiesta Habaneros.

The inaugural first haircut in the shop that morning.

20 year old Trevor Speice pursued his goal of becoming a barber after high school. He

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PCAF 2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

The Paulding County Area Foundation announces the launch of the 2023 Scholarship Application window. There have been some changes to the process this year in hopes that the process will be readily accessible to the applicants.

The application process has migrated to a completely digital submission process. All scholarships, including eligibility requirements, are clearly listed on the Paulding County

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2022 ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WRAP UP

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce has closed out 2022. We began by growing our membership to 50 businesses, 16 non-profits, 12 home-based businesses, and 9 friends of the chamber memberships. Our home-based businesses category ranges from local crafters to direct sales representatives. We also continued our Spotlight on area businesses by doing feature articles on United Way of Paulding County, Corner Café, Sam Switzer Realty, Hormann's

Heating and Cooling, and Ties and Bows. We had grand openings for 3 new businesses/business owners this year: Puckerbrush of Antwerp, Phil's One Stop, More Than Boutique, and Ties & Bows.

For the fourth year, we awarded our Antwerp Chamber scholarship to a deserving senior from Vantage Career Center, Jonathan Meyer. Jonathan graduated from Vantage in the Criminal Justice program. He is attending Hocking College participating in the Natural Resources Law Enforcement program. Upon completion of this two-year degree, he intends to be

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

January 12

- WBESC meeting @ Paulding office, 5:30pm

January 13

- Holiday Make, Take & Sip @ Fuel Good Energy, 5-6pm

January 15

- Paulding KofC Free Throw Contest @ PHS, 1pm
- Hicksville KofC Free Throw Championship @ St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1pm
- Glow Bowl 2023 @ Olympic Lanes, VW, 1-5pm

January 16

- PC Libraries CLOSED in observance of MLK Jr.

January 20

- Battle of the Bands submission deadline

January 21

- Night to Shine Vendor Bingo Fundraiser @ Family Christian Center, Defiance, 10a-4p

February 4

- Launch! Event @ Kenn-Feld, VW, 9a-12p

February 17-18

- Clue Dinner Theater @ Huber Theater; dinner, 6p; show, 7p

February 20

- Clue @ Huber Theater, 2:30p



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Monday Jan. 16th - Pharmacy fully operational at new location

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- Call ahead for pick up on 1/13 & 1/14
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OBITUARIES

PAULDING, OH:
Floyd L. Slane, age 89, passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2023 at the Gardens of Paulding.
 Floyd was born on March 28, 1933 in Paulding Co., OH to the late Rev. John and Maude (Davis) Slane. On February 9, 1963 he married Darlene Klingler, who preceded him in death on December 25, 2022. Floyd was a millwright by trade and worked for various businesses in the local area for many years. He was a member of the Rod and Gun Club and loved to build model airplanes and boats.
 Floyd is survived by his children: Carla (Steve) Wittenmyer, Arlington, OH; Katherine (Raul) Vielma, Paulding, OH; Russell Slane, Oakwood, OH; Rick (Cindy) Slane, West Unity, OH; Darla (Joe) Meyer, Defiance, OH; Colleen Fulton, Sherwood, OH; son-in-law, Louis Beregszazi, Antwerp, OH; sister, Mildred Elston, Payne, OH; many loving grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.
 Floyd is also preceded in death by his daughters, Lisa R. Beregszazi and Lora Michaelis; sisters, Betty Manz and Inez Rose.
 Graveside service for both Darlene and Floyd will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 4, 2022 with Pastor Todd Murray officiating at Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.
 Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

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 More information can be found at changingfootprints.org, including a list of the location of shoe bins throughout our area. Please consider donating your unneeded shoes today.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
I don't understand why God would allow even some of His own children to suffer great handicaps.
 Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."
 He does not always reveal His reasons but He has them and will show us some day (Luke 8:17).
 In Acts 3 there was a forty-plus year old man who was born lame. Daily they laid him at the temple gate to beg. Most all of the Jews saw him there daily. Then Peter and John healed him through the name of Jesus. When the Jews saw him walking and leaping, they were amazed and wanted to know how it happened. Peter and John preached unto them Jesus and about 5,000 men were saved. The purpose of this man's suffering was revealed.
 While such suffering (not knowing why) is going on, the believer needs to follow Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."
 Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

CHANGING THE WORLD TWO FEET AT A TIME

Cheryl and Jim Brockmann of Changing Footprints of Northern Indiana report that 24,744 pairs of shoes were collected in 2022 from over 65 different donation sites. Locations collecting donations included 14 churches, 4 YMCAs, 10 Allen County Libraries, 11 schools, 14 businesses and 12 other locations. An almost equal number of shoes were distributed to 39 locations, including social service agencies, schools and other organizations helping the less advantaged. Working from a small warehouse in New Haven, shoes were shipped to the flood disaster in Kentucky earlier this year, and several hundred left via

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY RECEIVED DONATION



Tim Bauble of the Reuben J Smith American Legion Post 297 of Payne, OH presents Pastor Mike Schneider, pastor of Antwerp Global Methodist Church, with the \$500 check for the Christian Food Pantry.

The Christian Food Pantry of Antwerp thanks the Reuben J Smith American Legion Post 297 for their recent donation of \$500. The Christian Food Pantry is a local emergency food pantry for those who are experiencing food shortage. It is sponsored by the Antwerp Ministerial Association and housed at Antwerp Global Methodist Church. The Christian Food Pantry is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 12

noon and welcomes residents of Antwerp, Cecil, and Payne. Residents are eligible to receive food once every three months. This allows us to serve as many residents in need as possible. The food pantry is supported by monetary donations, such as Post 297 gave, and food donations. We also accept non-food hygiene items (i.e. toiletries, paper towels, T.P., and feminine hygiene products).

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come a Game Warden in the State of Ohio. Our Cutie Pie Contest during Day in the Park supports our scholarship each year.
 In May we celebrated Mother's Day with a Ladies' Day Out. Community businesses ran specials and home-based businesses were open at the VFW.
 With a little help from our local Girl Scout troop, we continued with a fun activity this summer involving books. We took in donations of gently used books, placed them in plastic bags with a note, and hid them around town and out at the park. Kids were encouraged to find a book, read it, place it back in the

bag, and rehide it for someone else to find. We hope that the children enjoyed some reading time throughout the summer months.
 In July we sponsored a Kiddie Parade and Candy Bar Bingo for the kiddos with the theme of the 4th of July. The parade of decorated bikes, scooters, wagons, and strollers proceeded through town ending at the VFW pavilion for a rousing game of Bingo with winners receiving candy bars donated by our own Gen Fed.
 In August we sponsored an adult trivia night at the Oasis Bar & Grill with host Josh Hahn. This is a fun event held at a Chamber business that is always a great

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 stein. The Republican Central Committee can now move forward with selecting a new Commissioner for Paulding County. Fickel asked if this is for the full term or the unexpired part of the balance of the term. The answer was not 100%, but is believed to be until the next election. Laurie Lucas gave the women's report. The extension office has been reserved for September 23 for the banquet. There won't be a special "meet the candidate" night because this is not an election year. The booth for the Paulding County Fair is also scheduled to take place and has been reserved.
 There were four candidates presented for the open position of Commissioner, but only one was in attendance at the meeting - Lisa McClure.
 A question was asked, "Was five days enough for the position because there has to be a minimum of 5 days to place someone for the position?" According to Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor, the answer, was "yes". The three candidates that were left after one was removed (Bryan Smith, due to not confirmed registered Republican), were Lisa McClure, Fred Langham, and Ray Garbaciak.
 A question was asked

about the dynamic of having a person from Antwerp being a County Commissioner. Jerry stated their first priority for their approval was to look at their abilities and qualifications. After a simple majority vote, the result came up as 12 votes - 11 Lisa McClure, 1 abstain. Lisa's term will expire in December of 2024.
 The people in attendance welcomed Lisa to her new position while Jerry Zielke signed the paperwork confirming the wishes of the Central Committee. Lisa will start in her new position, possibly next week, but that wasn't confirmed at the meeting.
 Lisa has overseen the operations of the Paulding County Area Foundation for many years now, providing grants and donations to benefit the community in many ways.
 The video of the meeting is at the West Bend News Youtube channel.
 The vacancy in the Paulding County Commissioners office left by Roy Klopfenstein after winning a seat in the state legislature was filled by the Republican Central Committee last night. The Commissioners had received 4 applications. One of the applicants, Lisa McClure, came to the meeting and was then selected by the committee as being the best choice.

Scripture of the Week

"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming."
 — 1 Peter 1:13

MATT'S MISHAPS



Many say that soccer is the world's main sport. I think line cutting has to rival it and all other sports globally. Line cutters have skill sets that professional athletes would dream to have. They have learned the subtle and speedy skill of slipping in front of an unsuspecting person (usually me) and then looking deeply offended if I give them a look like "What do you think you're doing?"
"Serving overseas as a small-town boy from America has been intense, stressful and humorous! Enjoy a lighthearted story with me from our last twenty years overseas!"
 —Matt



Waiting in Line isn't Easy
 Waiting in lines is becoming a thing of the past in some ways. I remember the long lines at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and other departments, but now one takes a number and casually sits down. Maybe airports are America's last place where waiting in line is common place, outside of Black Friday Sales each year. As a kid, I thought it was amazing to watch TV reporters interview crazy shoppers who had camped out in line for a super deal on a television.
 No need to worry about technology making lines obsolete globally, as line waiting is still doing quite well in many countries. Line waiting takes on an especially sophisticated and vicious nature in places where communism or dictators existed as they experienced some pretty bad ones with the shortages they experienced. We learned quickly that the nice, little elderly lady or gentleman was often the most expert at cutting in line, having had a lot more experience under harsher times.
 My most dreaded line experiences were waiting for appointments to renew our residency to stay in an overseas country. There were no appointments at the time, the office hours of the department lasted just five hours, and it was first-come-first-serve. Once it got near the closing hours, those waiting in line were turned away and had to come back the next day and wait in line again. People would arrive at four or five in the morning and start waiting. I would arrive early in the dark and huddle in line with a group of others (many coming from some pretty rough countries). I sat there on a dirty sidewalk in an unfriendly neighborhood with our most important documents in hand, hoping not to get robbed. My wife and kids would arrive later in the morning (in the light) right before the office opened and join me until we finally got in.
 If I had to pick between waiting in line for a television in a shopping center or waiting in line in a dingy neighborhood to submit paperwork, that wait in the long line for a Black Friday Sale does not look so crazy as it once did as a kid.
 Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story!
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FLU ADVICE

Penny For Your Thoughts by: Nancy Whitaker

It seems like I can't get a break. I thought that after the first frost my allergies would disappear until Spring, but then I was struck by the flu bug.

