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GUESTS TOUR ANTWERP'S INNOVATION & AQUAPONICS CENTER



On January 5, 2023, Antwerp Local School was honored to start the new year with several guests touring the school's Innovation and Aquaponics Center. Pictured here are (l-r) Dr. Marty Miller, Antwerp Local School Superintendent; Elyse Boyer, Antwerp Local School Director of Curriculum & Tech-

nology Integration & Innovation; Roy Klopfenstein, State Representative; Tim Copsey, Paulding County Economic Development Director; Lu Cooke, Northwest Ohio Liaison for Lt. Governor Jon Husted; Lori Brodie, Northwest Ohio Liaison for State Auditor Keith Faber; Brian Davis, Antwerp Vil-

lage Administrator; Mike Weible, Paulding County Commissioner; Pat McCauley, Public Affairs Liaison for Office of Ohio Treasurer; Nicole Giesege, Northwest Ohio representative for Congressman Bob Latta; and Kyle Zartman, Director of Innovation and Aquaponics Center.

HERITAGE LIONS CLUB COLLECT GLASSES TO ARCOLA LIONS CLUB



Heritage Lions Club member Rick Boys, along with Rolando Yuja (pictured) of the Honduras Lions and Jim Brockmann, loaded some 7,000 eyeglasses on Saturday and delivered them to John Geller of the Arcola Lions Club. Gellar stores the eyeglasses in his barn until the Arcola Lions hold their semi-annual eyeglass sorting party

in the spring. After the Arcola sort, the eyeglasses are sent to be cleaned by the Goshen Lions. They are then sorted by prescription strength, male/female, children's and sunglasses, and placed in envelopes for easier distribution. They will be shipped to missions in Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico and other countries that lack the resources to manufacture these necessary items.

All three men, along with Dr. Eric Purdy of the Bluffton Lions, recently loaded over 30,000 eyeglasses, as well as some 1,700 used shoes gathered by Changing Footprints in New Haven, into a 40 ft by 8 ft. shipping container. Also loaded were many microscopes and specialized machines for dental and eye surgeries which had been donated by doctors and dentists. Hospitals also provided several items. The container was trucked to Chicago, and will eventually move to New York and loaded onto a container ship bound for Honduras, arriving there on February 14th. Both Yuja and Brockmann are going to Honduras to assist in the distribution of shoes and glasses, and Dr. Purdy will be there to perform several eye surgeries.

Lions Clubs all over the world collect, sort, clean and prepare millions of glasses annually for distribution to those without access to eyeglasses. Changing Footprints, (Continued on Page 2)

RIVER ADVOCATE DAN WIRE RECEIVES FRIEND OF CONSERVATION AWARD

Fort Wayne river advocate Dan Wire received the prestigious Friend of Conservation award from the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' (IASWCD) Friend of Conservation Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to soil and water conservation in Indiana.

Dan Wire is a long time River Advocate. Wire currently serves as co-vice president of the Maumee Watershed Alliance and serves as an associate supervisor and advisor to Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Dan is passionate on getting people to the rivers and on the rivers. He has worked tirelessly with the Allen SWCD to get producers and growers on the river for educational pon-



toon tours, focusing on the effects agriculture is having on the WLEB. Dan was a key organizer of Rivers Summit III, Partnerships for Water Quality. Rivers Summit III brought

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GOT A MINUTE? YOU CAN POWER UP PAULDING!

Village of Paulding Community Survey

The Village of Paulding is seeking input from those who live, work, worship, and play in Paulding to help make this an even better place where families, employers, and workers might want to be. Please access the community survey using the QR code. All survey responses will remain anonymous.

The Bowling Green State University (BGSU) Center for Regional Development R3 Program assists in a community-led placemaking effort

that seeks to engage a community and identify assets that can be reimagined in an effort to improve community amenities, quality of life, and aid in retention and attraction of a highly skilled workforce.

Collaborating with BGSU's Center for Regional Development (CRD), residents from the Village of Paulding and members from Community Revitalizing Paulding (CoRP), Community Improvement

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"DO YOU WANNA BUILD A SNOWMAN" PC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM EVENT

The Children's Room at the Paulding County Carnegie Library Main

branch will be hosting a "Do You Want to Build a Snowman" program. The library is offering the program on two different dates. Thursday, January 26 at 5:30 or Monday, January 30 at 5:30. Supplies and space is limited for both events, registration is required. Call the Children's Room at 419-399-2032 to reserve your spot. There will be activities and building your very own snowman buddy.

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
 - January 16
 - PC Libraries CLOSED in observance of MLK Jr.
 - January 20
 - Combating the Winter Blues, OSU Ext. virtual, 4pm
 - Battle of the Bands submission deadline
 - January 21
 - Night to Shine Vendor Bingo Fundraiser @ Family Christian Center, Defiance, 10a-4p
 - January 24
 - Setting Money Goals @ OSU Ext office, 11am
 - January 26
 - "Do You Wanna Build A Snowman?" @ PC Library, Paulding, 5:30pm
 - January 30
 - "Do You Wanna Build A Snowman?" @ PC Library, Paulding, 5:30pm
 - February 3
 - Dining w/ Diabetes @ OSU Ext office, 1pm
 - February 4
 - Launch! Event @ Kenn-Feld, VW, 9a-12p
 - February 6
 - Peaceful Parenting, virtual, 5pm



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OBITUARIES



PAYNE, OH:
Nedra N. Cox, 76, of Payne, Ohio passed away Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at home surrounded by her family. She will join her loving husband of 54 years Michael in heaven with their favorite dogs Sadie and Miracle.

Nedra was born in Fort Wayne on May 25, 1946, a