I noticed that on Thursday night, my throat was sore, and by Friday morning I woke up and my voice was so hoarse I sounded like a man!!

I was very fortunate that my doctor called in an antibiotic for me.

By Saturday, I was feeling worse with my head and nose plugged and a very sore throat.

So I took it to my friends on Social Media and felt very happy at the responses I received.

One poster said to take a hot shower and go to bed and stay there.

Another cure was to drink green tea with lemon and honey.

One commenter told me to grease bottom of my feet with Vicks salve and put socks on.

Another poster said honey, whiskey and lemon (hot toddy).

Then I was told to try salt water or vinegar.

A lady also told me to suck on chloraseptic drops. They were to stop sore throat in 2 days.

The funniest advice I got was to "stop kissing." (but that is how I got it in the first place).

Thinking back to the early settlers, I thought, "if I

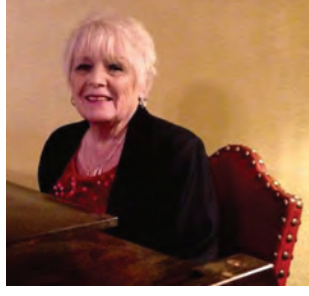
was a pioneer and was this sick, I would probably die.

I did some research on Spices and how they had been used to cure many ailments.

The pioneers and Indians made teas out of sassafras and dandelions.

A lot of southern women had herb gardens which they used for cooking and medicinal reasons.

Many herbs were bound together and dried inside their homes for use in the



winter.

Imagine the rich blend of fragrances in a colonial kitchen, the spicy scent of dried herbs mingled with wood smoke from the hearth, the stew simmering in a big iron kettle and savory meat roasting over the flames. Delightful. But is it delightful enough to get rid of the flu and cold germs?

Today I am feeling somewhat better and am thankful we have the modern medicines we have access to.

I also tried some of the advice given to me via Social Media. So if one thing didn't work, maybe the next one would.

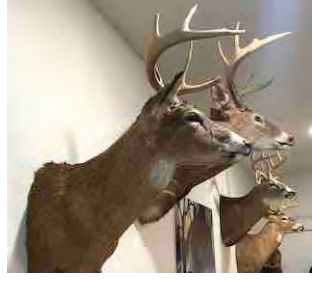
However, I just can't do the "No kissing one." After all we may as well pass this flu bug around again.

Have you ever tried any herbs or spices for medicinal purposes? Do you know how to make a hot toddy? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for your Thoughts.



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is a Wayne Trace graduate,



and then attended barber school around the Columbus, OH. After his graduation, he decided he wanted to start his career right back at home in

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time. The entry fee was split between the Chamber and the trivia winner.

Day in the Park was a huge success with the theme, Island Vibes. The day began with a memorable parade and the park was filled with townsfolk eager to see the great entertainment, crafters and food vendors, games for the kids, Cutie Pie Contest, and Silent Auction. Musical entertainment was provided by the duo Island Vibe and our Gem of the Year was Barry Delong. Our total profit from Day in the Park was \$2083.00. There was a three-way tie for the parade traveling trophy winner. The Holly Beach Splash Pad committee float, West Bend News, and Crazy Krafters. We want to thank everyone who donated and participated in our big event. New this year was a young Makers Market to encourage entrepreneurial spirit in our young people.

The Chamber held our first Munch & Meet at the September meeting. There were guest speakers from Chamber members, Metalink and Geenex Solar. Information was given to the group about the NOACC benefits and opportunities that are available to our members.

In early November Cham-

ber sponsored a wine bus trip on a cold Saturday morning. All proceeds will go towards a future mural project on a downtown building.

Small Business Saturday, held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, was a vastly successful with many businesses having a very profitable day. A Bingo game was the activity of the morning as well as the Save Your Receipt drawing - both with prizes awarded in the form of Chamber Bucks to be used at any Chamber Business. Thank you to the VFW for allowing us to host the Welcome Station in their meeting room.

Next, we held a Christmas Tree Lighting with a carol singing at Greenway Park next to the police station. Many thanks to the guys at Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative for their help in getting the lights and the star on the big tree. Bill and Chris from the village of Antwerp helped to get our Nativity scene placed.

To encourage businesses to decorate for the holidays we hosted a contest for the best festive light display. We had 12 businesses join us and 13 people voted. The winner was Small Town Bliss. They now can proudly display a life-size version of the leg lamp from the Christmas Story movie. The leg lamp is a traveling trophy and we can't wait to crown a new winner in 2023.

Santa's Secret Shop was again an enjoyable event for our kiddos and a chance for businesses to show off a few gifts. For \$5 per gift, a child could shop in Santa's Secret Shop for a small gift for their family members, teachers, or friends. Once again, we were able to use the meeting room at the VFW for this event. All items are provided by our local businesses and all monies went back to the businesses. This year \$1010.00 went back to local businesses.

We wrapped up 2022 with Santa's mailbox set up next to the town hall. Our busy little elves helped Santa answer over 100 letters to Santa!

Chamber Bucks continue to be a hit with gift-givers. Many businesses, groups, and individuals purchased Chamber Bucks to show their appreciation. Remember, if you receive a Chamber Buck in your business, just flip it over and there is a phone number on the back. Call Chamber

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Joshua C. Barrick was born in Michigan, January 5, 1860. The son of Jonathan, born 1828, in Ohio and Rachel Jane (Hawkins) Barrick, born April 20, 1849 in Indiana. Now let's go down the ground hog hole.

Rachel's father, Robert, was a Civil War Veteran from Antwerp, Ohio. He served with Company C 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a private. He was killed at the Battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864. The surgeon's report stated that he was shot in the head above left eye, died instantly. He was buried in the Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, Georgia.

Rachel's brother, John Hawkins also served with Company C. 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and survived the war and lived in Antwerp, Ohio.

Now I see daylight as I come back out of the hole. By 1870, the Barrick family, Jonathan, Rachel, sons Joshua and Robert, born July 27, 1862 in Antwerp were living in Antwerp. Rachel's mother Mary Ann and her two brothers, Ezekiel and William were also living with them. The boys were in school and Jonathan was a day laborer. A sister, Pearl L. is born in 1873 in Indiana. Later in life, she will pursue a career in teaching.

By 1880, Jonathan passed away. I don't think the mother in law had anything to do with it! Rachel remarried May 9, 1880, to a fella by the name of

Jonathan Myers. They lived in Carryall Township. Mr. Myers had two sons from his first marriage, George and Charles.

So Joshua, Robert and sister Pearl, all became step-children. Joshua is working as a day laborer. On October 6, 1886, Joshua's mother Rachel Jane, passed away. She was buried in Fought Cemetery. Joshua had met a gal named Mary M. Melchi, born May 14, 1867 in Van Wert, Ohio. The daughter of Joshua and Angeline Melchi.

Joshua and Mary were married, October 20, 1887 in Paulding, Ohio. By 1890, Joshua and Mary were living in Antwerp. By 1898 as the Spanish Government was giving the Cuban and Filipino peoples trouble. The United States was ready to defend those peoples of Cuba and Philippines.

In Paulding, local leaders, lobbied Columbus for the opportunity to form a company of men to serve in the war that was sure to come. On April 25, 1898, eleven companies was enrolled at Kenton, Ohio. Doubt was given away to assurance that Paulding was represented in the grand military forces, now being organized for a movement against Spain.

For three weeks the work of securing names and making arrangements to recruit a company at Paulding had been in progress. A total of 111 men formed Company M. 2nd Ohio Volunteer Company, this was an Ohio National Guard unit. Samuel W. Ennis was elected Captain, Alfred N. Wilcox was elected 1st Lieutenant, John P. Miller was elected 2nd Lieutenant. Joshua C. Barrick was installed as Corporal. Men came from various parts of the area to enlist, such as Hicksville, Sherwood and Florida, Henry County, Ohio.

On April 29 to May 16, 1898, Company M. was sent to Camp Bushnell, Columbus, Ohio for training. What will happen next?

Stay tuned to next week.

... Until Next Time!

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Chamber Gift Certificates are also available at the Antwerp Exchange Bank. Gift Certificates make a great gift or a nice way to pay it forward for a person or family in need. The certificate, in the form of a check, can be used anywhere in Antwerp. The check cannot be used for cash.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce continues to be committed to all the busi-

nesses in the Antwerp community. We welcome any feedback from individuals or businesses with the purpose to promote business in Antwerp and we encourage members to join us at our monthly meetings. You do not need to own a business to be a member of the Chamber. We have an individual membership category as well so if you like the things we are doing, we invite you to join us.

Thanks to businesses for all you do to support the Chamber. We look forward to seeing all of you in 2023.

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BETH CARNAHAN SPEAKS TO KIWANIS CLUB OF PC



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Beth Carnahan (Literacy Coach, Paulding Exempted Village Schools) as the guest speaker at the January 5, 2023, club meeting. Beth came at the invitation of

Ken Amstutz (Superintendent, Paulding Exempted Village Schools). Beth told the Kiwanians why the school needs a Literacy Coach, what a Literacy Coach does and how it has gone her first year.

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION AWARDS \$44,850 IN GRANTS

The Paulding County Area Foundation just completed its December 2022 grant cycle. Six organizations benefitted from the charitable dollars entrusted to the Foundation to continue benefitting the people of Paulding County.

- The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District received \$20,000 to support their efforts in building a pavilion at the Black Swamp Nature Center. This pavilion will be available for picnic lunches, hosting a birthday party, reading, or sitting and relaxing in a peaceful setting. It will also be used as an outdoor classroom for field trips for all of Paulding County schools.

- LifeWise Academy was granted \$1,100 to purchase a color printer, copier, and scanner for the LifeWise Oakwood Classroom.

- Kiwanis Club of Paulding County through the Village of Paulding received \$10,000 to be used for the purchase and installation of playground equipment to be placed at the Lela McGuire Jeffery Park.

- United Way of Paulding County was granted \$7,750 in support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

- Holly Beach Splash Pad will receive their \$5,000 which is the second installment of a three-year commitment.

- The Black Swamp Conservatory was awarded \$1,000 to continue their work in Paulding County.

Prospective projects can be submitted for consideration through the Foundation website www.pauldingcountypcareafoundation.com. You can also view many other projects that have been made possible with the support of the Paulding County Area Foundation.

LOCAL MARCH FOR LIFE EVENT SCHEDULED

The annual March for life will be held January 23, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at the Defiance County Courthouse. The March is sponsored by Mother Teresa Respect for Life. The purpose of the March for Life is for participants to walk and stand up for the unborn children who cannot speak for themselves. The March will start with prayer by Father David Cirata pastor of St. John St Mary's Catholic Churches, Defiance. The Star Spangled Banner will be sung by Susie Blank. A police escort will lead participants from the Defiance County Courthouse to the Monument of the Unborn at St John's Catholic Church. Jamie Blank will host the March and lead a Prayer for Life at the monument. From there, the event moves to the church basement of St. John's.

Colleen Hammons, whose parents are the late Dale and Madonna Hammons, will talk starting with a song. She will speak of overturning Roe vs Wade at the Federal level.

Susan Pieper is a retired library director from Paulding who is married with one son and four grandchildren. She will speak how God reached out to stop her abortion in progress at the abortion mill at Stockton, California.

Imago Dei Christian School will be performing some of their favorite songs celebrating being created in God's Image in order to be

known and loved by God to share with others.

Steve Heilsborn is the Executor Director of Children's Lantern. He will be speaking about this ministry where they strengthen the vulnerable with foster care, adoption and kinship care.

Former Representative Craig Reidel will talk about his pro-life beliefs and how his faith leads him. He will update on any new pro-life legislation.

"God Bless America" will be sung by Susie with Father Cirata ending with prayer. Hot chocolate will be offered. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Catholic Church, Defiance, at 8:00 a.m. After Mass there will be exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction at 10:45 a.m.

RAIDERS ROLL PAST BULLDOGS

Wayne Trace's eighth grade boys basketball team cruised to a 50-38 victory over host Edgerton Thursday evening.

The red, white and blue jumped out to a 17-8 at the end of one period and never looked back. Wayne Trace expanded the margin to 30-13 at the intermission before the Raiders took a 42-29 advantage entering the final period.

Alex Doster led a trio of Raiders in twin digits with 17 points while Blake Noggle chipped in 15 markers and Zach Stoller added a dozen points.

Carter Baumle also had three points for Wayne Trace while Eli Treece picked up two and Colton Kimmel hit a free throw.

WARRIORS WIN WAWASEE TOURNNEY

The Woodlan boys basketball team captured the Wawasee Holiday Tournament with victories over Rochester and host Wawasee recently.

The Warriors captured a semifinal win 58-33 over Rochester as DeJay Gerig led a quartet of Woodlan players in double figures with 18 points.

Alex Miller chipped in 13 for the Warriors while Braden Smith posted a dozen and Trey Yoder finished with ten markers. Drew Fleek also had five points for Woodlan.

Gerig also grabbed nine rebounds and posted three steals for the Warriors with Fleek hauling in seven boards. Yoder picked up nine boards as well and dished out six assists for Woodlan and Lincoln Sparks posted three rebounds and three assists.

Woodlan then took the tournament title after defeating the host Warriors 55-43.

Miller and Smith each posted 14 points for Woodlan and Yoder added a dozen markers. Gerig (seven), Dawson Lichty (four), Sparks (two) and Fleek (two) completed the local squad's scoring.

Yoder completed the double-double with 13 rebounds and dished out three assists while Gerig had four boards. Smith chipped in two rebounds and two steals for Woodlan.

Woodlan, which improved to 10-2 with the pair of victories, will travel to Heritage on January 20 for an ACAC battle before visiting Lakewood Park on January 26 in a non-league contest.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Antwerp Citizens,
I am writing this opinion piece in response to two letters that were recently published about the location of Holly Beach Splash Pad. Everyone has the right to voice an opinion, Here is mine.
I need to say that I am, proudly, the mother Holly Kobee.

As to the location, it is NEXT to the playground equipment at the Antwerp-Park. This is understandable. It makes sense. No one wants young children having to cross the park between facilities. That wouldn't be safe.

Maybe being next to the beautiful war memorial is not ideal, but let's face it, we don't have many acres of park to choose from like several other communities. We needed to consider the rooting systems of

decades-old trees as well as sewer and water pipes, etc. yes, several trees were cut down. They were already dying and needed to be removed even if nothing was added to the park.

I went to the source and asked about the proximity of the splash pad and the memorial and found there will be some type of barrier between the two. The barrier will not hide the memorial. The splash pad site was picked after careful consideration of several factors.

I personally have three uncles and a father-in-law's names on that memorial. Those men were parents who loved children and loved to hear their laughter. I believe that it is fitting to have the splash pad close to their memorial. I pray those veterans will be pleased to know that the new generations they fought for are close, free and happy. Upon reconsideration, maybe the site is ideal after all!

I have a lot of faith in the parents of Antwerp. They will teach their children to respect the memorial and its meaning. I sincerely hope that the little ones visit the site and read the names. Perhaps they will sit and visit for a little while.

—Rebecca Geyer, Antwerp, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My 1st memory of Antwerp was as a 9 year old, moving to town when my dad, Bill Bromagem, took a job with the new Weatherhead Co. One of the 1st things he wanted us to see was the park. We were in awe and many picnics followed.

The soldier on the vets statue was referred to as "Charlie" (not sure why) from the Civil War.

Thru the years I attended countless events at the park, Antwerp Day's, class reunions, family reunions, cook-outs, etc. When I had a family, I introduced them to "Charlie" and in a child's understanding, explained the memorial. All three boys (Todd, Con, Chad) were "students" of history and Con (USCG), Chad (USAF)

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Area Foundation website (www.pauldingcountypcareafoundation.com) so students can quickly determine if a specific scholarship will help them achieve their post-secondary education goals. There are currently 14 scholarship opportunities available to the 2023 graduates.

In 2022, the Foundation

awarded \$81,000 in scholarships to graduates of Antwerp, Paulding, Wayne Trace, and Vantage Career Center. Lisa McClure, Executive Director of the Foundation states, "This is the highlight of our year, being given the opportunity to help post-secondary students of Paulding County and the surrounding areas to assist students in furthering their education."

NEW AT THE JPMS MUSEUM



The John Paulding Historical Society has received two artifacts donated by Richard Yoh of Oakwood.

One is a framed photograph of Staff Sgt. Earl E. Yoh, who was killed in

World War II when his B-24 bomber was shot down in the South Pacific. He was listed as missing in action for 65 years. His remains were recovered and identified in 2009 and returned to his family for burial with military honors.

The other item is an original Regulator clock, circa 1901, that kept time in the Haviland School before it was torn down. This clock is now displayed in the museum's School Room display.

The John Paulding Historical Museum will reopen on February 21st for the 2023 season! Stop by on Tuesdays and take a look.

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

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and stepson Marty (USMC) served our great country. This gives me much personal pride. The boys, their dad and myself all had Mr. Charlie Foster as history and government teacher at A.H.S. Mr. Foster instilled in hundreds of students a great knowledge of history, especially the Civil War, which "Charlie" was a symbol of.

Several years ago the memorial committee raised funds for the present memorial. ALL of Antwerp's residents, past and present, were so pleased and proud.

The new splash pad is a wonderful addition for the Antwerp community AND a great tribute to Holly, a very special teacher. However, I agree totally it should, in respect, be a distance from the Veterans Memorial.

I also think its a good idea for the children of Antwerp to be exposed (by visiting) the Veterans Memorial and educated to its meaning That can be done by family and field trips from school. "Each" name on the memorial hold very special meaning to themselves, their families and our community.

They respectfully are the reasons for our FREEDOM!
—Sue A. Shuherk Beck,
Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Voting Discrimination

Recently there was a letter to the editor that showed how pathetic our country has become. This person felt he had to apologize for supporting and voting for Trump and a prosperous country that was affordable and becoming great again. Guess he's like the rest of us that voted for Trump, still getting harassed by a small

percentage of people who believe that's what's happening to our country is good!!

Yes I voted for the man but does this make us any different? When we leave the voting booth we are the same person that went in but these Trump haters are acting childish and have that "it's my ball if we can't play like I play I'll take my ball and go home" attitude. Kindergarten children have more sense than these people, they don't hate anyone.

Why does voting our choice make us different?? This is AMERICA where we are allowed to support who we believed in. When I walk out of that voting booth I'm the same person, can still play a decent round of golf, can still fix a car or repair something, can still go to car cruises and be with friends who may have voted different. I play golf with friends who voted different than me but we don't talk politics or judge each other for our choice. Why can't these people who voted with hate against a person rather than for our country understand this? You are voting for our country not just a person and these last two years have shown that with the mess we are in and high prices on everything but our government ways that's ok?

Our country has been given a blank check by the Biden administration to charge us anything they want, the gas, utility, and food services show this. Our local supermarket is pricing themselves out by using this blank check for their ridiculous price on everything. I remember back in the 50-60s our parents walking around with those little buttons of who they supported in elections and we kids even wore them and nobody ever got down on you. They played golf, cards,

went to dinners with friends that supported different candidates and never put up with this childish attitude and harassment we do today.

I don't judge anyone by who they voted for, though I will speak my mind if they start giving me crap. I voted for Trump and have a couple of different hats I wear, not to harass people but they are HATS and I wear different ones. I have golf, car, airplane, and even farm and products hats, if you don't like those are you going to hassle me about them? And you anti Trump people if you're having car problems and setting along the road will you turn away someone with a Trump sticker on his car and wait for a Biden or whoever person to come along? I look at a person having trouble as a person who needs assistance not as a person who voted differently, why can't you look at us as regular people who just have different ideas? Why do you have the "my way or highway" attitude? Do you want everyone to be the same, dress the same, drive the same cars, eat the same foods, watch the same shows etc just to make you happy? That would be a very boring world, variety is what everything is founded on in all walks of life.

For four years we listened to your whining about Trump, yet didn't complain about affordable prices on everything, and for two years we still hear you blaming him while our country is becoming an unaffordable joke to the world. How about growing up and acting like intelligent, reasonable human beings and stop thinking you have to hassle anyone who didn't vote your ways. I know there is only a small percentage that still do this but it's a shame to have to put up with it in our daily lives. We have too many other things to try to overcome to constantly act like spoiled little children who didn't get their lollipop or ice cream so have to pick on other people. Want to see the problem? Look in a mirror, it will be looking back at you.

In WWII, after 9-11 we were all Americans standing up for our country not a person. Why can't we be that now and not fighting each other just because of their beliefs?

—Gregg Gorman,
Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Junk City

I don't know what the owner of the PNC Bank property is trying to prove by turning the center of downtown

Woodburn into a junkyard.

The town has had many improvements made in the last few years with the tearing down of the old Norms Grocery Store, a new grocery store built, new street lights and sidewalks with planters and benches. The clock tower area, the beautiful mural at the corner of Bull Rapids and Main Street.

I have observed other properties owned by the same property owner, and the bank building is par for the course. It's just a shame that someone who grew up in this area, seems to have no pride in keeping our downtown looking great.

—Joe Malfait,
Woodburn, IN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Praise for County Hospital

We have an incredible resource in our county that many times gets a bad rap. We are so quick to criticize when something goes wrong, but how many times do we acknowledge when something goes right?

Earlier in 2022, the Covid team at the Paulding County Hospital saved my life. Five years earlier I had a traumatic experience at the emergency room by a rotating ER doctor and was hesitant to trust. But when I contracted Covid, that's where I wanted the first responders to bring me. The first responders immediately worked on restoring my breathing, and within minutes delivered me into the caring arms of the ER doctor, nurses, technicians, etc.

I was in a bad way, but their expertise, gentleness and kindness brought me through. My husband ended up in the ER a couple hours after me. We both were admitted into the Covid ward and were given professional and individualized attention. I tasted delicious food for the first time in weeks. My sense of smell came back when they handed me a tube of mint chapstick. Physical therapy, breathing treatments, medication, and constant monitoring improved my health so I could go home after five days.

The treatment I received restored my faith in our hospital, and in October 2022, I decided to have my total knee replacement surgery performed

at the hospital. My experience was again, very positive and I have my second knee replacement scheduled at the hospital in January.

Our physical therapy department is second to none and in two months has rehabilitated me astoundingly fast. The physical therapists have given me the tools and knowledge I need to continually improve. And I am blessed to be able to utilize gym equipment donated by the Bargain Bin.

There is so much more I could say, including how my physician for decades is based at the hospital's Physicians

Services department.

The older I get, the more I want to stay local. I do not want to be treated in a large medical facility, but in my small hometown hospital where I am cared for like family. Many refer to our county hospital as a "bandaid station", but as a friend recently pointed out, even a bandaid can save a life.

So, thank you to our wonderful county hospital team. You are appreciated more than you know.

—Susan Hill Pieper,
M.S.L.S., C.P.I.
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LADY RAIDERS CRUISE PAST ACES AT HOME



Wayne Trace's Abby Moore gets a fast break in the fourth quarter as Hicksville's Leah Seitz attempts to catch up to the stolen ball.

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Lady Raiders picked up their first conference win to even their league mark at 1-1 with a lopsided win over Hicksville 57-31. The Raiders stand at 5-6 overall and were led by freshman Caroline Winans who tallied 17 points along with a team high nine steals.

Wayne Trace was never threatened, opening a 12-6 advantage after one quarter of play and managed to increase their margin to 12 at halftime 26-14. The red, white and blue continued to spread their lead and entered the final eight minutes leading 42-24.

Other scorers for the Raiders were Lexi Moore who poured in 14 points along with a team high seven rebounds. Also, in double-digits was Gracie Shepherd who finished with 10. Rounding out

the scoring was Kathleen Stoller who hit all three of her two-point field goal attempts to finish with six, Harper Myers three, Abby Moore two, Elise Miller two, Careen Winans two and Torree Sinn with one.

The Raiders connected on 23 of 57 field goal attempts for 40 percent while hitting 10-12 from the foul line. Both teams hauled in 33 rebounds. Turnovers was a huge problem for the Lady Aces who committed 29 miscues while the Raiders were guilty of just 12.

The Aces were led in scoring by Lindsay Bergman who produced a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Also adding to the Aces scoring were Tori Perna and Leah Seitz each with five, Kennedy Adams with four, Ashlyn Steury and Alyssa Seitz with three apiece and

Hayden Neidhardt with one. The Aces shot 11-37 for 32 percent from the field and 6-12 at the charity stripe. Hicksville falls to 0-2 in GMC play and 1-10 overall.

ARCHERS TAKE TITLE OF ROUTE 49 CLASSIC



Carson Altimus scores a 3-pt basket in the 1st quarter, giving the Archers a lead in this match up. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The location changed but the final result was the same as Antwerp won the Route 49 Boys Basketball Holiday Tournament at Edgerton High School Friday night with a 45-26 win over Hicksville.

In a low scoring first quarter, the Archers held a slim 6-4

lead over the Aces at the end of eight minutes of action.

The two teams played a tight second quarter as well with Antwerp adding ten markers compared to nine for Hicksville giving the Archers a 16-13 halftime advantage.

The blue and white broke

RAIDERS OPEN NEW YEAR WITH WIN OVER LIBERTY CENTER

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The new year's celebration continued for Wayne Trace basketball fans as the red, white, and blue picked up a 60-48 nonconference win over Liberty Center on January 2. Traveling to Tiger country the Raiders needed a solid second half to overcome the Tigers who enjoyed a five-point half time lead.

Heading into the third period the 6-2 Raiders put up 22 points to just 12 for Liberty Center to take a five-point advantage, 46-41 heading into the final eight minutes of play. The Raiders managed to double-up the score 14-7 in the final quarter to finish with the 12-point win.

Wayne Trace shot very well from the floor, especially from the two-point area, hitting 19-28 for a 68 percent clip. Behind the arc the Raiders connected on 6-15 to finish with a 58 percent shooting night. Liberty Center connected on 16-33 for a respectable 48 percent. The Tigers were 12-16 at the foul line while the Raiders struggled hitting just 4-12. Wayne Trace won the rebound battle 25-22.

The Raiders were led in scoring by Brooks Laukhuf with 31 who connected on

9-12 from the two-point area and 4-7 behind the arc. Kyle Stoller finished with nine points and a team high seven boards. Rounding out the Raiders scoring were Tyler Davis and Tanner Laukhuf each with seven, Hudson Myers chipping in four and Brady Miller adding two.

Liberty Center, who evened their season mark at 3-3, was paced by the 15 points from Landon Bockelman followed by 12 points from Aiden Hammonree. Also scoring for the Tigers were Landon Kruse with seven, Colton Chambers adding five, Gavis Grahlen chipping in four, Zane Zeiter with three and Seth Navarre finishing with two to round out the Tiger scoring.

ANTWERP WRESTLERS HAVE ANOTHER PRODUCTIVE WEEK

The Antwerp junior high and high school wrestling teams had a very busy week, competing in three different tournaments over the Christmas break. On December 28, the high school squad took to the mats at the Parkway Invitational in Rockford, Ohio with one wrestler placing and another wrestler setting a career milestone. Sophomore Miles Doster earned a 6th place finish in the 138-pound weight class. Doster recorded a 2-3 record for the day with 2 pins to earn his first tournament



Hicksville senior Alex Gordon scores a layup for the Aces in the early part of the first quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

the game open in the third quarter, though, in pouring on 16 points while limiting the Aces to six to expand the margin to 32-19 entering the final stanza.

Antwerp then wrapped up the win by adding 13 markers in the fourth quarter and held Hicksville to seven to seal the 45-26 victory.

Reid Lichty paced the blue and white with a 14-point evening while Carson Altimus and Landon Brewer both recorded 11 markers.

Camden Fuller chipped in five points for Antwerp and Parker Moore finished with four markers for the Archers, who improved to 5-2 on the season.

Aaron Klima and Jayden Rosalez both scored nine points to pace the Aces with Braxztyn Heisler recording four. Tatum Sheets and Alex Gordon also picked up a bucket each for Hicksville, which drops its first game of the season in ten contests.

placement of the season. Narrowly missing out on the placing matches but earning his first career win and pin was freshman Landon Orozco at 195 pounds. As the boys wrestled at Parkway, the Antwerp girls took to the mats and 2nd annual Tinora Girls Tournament with 1 of the 2 lady Archers having an amazing day. 8th grader Maddi Doster went undefeated for the day winning the 205-pound weight class. Doster, normally at 172 pounds, was bumped up to 205 pounds after she was the only wrestler at 172 pounds. Doster went 3-0 with 3 pins to win the first tournament of her very young career.

The Archers also sent 2 wrestlers to one of the toughest tournaments in Ohio on December 29-30 at Defiance High School. The Tri-state Border Wars Tournament is a

55-team tournament with teams from 4 different states competing. After a very hard fought 2 days, senior Eli Reinhart finished 3rd at 157 pounds with a 5-1 record and earning 2 pins and 1 major decision along the way. Reinhart becomes only the 2nd Archer wrestler to place in the top 3 of this very tough tournament. Congratulations to all of the archer wrestlers for their accomplishments over the winter break. We hope these tough holiday matches will inspire them as they prepare for the new year.

If anyone is interested in wrestling, please be sure to stop by the wrestling club located on Archer Drive on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm as the wrestling club kids begin their season on January 3rd. Good Luck and GO ARCHERS!!!

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CHOCOLATE WALK RAISED OVER \$10,000 FOR CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY BUILDING FUND



Before opening, the first customers for the Dec. 15 Chocolate Walk fundraiser filled the lobby of the Youth Leadership Building at the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

It all started with someone's passion for making chocolate candy. That inspired Paulding County candy makers far and wide to produce more than 70 varieties of beautiful and delicious chocolate treats. And in the end, it raised more than \$10,000 in just three hours at the Chocolate Walk fundraiser for the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry build-

so generous. The people who planned the event, made the chocolate and bought the chocolate together have really helped us move our new building project forward."

Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is raising money to construct a new 3,900-square-foot structure at 318 N. Walnut Street in Paulding that will house its operation. The new building will include space for stock storage, client shopping, office and a client enrichment room. By the end of 2022, the community has contributed more than 80% of the initial goal of \$525,000.

The pantry is currently located at 119 South Main Street in Paulding. Its mission is to eliminate food insecurity in Paulding County by providing food and basic personal care items to those who qualify. The pantry operates based on donations of groceries and funds from individuals, churches, organizations and businesses, as well as through the support of Feeding America and the West Ohio Food Bank.

The pantry accepts donations of food and groceries when it is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Financial donations can be sent to Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund at P.O. Box 391, Paulding, OH 45879 or in

care of the Paulding County Area Foundation at 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

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

RAIDERS SWEEP ARCHERS IN JH ACTION

Antwerp made the trip to southern Paulding County Thursday night in junior high girls basketball action where Wayne Trace picked up a pair of rivalry victories over the Archers.

The red, white and blue eighth graders were victorious 21-17 over Antwerp.

Amber Stoller topped Wayne Trace with nine markers and Arianna Viola chipped in five. Olivia Zartman (four) and Liz Graham (three) found the scoring column as well for the Lady Raiders.

Bailey Bagley led the Lady Archers with five points while Aliyah Friend and Gabriella Snyder posted four each. Alison Sproles (two), Elianna Hormann (one) and Emily Laker (one) also scored for Antwerp.

In the seventh-grade contest, the Lady Raiders recorded a 25-16 victory over the Archers.

Nicole Gerschutz topped all scorers with 14 points for Wayne Trace and Addyson LaBounty chipped in eight markers. Kenzie Ogle had a basket for the red, white and blue with Cayla Noggle hitting a free throw.

Rohrs finished with five points to lead the Archers followed by Honigford (three), Zuber (two), Clem (two), Phares (two) and McCoy (two).

ARCHERS EVEN GMC SLATE AT 1-1

Antwerp improved its record to 6-5 overall and 1-1 in the Green Meadows Conference with a 50-30 girls basketball victory at Edgerton Thursday night.

The Lady Archers took control in the opening stanza, jumping out to a 17-5 advantage at the end of one period.

Edgerton did outscore Antwerp 6-5 in the second stanza to trim the deficit to

22-11 at the intermission before the blue and white pulled away in the third quarter.

In the third period, the Lady Archers poured in 22 points and limited the Bulldogs to ten in widening the margin to 44-21 entering the final stanza.

Hayleigh Jewell and Aewyn McMichael both scored 14 points to lead the way for Antwerp and Caroline Rohrs reached twin digits with ten markers.

Emma Townley also bucketed eight for Antwerp while Katryna Fish and Lydia Krouse chipped in a basket apiece.

Alivia Farnham totaled nine points to pace Edgerton, which falls to 1-10 overall and 0-2 in the GMC.

Taylor Smith and Casey Everetts both added seven for the Lady Bulldogs followed by Kennedy Stout (four), Charlotte Blalock (two) and Ava Swank (one).

AREA GRAPPLERS TAKE PART IN BORDER WARS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Several local squads had wrestlers take part in the Border Wars Wrestling Tournament in Defiance last week as Antwerp, Paulding, Wayne Trace and Woodlan all participated.

The team title was won by Napoleon as the Wildcats totaled 193-1/2 points and Wayne Trace was the top area squad with 71 points to finish 21st. Woodlan placed 31st with 46 points for the tournament while Paulding finished 37th at 38 points. Antwerp recorded 26-1/2 points to place 46th as a squad.

The 157-pound weight class had three local placers in Antwerp's Eli Reinhart, Paulding's Dawson Lamb and Woodlan's Grant Frecker.

Reinhart defeated Hicksville's Nick Wisecup while also recording a victory over Edgerton's Shaun Murphy. The blue and white wrestler defeated Case Paul of Lakota and Evan England from Mohawk before getting

GROVER HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTS NEW CHIEF



Chief Volk

Chief Showalter

On New Year's Eve 2022, the Grover Hill Fire Department congratulated Chief David Volk for nearly 25 years of service as the EMS Coordinator and Fire Chief of the Grover Hill Fire Department. His dedication and countless hours of service has benefited the department and Grover Hill community goes beyond all measure. Although Volk is stepping down as chief, he will con-

tinue to serve as a firefighter/EMT for the department.

At this same time, the Grover Hill Fire Department named Volk's replacement for Chief. Daron Showalter began his duties as Fire Chief on January 1, 2023.

Grover Hill Fire Department would like to recognize both Volk and Showalter for their dedication and service to the Grover Hill community.

past Trenton Gatchell of Allen East to grab third place.

Lamb picked up victories over Bradon Greutman (Eastside), Trevor Johnson (Evergreen), Trey Harvey (Sandusky Perkins) and Case Paul (Lakota) before pinning Mohawk's Evan England in 2:44 to seize fifth.

Frecker finished seventh by posting wins over Columbus Grove's Jameson Rader, Dowagiac Union's Nick Schultz, Edgerton's Shaun Murphy, Findlay's Cohen Shannon, Elmwood's Frank Blair and Lakota's Case Paul.

Wayne Trace's Corbin Kimmel finished second in the 120-pound weight class

with victories coming against Levi Hess of Edgerton, Will Pask of Liberty Benton and Bryce Clark of Leo. The Raider wrestler then came up short in an 11-1 decision to Wyatt Nemitz of Sandusky Perkins in the championship match.

The Raiders' Samuel Moore took third at 175 by defeating Danny Tiller of Berkshire, Connor Norton of Eastwood, Justice Goree of Columbia City, Keegan Klotz of Findlay and Trevor Johnson of Mohawk.

At 190, Nate Osborn placed fifth as the red, white and blue grappler won over Bowling Green's Jackson Shafer, Lakota's Jonathan Rosas and Columbia City's Nathan Hodges.

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THE LEFT TURN



Casey Noonan 2022 Oakshade Raceway Late Model Season Champion. Photo Credit: Charlie Orns

By: Ron Burt

January 9-14, 2023, the center of the racing universe is Tulsa, and the 37th Lucas Oil Chili Bowl Nationals for Midgets. Currently the Chili Bowl Nationals has 360 Entries, including 57 A-Feature starters, 82 Rookies, and 5 past Champions from 266 Municipalities across 35 States and 5 countries (USA, Aust., Can., NZ, UK).

Saturday, December 3, 2022, Oakshade Raceway officially crowned their season track champions. Congratulations to Late Model Champion Casey Noonan, Carter Murday Sportsman, Kolin Schilt Dominator Super Stocks, and Eric Carr Compacts.

Scott Menlen will take over the Series Director position for CRA and its four series including the ASA/CRA Super Series, JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour, CRA Late Model Sportsman, and the CRA Street Stocks. Scott, has been an official for CRA for 13 years both in a full-time and part-time position, has been the General Manager at Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway in Nashville, Tennessee for the past three years. He will continue to work with Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway during the 2023 season, helping develop staff members into a larger management role.

CASEY JONES

By: James Neuhauser

"Come All you rounders if you wanna hear; The story about a brave engineer: Casey Jones was the roller's name: On a 6-8-wheeler he rode to fame"

Casey was an imposing man, 6 ft.4 and built like a linebacker. He couldn't remember when he wasn't famous and this would carry out his entire life, until he

Former CRA Managing Partner and most recently Series Director Glenn Luckett will remain with CRA in a consulting position and help with the transition of Menlen to Series Director over the 2023 season.

The 41st Year of the Longest running Super Late Model Series in the Country continues in 2023!! The Southern All Stars Super Late Model Series will compete in eight states with 26 events scheduled as of now. This will be one of the richest seasons in series history with bigger purses per event. The series has \$700,000 in purse money for the season so far! There are still a few races left to be added and will be announced later.

Cherokee Speedway will kick off the season with the Prestigious Ginger Owens March Madness.

Die-hard Sprint car fans will soon make their way to the sunshine state. The World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Cars return to action in a few weeks, for the first time in 2023 at Volusia Speedway Park for the Dirtcar Nationals!

More race coverage and high school basketball on the Ohio Sports Blitz, on Facebook. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out!

was even more famous in death.

John Luther Jones was the first of four boys and one girl. Living somewhere in the backwoods of Southeastern Missouri their father was an itinerant country school teacher. When Casey was 13, his father packed the entire family in a wagon, and moved them on a 6-day trip to Cayce, Kentucky, in search of a better teaching job. A 3-day trip to Birds

Point Mississippi, crossing on a ferry to Hickman, Kentucky then a 3-day trip to Cayce, Ky.

At Hickman he saw his first train, and then Cayce was a water stop on the M & O railroad. John spent every spare moment, talking to the engineers, as they took on water, and they would even let him oil the drive piston. In the small towns baseball was king and Casey became famous as a catcher, and home run hitter for the "Cayce Dreadnoughts."

When Luther was 17 he asked his parents if he could go and work for the railroad, but his mother would have none of it. The engineers told him there was an opening for a telegraph operator so his mother finally consented. The day Luther left early in the morning, there was a game with the "Jordan Nonpareils," but he never made the game. The engineers had told him to ask for a Mr. Galloway in the telegraph office.

After a 14 mile walk Luther arrived at Columbus in the early afternoon. As he stepped into the telegraph office 20 eyes recognized him immediately. There was John Luther Jones in the flesh. Mr Galloway immedi-



ately offered him a job, and by that evening he had secured a job, found a room at a boarding house, met the girl he was going to marry, and became the first baseman for the "Columbus Kats," the team sponsored by the railroad. He also received a new name. Since the railroad already had five Jones', he would be the Jones from Cayce, Casey Jones.

There was one small problem, Casey would not get paid until he became proficient at sending and receiving Morse code, which would probably take 8 months. Casey studied every spare moment, and two months later, when the telegraph operator didn't show he took over and did a superb job. Friday when the pay train came there was an envelope for Casey Jones. In that a year he would become a fireman, in less than other year he was a full fledged engineer. After two years he was offered a job on a brand new railroad, Illinois Central that traveled from Chicago to New Orleans, where He had to start all over as fireman again

"Casey Jones, claimed in the cabin; Casey Jones, orders in his hands; Casey Jones leanin' out the window; Taking a trip to the p r o m i s e d land".

In a few years he was their top engineer. Then came that fateful night. Casey had a reputation for getting the mail train there on time and

once had run five legs in a row. Since last night, he had run 3 legs, and got into Memphis with train # 4 at 11:35 p.m. on the advertised time. Casey was a advised that train 21 was coming in from the north it could be double back because engineer Sam Lafe was ill.

He called his wife and she came down to say goodbye, and he pulled out of the station at 12:50 a.m., 1 hour and 15 minutes late, which would have to be made up as this was a passenger train and also carried the mail. He asked for his engine #382 and determined to make up the time. They were reaching speeds of over a 110. Telephone poles were flying by like pickets on a fence. Number 382's whistle could be heard screaming for miles.

"On the rail was a north-bound train; Blood was boilin' in Casey's brain; Casey said hey now look out ahead; Jump Sim, jump or we'll all be dead"

At 3:28 a.m. they had made up the time, but trouble loomed ahead. A freight train on a siding was too long for the siding and left three cars on the main line. That night the telegraph operator broke into the office at Vaughn broadcasting that the brave engineer was dead. Early that day the telegraph operator at Memphis went to tell Casey's wife, but his two sons didn't find out until they were in school. One of their classmates came up to them and said, "If my father had been killed last night I wouldn't be at school today."

HICKSVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOSTS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The Hicksville Knights of Columbus is scheduled to sponsor a Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The contest will take place at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, OH.

Boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible to participate free of charge. Winner of each division will advance to the District competition at Edgerton High School on February 5, 2023. Contact Jim Siler for additional information, 419-769-2379.

2022 DEFIANCE TRI-STATE BORDER WAR RESULTS FOR PAULDING

132:
Zacarias (4-5) place is unknown; scored 0 team points
Champ. Round 1 - Zacarias (PLDG), 4-5, Bye
Champ. Round 2 - Anderson (Franklin) 17-7 won by fall, Zacarias (PLDG), 4-5, Fall 1:34

Cons. Round 2 - Zacarias (PLDG), 4-5, Bye
Cons. Round 3 - Korak (NPLN), 2-3, won fall (2:17) over Zacarias (PLDG) 4-5

138:
Matty (7-6) place is unknown; scored 0 team points
Champ. Round 1 - Matty (PLDG) 7-6 received a bye
Champ. Round 2 - Bauer (Franklin) 18-8 won by major decision over Matty (PLDG) 7-6 (MD 13-0)

Cons. Round 2 - Wedge (LAKOTA) 13-8 won by decision over Matty (PLDG) 7-6 (Dec 6-1)

144:
Shaffer (10-5) place is unknown; scored 4 team points
Champ. Round 1 - Shaffer (PLDG) 10-5 received a

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announced their Students of the Month for December. They are from left to right: Freshman-Olivia Franklin, Sophomore-Emily Keezer, Junior-Riley Stork, and Senior-Katie Beckman.

by
Champ. Round 2 - Graziani (TIN) 2-3 won by Fall 3:55 over Shaffer (PLDG) 10-5
Cons. Round 2 - Shaffer (PLDG) 10-5 received a bye
Cons. Round 3 - Shaffer (PLDG) 10-5 won by Fall 2:47 over Hohenberger (AY) 6-11

Cons. Round 4 - Zeigler (EW) 8-4 won by Fall 3:31 over Shaffer (PLDG) 10-5

150:
Griffiths (6-7) place is unknown; scored 6 team points

Champ. Round 1 - Griffiths (PLDG) 6-7 received a bye

Champ. Round 2 - Griffiths (PLDG) 6-7 won by Fall 3:21 over Haspelslagh (WLRD) 5-7

Champ. Round 3 - Wireman (AE) 10-2 won by Fall 1:05 over Griffiths (PLDG) 6-7

Cons. Round 4 - Leppert (LCC) 8-4 won by decision over Griffiths (PLDG) 6-7 (Dec 6-3)

157:
Lamb (19-3) placed 5th; scored 20 team points

Champ. Round 1 - Lamb (PLDG) 19-3 received a bye
Champ. Round 2 - Lamb (PLDG) 19-3 won by fall over Greutman (Eastside) 9-10 (Fall 3:12)

Champ. Round 3 - Lamb (PLDG) 19-3 won by Fall 1:20 over Trevor Johnson (EVERGREEN) 14-9

Quarterfinal - Brown (BKSHRE) 9-0 won by decision over Lamb (PLDG) 19-3 (Dec 7-4)

Cons. Round 6 - Lamb (PLDG) 19-3 won by major decision over Harvey (PRNS) 6-4 (MD 15-2)

Cons. Round 7 - Lamb (PLDG) 19-3 won by decision over Paul (LKTA) 14-5 (Dec 11-6)

Cons. Semi - Gatchell (AE) 10-2 won by decision

over Lamb (PLDG) 19-3 (Dec 14-10)

5th Place Match - Lamb (PLDG) 19-3 won by Fall 2:44 over England (MHWK) 4-3

165:
Lemieux (5-7) place is unknown; scored 0 team points

Champ. Round 1 - Lemieux (PLDG) 5-7 received a bye

Champ. Round 2 - Tinoco (WC) 20-4 won by Fall 3:44 over Lemieux (PLDG) 5-7

Cons. Round 2 - Reyes (FV) 5-10 won by Fall 2:51 over Lemieux (PLDG) 5-7

175:
(4-11) place is unknown; scored 0 team points

Champ. Round 1 - Bail (PLDG) 4-11 received a bye

Champ. Round 2 - Urivez (TIN) 3-3 won by Fall 0:46 over Bail (PLDG) 4-11

Cons. Round 2 - Bail (PLDG) 4-11 received a bye

Cons. Round 3 - Flower (EDG) 13-5 won by Fall 1:51 over Bail (PLDG) 4-11

215:
Foor (12-7) place is unknown; scored 9 team points

Champ. Round 1 - Delano (AYERS) 19-1 won by Fall 1:56 over Foor (PLDG) 12-7

Cons. Round 1 - Foor (PLDG) 12-7 won by Fall 3:58 over McStoots (FV) 7-7

Cons. Round 2 - Foor (PLDG) 12-7 won by Fall 0:30 over Crumley (INL) 7-5

Cons. Round 3 - Foor (PLDG) 12-7 won by Fall 0:28 over Bufler (TAY) 11-5

Cons. Round 4 - Gillig (LIB-BEN) 12-2 won by Fall 1:54 over Foor (PLDG) 12-7

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On December 18, a resident of North Garden Apartment reported an unwanted person at the residence. Officer went to investigate and the individual had already left.

On December 20, Antwerp Police Department investigated a case of wrongful entrustment. After investigation the owner of vehicle was cited.

On December 21, an officer saw a dog running on the sidewalk on S Main St. Officer attempted to get the dog. The officer located the owner and assisted the owner with retrieving the dog.

On December 21, Antwerp Police Department was requested to do a welfare check on a resident in Leinard Mobile Home Park. Officer responded and the individual was fine.

On December 21, a call was received from Dollar General in reference to an individual that used the self-check out did not pay for all the items. Officer located individual and he returned and paid for remaining items

On December 23, officer was requested in reference to an alarm at a local factory. Officer responded and determined it was water main break.

On December 26, a resident at North Garden Apart-

ments reported a suspicious vehicle at 5:30 a.m. Officer responded, located the vehicle and the vehicle owner and determined nothing was suspicious.

On December 31, a call was received in reference to a parked car on the 400 block of Washington St.. Officer responded, the vehicle was located and removed.

On January 2, a vehicle accident was reported on Wentworth near the railroad. Officer responded and prepared a report.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Scott Egly, Defiance, OH; Passing bad check; Case dismissed

Christina S. Dunderman, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Amelia A. Garcia, Defiance, OH; FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Can be released from jail today

Alexis R. Lamond, Defiance, OH; Open container, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; OVI under influence, Pled no contest, found guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided, ALC vacated, License suspended

from 11/6/22 to 11/6/23; OVI/breath high, Case dismissed; Left of center, Case dismissed

Ryan E. Hogans, Paulding, OH; Assault; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; No contact with the victim; Maintain general good behavior

Jeffrey J. Proxmire, Defiance, OH; Domestic violence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; No contact with victim; Evaluation; Complete treatment; Risk assessment; Handsdown book; Probation terminate online classes

Loren L. Demongeot, Antwerp, OH; Distance of safety; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David Witmer Jr., New Haven, IN; Animals at large; Guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Maintain general good behavior

Robert L. Bair III, Melrose, OH; Assault, Count A dismissed per state; Criminal damages, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Addition to rules of probation, 20 hours community service, No contact with victim, Pay restitution, Maintain general good behavior, 90 days jail, 88 days suspended

Gunther D. Gerschutz, Cecil, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Dawn R. Rickard, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Jorge L. Gaona Ramirez, Van Wert, OH; No operator license; Failure to control; Cases dismissed

Alysa L. Simpson, Defiance, OH; FRA suspension, Fictitious registration, Cases dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Kadeem R. Pierce, Bowling Green, OH; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Show proof of valid operator license by 2/24/23 and \$300 fine may be suspended

Shirley L. Boroff, Paulding, OH; Improper backing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Debra L. Grimes, Paulding, OH; Failure to control, Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

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

Michael C. Schlegel, Oakwood, OH; Improper backing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Corbin M. Delgado, Grover Hill, OH; Theft; Defendant waived preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to Paulding Common Pleas Court; Bond conditions continued

Ethan D. Burgei, Ottawa, OH; Rape; Preliminary waived; Bond reduced to \$50,000 with 10% allowance; EMHA if bond is posted; All other conditions remain; Case shall be bound over to Paulding Common Pleas Court

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

Bryce L. Slattman, Grover Hill, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Operator license suspension 12/10/22 to 12/10/23, If IID installed suspension may be reduced to 6 months, Proof of insurance provided, ALS va-

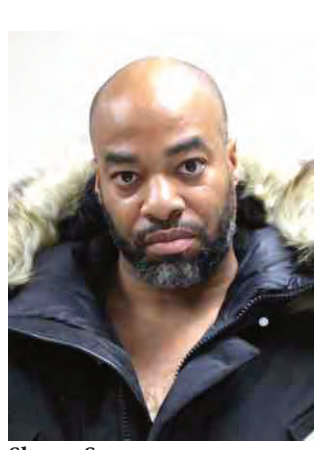
ated, 10 hours of community service, Addition to rules of probation, Online alcohol course, Continue treatment; OVI/breath low, Dismissed, Count B merged with Count A; Failure to control, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Haley S. Metz, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Registration violation; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Shane M. Zartman, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Case dismissed

Mary J. Kupfersmith, Cecil, OH; Improper backing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

MAN UNIT MAKES ARREST IN OAKWOOD



Shawn Spencer

January 5, 2023, the Multi-Area Narcotics Task Force concluded an eight month investigation into Shawn M. Spencer, 43 years old, 306 North First Street in the Village of Oakwood, Ohio. A search warrant was executed on January 5, 2023 at the residence listed above. Spencer and a Tameesha T. Rowe, 41 Years old, 306 North First Street, Oakwood, Ohio, were located inside the residence.

Agents of the Multi-Area Narcotics Task Force located and seized several firearms, large amount of US currency and suspected Methamphetamine, suspected Crack-Cocaine and suspected Opiates during the search. Spencer was taken into custody for Weapons Under Disability, additional charges are expected. Spencer is currently being held at the Paulding County Jail with \$100,000 bond.

Assisting with yesterday's operation was the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, the Oakwood School Resource Officer, and Paulding County Prosecutor Joseph Burkard.

The Multi-Area Narcotics Task Force is made up of the Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Defiance Police Department, Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Archbold Police Department, Henry County Sheriff's Office, Napoleon Police Department, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Williams County Sheriff's Office and the Bryan Police Department.

As always, The Paulding County Sheriff's office asks citizens with information about drug trafficking, or other criminal activity in Paulding County to contact us by phone, the Multi-Area Narcotics Task Force website www.manunitohio.org, or at your local Sheriff's Office or city Police Department in person. Anonymity will be given to all tips we receive.

The West Bend News
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

OHIO NEW BUSINESS FILINGS FOR NOVEMBER

This week, Secretary LaRose announced 13,420 new business filings in November 2022, down 93 filings from November 2021 and down 617 filings from September 2022.

As inflation remains the top issue for small businesses, according to the NFIB November Report, entrepreneurs and job creators continue to be cautious. Accordingly, in light of these headwinds, Secretary LaRose continues to constantly modernize the Secretary of State's office to make it as business-friendly as possible to encourage entrepreneurship and help guide new businesses on a path to success.

"Ohio remains the destination for entrepreneurs and innovation with nearly 200,000 new filings each year," said Secretary LaRose. "As we look forward to 2023, we will continue to look for new ways to support new business growth."

Through streamlining certifications for minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses and modernizing the process for limited liability companies (LLCs) to incorporate in Ohio, Secretary LaRose continues to work to simplify the process for starting a business in the Buckeye State. A new business in Ohio can be filed in Ohio for \$99 - less than our neighboring states - and the application can typically be processed in twenty-four hours. Secretary LaRose has also expanded the Ohio

Business Resource Connection, a compilation of private and public resources available to assist businesses. He has hosted dozens of roundtables throughout the state with community, legislative and business leaders to spread the word about the resources available for entrepreneurs looking to start or grow their businesses.

QUICK FACTS:

- 13,420 new businesses were created in November 2022, a 617 filing decrease from October 2022.

- November 2022 new business filings are down 93 filings from November 2021.

- 165,624 new businesses have been created in 2022 so far, averaging 15,056 per month. 184,494 had been created at the same point last year.

- 2019, 2020, and 2021 were all record-setting years in Ohio for new business creation. In 2021, Ohio surpassed the annual filing record with 197,010 new business filings.

- Ohio entrepreneurs can visit OhioSoS.gov/Business-Resources to discover the helpful opportunities available to them that can help them start and grow their business.



NOTICE OF ON-LINE SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

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The opening bid is Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy and 33/100 (\$3,870.33) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

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Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds
2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW
3rd Weekend- Payne , (Paved lot east of Homier's)
4th Weekend- Antwerp , (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month
Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)
Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)
Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)
Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

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AREA ELECTRIC CO-OPS GIVING AWAY \$15,400+ IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUTH TOUR TRIP TO CAPITAL



Last year's 2022 Youth Tour trip to the capital.

North Western Electric Cooperative, Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative and Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative are now accepting applications for more than \$15,400 in scholarships, as well as a free trip for multiple students to our nation's capital as part of the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour.

Scholarships are open to graduating seniors planning to attend college, trade, or vocational school. One winner from each co-op will move on to the state judging level and compete for additional funds from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives.

- Tricounty REC will distribute \$3,000 in scholarships; applications are due Feb. 1, 2023.

- PPEC is awarding \$5,400 in scholarships; applications are due Feb. 10, 2023.

- NWECC is giving out \$7,000 in scholarships; applications are due Feb. 17, 2023.

Every June, around 1,800 high school students from across the country spend a week in the nation's capital as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, sponsored by the students' respective electric cooperatives to educate them about America's history, our

government, and the role co-ops play in developing strong rural communities. This free trip includes insider tours of popular sites including the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Gettysburg, and more, as well as a chance to meet congressional leaders and participate in a small group on Capitol Hill. Past delegates cite the experience as "a history buff's dream" and an "unforgettable, fun memory," as well as saying they made friends they still keep in contact with to this day.

Applications for Youth Tour are open to both high school sophomores and juniors for Ohio students (only juniors for PPEC's Indiana students). Applications are due January 17 for NWECC and March 1 for PPEC and Tricounty REC.

Though rules and award details vary between the cooperatives, one thing is the same: any student applying for either scholarships or Youth Tour must be the child of a member of that respective cooperative and must complete the applications provided by that cooperative.

For applications, see your local high school guidance counselor, call or stop by your respective electric cooperative, or visit www.nwec.com, www.ppec.coop or www.tricountyelectriccoop.coop.

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Bryan-based North Western Electric Cooperative (NWECC), Malinta-based Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative, and Paulding-based Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) are not-for-profit, member-owned electric utilities dedicated to providing superior member service; safe, affordable, and reliable electricity; and improved quality of life for their communities. NWECC serves nearly 5,900 consumers in Williams, Defiance, Henry, and Paulding counties. Tricounty serves more than 4,400 members in Ohio's Henry, Fulton, Putnam, Wood, and Lucas counties. PPEC serves over 12,900 members in Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert, and Allen counties in Ohio and Adams and Allen counties in Indiana.

To learn more about the cooperatives' programs and services, please visit www.nwec.com, www.tricountyelectriccoop.coop, or www.ppec.coop.

USA SOIL EROSION

The following article was adapted from an article entitled "More than 50 billion tons of topsoil have eroded in the Midwest" (Elizabeth Gamillo). The estimate of annual soil loss is double the rate of erosion USDA considers sustainable.

Soil scientist estimates that 57.6 billion tons of topsoil has been lost in the USA in the last 160 years. During the Dust Bowl era (1930's), over 20 tons of topsoil per acre were lost annually in the Midwest due to wind erosion. Due to soil conservation efforts, erosion rates declined to around 7.4 tons nationwide and new estimates are closer to 5 tons per year.

However, these are only estimates and sometimes the way these numbers are calculated differs. In many cases, they are looking at only sheet, rill, and wind erosion; ignoring the gully erosion which is the most severe. Sheet erosion is the thin layer of topsoil that erodes across the whole field and is barely noticeable. Rill erosion occurs when water runs off and forms small channels as it moves downslope. Rill erosion can be up to 1 foot deep.

Gully erosion is the worst type of soil erosion, the deepest and most severe (1-30 feet deep).

Researchers from Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation helped identify sites in the Midwest for this study. Researchers compared cropland next to the small isolated natural prairie sites. On average, farmed fields were 1.2 feet below the prairie, per Science News. Researchers found the average soil erosion rate was 1.9 millimeters over 160 years. A 1.9 millimeters per year or .0748 inch per year erosion rate is about equal to 11 tons/acre/year. The USDA T-factor is 4-5 ton/year which is an erosion rate the government thinks is acceptable. To put this in perspective, compare 5 tons soil erosion (10,000 pounds) to a 50-bushel soybean crop (60 pounds per bushel, 3000 pounds total) which is 3.33 pounds of soil lost for each pound of soybean harvested each year. The acceptable rate of 4-5 tons of erosion is still exceptionally high and not sustainably long-term.

Topsoil can erode due to strong winds, hard rains and flowing water. Farming practices like tillage leave the soil vulnerable to surface runoff. One way to help mitigate the loss of topsoil is to have farmers use no-till practices to grow crops. There are several types of no-till including strip till which is about 80% no-till. Only 6 inches strips are tilled where crops are planted. According to Dr. Richard Cruse, Iowa State University, "By and large, we have the technology now to make no-till work. However, it's more challenging with some soils than others."

According to USDA, no-till practices have already been implemented by 51 percent of USA farmers. Cover crops are only used on about 7.5% of USA farmland acres, but there has been nearly a 50% increase in cover crop adoption in the last 5 years. The use of no-till with cover crops or crops grown after the main crop is harvested protects the soil from moving off site by wind or water. Live roots anchor the soil and add soil organic matter. Plant leaves reduce rain velocity so that soil is not dislodged upon rain impact. A rain drop may dislodge soil particles up 1 foot high and out 3 feet. Live plants and roots also absorb fertilizer and soil nutrients and keep them from running off the soil.

When topsoil erodes, the nutrients crops need go with it, making it more difficult for soil to store water and support plant growth. On highly eroded soils, farmers can lose 50-70 of their potential yield. Rapid erosion is a problem because recovering topsoil is a slow process that takes years. Generating just over an inch of topsoil may take 1,000 years or more. Soil is regenerated when rocks in the subsoil break down into sand, silt, and clay. Soil organic matter accumulates slowly as roots and crop residue is decomposed by soil microbes.

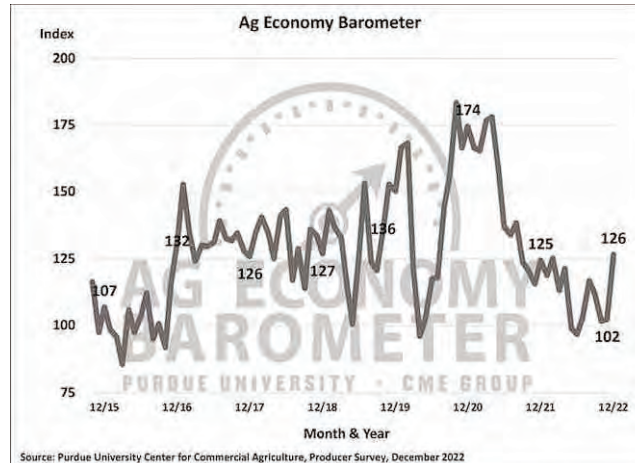
Degraded soil makes growing food more difficult and expensive. Without healthy soil, farmers won't be able to grow nutrient-dense food to feed our growing population. In the last 20 years, the world population has increased from 6 billion

to almost 8 billion people today. Some experts suspect that Earth could potentially run out of usable topsoil within 60 years if the high rate of soil erosion continues. Using no-till and cover crops, farmers may be able to reduce the rate of soil erosion down to a fraction of the cur-

rent rate, in some cases as low as 100 to 300 pounds/acre/year. Zero soil erosion is not possible. The lower more natural rate of soil erosion is considered healthier for the environment.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

FARMER SENTIMENT REBOUNDS AT YEAR END ON STRONGER 2022 INCOME



WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. and CHICAGO —Following a two-month decline and a year of weak sentiment, the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer closed out the year on a more positive note, rallying 24 points in December to a reading of 126. U.S. farmers were more optimistic about both their current situation and expectations for the future. The Current Conditions Index jumped 37 points to a reading of 135, while the Future Expectations Index increased 18 points to a reading of 122. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted Dec. 5-9.

"The improvement in current sentiment was motivated by producers' stronger perception of current financial conditions on their farms and could be attributed to producers taking time to estimate their farms' 2022 income following the completion of the fall harvest," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The Farm Financial Performance Index climbed 18 points to a reading of 109 in December. Notably, this was the only time in 2022 that the index was above 100. The turnaround was driven by a sharp increase in the percentage of producers who expect better performance than last year, which jumped from 23% to 35% of respondents, and is consistent with USDA's forecast for strong net farm income in 2022.

The Farm Capital Investment Index climbed 9 points this month to 40, the highest reading for the index since February; yet, it remains 9 points lower than a year earlier. Among the nearly three-quarters of respondents who said it was a bad time for large investments, the most commonly cited reason was high prices for farm machinery and new construction (41%), followed by rising interest rates (28%).

Despite the improvement in farmers' perceptions of their financial situations, both the short- and long-term farmland value indices continued to drift lower in December. The short-term index fell 5 points to 124,

while the long-term index declined 4 points to 140. When examined over the course of the last year, it's clear that sentiment among producers about farmland values has shifted. For example, compared to a year ago, the percentage of respondents who expect to see farmland values decline in the upcoming year increased from 6% to 15%, while the percentage expecting to see values rise declined from 59% to 39%. Among producers who expect farmland values to rise over the next 5 years, just over three-fourths of them said that a combination of nonfarm investor demand and inflation are the main reasons they expect to see values rise.

Looking to the year ahead, the December survey asked producers to compare their expectations for their farm's financial performance in 2023 to 2022. Producers indicated they expect lower financial performance in 2023 and cited rising costs and narrowing margins as key reasons. Concerns about costs continue to be top of mind for producers. Nearly half (47%) of crop producers said they expect farmland cash rental rates in 2023 to rise above the previous year. Other top concerns for 2023 include higher input costs (45% of respondents), rising interest rates (22% of respondents) and lower crop or livestock prices (13% of respondents).

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results. For even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGEGBARO, AGECCURC and AGECCFTEX.

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McCOLLEY SWORN IN AS MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER OF OHIO SENATE



From left to right: State Senators Rob McColley, Steve Wilson, and Steve Huffman are sworn in during Opening Day at the Ohio Statehouse.

COLUMBUS - State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) was sworn in as Majority Floor Leader of the Ohio Senate during opening day ceremonies this week at the Ohio Statehouse. The ceremony marked the beginning of the 135th General Assembly.

"It is a privilege to serve with so many great senators from across Ohio," said Leader McColley. "I am honored to have their trust and support to help lead the Ohio Senate along with Senate President Matt Huffman and the rest of the leadership team."

As Majority Floor Leader, McColley will help lead Senate Republicans' by coordinating their positions on the issues and strategies.

Leader McColley will continue to represent the 1st Senate District, which includes Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Fulton, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Williams coun-

ties, as well as part of Logan county.

The Senator previously represented the 81st Ohio House District as a State Representative, where he also served in House leadership as Assistant Majority Whip. Before that, he served in the Community Improvement Corporation of Henry County, where he oversaw economic development efforts for the county and worked to improve local workforce development efforts between manufacturers and schools in Henry and Williams counties.

Leader McColley is an attorney and lives in Napoleon with his wife, Denise, their daughter Anna, and their twin boys Matthew and Michael.

The opening ceremony can be viewed on OhioChannel.org. The 135th Ohio General Assembly will run through December 31, 2024.

LEONARDO DA VINCI EXHIBITION DEBUTING JAN. 21



Science Central's next temporary exhibition, Leonardo da Vinci: Artist and Engineer, is set to debut on Saturday, Jan. 21.

This exhibition explores the creative mind of Leonardo da Vinci, the famous artist, architect, and mathematician of the Italian High Renaissance.

Developed by Tactile Images, in partnership with National Federation of the Blind and Getty Images, this exhibition was created in tactile form to serve blind, disabled, and sighted visitors. It features a lineup of 10 images, presented in both tactile and 2D form. The 2D images are framed and matted prints; the tactile images are comprised of textures that enable blind and visually disabled visitors to acquire visual information independently. Each tactile

image is accompanied by braille and an audio narrative that is activated by touch.

Leonardo da Vinci: Artist and Engineer focuses purely on Leonardo's engineering drawings and innovations. It closely examines his critical eye and inventive nature. Showing a variety of his designs, from construction devices and war machines to flying apparatuses, this exhibition allows visitors to intimately experience his depth of creativity and engineering expertise.

Admission to Leonardo da Vinci: Artist and Engineer is included with general admission to Science Central. The exhibition is located in the center's Temporary Exhibitions Gallery on the Lower Level. It will be on display through May 28.

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DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/5/23

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023, howin the Hicksville Village Council Room. Clerk Stephanie Metz called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners David S. Kern, Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; Sherry Carnahan, Finance Manager/Administrator; and Emily Meyer, Administrative Assistant. Ron Jones, Hicksville Mayor, joined session.

The Commissioners held the reorganizational meeting for 2023. The 2023 Chairman is David S. Kern; Vice-Chairman is Dana Phipps.

The Commissioners' regular meetings will be held on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until the conclusion of business and on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until the conclusion of business. With the exception on the first Thursday of each month, all regular meetings shall be held in the office of the Defiance County Commissioners, 500 Court Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

The regular meeting on the first Thursday of each month shall be held in the Hicksville Municipal Building and start at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Commissioners also have scheduled a Study Session, when needed, on Wednesday beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Commissioners and Mayor Jones discussed the splash pad and pool projects, the well field project, the spec building and grant writing options.

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

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cussed upcoming meetings. Kevin DeWine, David Gulden and Aerin Garczyk, Geenex, met with the Commissioners to provide an update on the Mink Solar Project.

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/19/22

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Super-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Council Members Sarrazine, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker and Councilman Martin were not present. Kevin Bruns and Tony Manns with Beers Mallers were also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent gave an update on the clean closure lagoon project.

Mayor's Report: The mayor gave an update on which projects would be considered for the 2023 Community Crossings Grant program application. Willie's Cafe II is now open for business.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the December 5th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the December 5th meeting as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer would like to change the water meter deposit amount from \$200 to \$250 starting in 2023. He would also like to see that an 'owner' is confirmed shortly after

starting a new account. The primary way for this to be done will be through the Allen County GIS program, but could be confirmed via, titework and/or other documents. The reason for this change is because there have been multiple issues with renters presenting as owners, and then at a later date, skipping town with an outstanding balance that is never paid. After discussion, it was determined that this amount should be \$300, and that ownership should also be confirmed. This change will begin in 2023 and continue until changed, if ever that should occur.

Councilmen's Report: A resident inquired about a reduction to the sewer portion of his water bill as his backup sump pump had failed and had used considerable water that was not treated. He submitted this request via email as he was unable to attend tonight's meeting. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to adjust the sewer portion of his bill to reflect the average usage for all affected months, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts gave an update on the new homes being built in the Homestead Addition.

Audience: Kevin and Tony went over information regarding re-districting council districts by the end of the year. It was suggested that it might be best to re-district to reflect a more balanced population by area. It was also confirmed that the city would like to change the voting methodology that had previously been established in 1982 that allows residents to vote for representatives from each district, not just from the district to which they belong. It would seem that while the 1982 Ordinance set this method, the Allen County Election Board had not previously implemented that method, at least not in recent memory, if ever. That being the case, residents should see no change from previous elections. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 22-1415 (Re-Draw City of Woodburn Districts) in full, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 22-1415, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to suspend the rules to waive any additional readings of Ordinance 22-1415 and to adopt as presented, second by Council-

Sudoku solution from page 9

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woman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1415 is ratified as presented. A resident came to the meeting to discuss the surcharge on out-of-city water rates. He has explained that he sees the city of Woodburn as a water district and he would like to see the cost surcharge be re-examined in the near future. The clerk-treasurer will get with Baker Tilly to discuss what this process looks like. A resident gave an update on New Allen Alliance and changes that are currently in process.

Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.

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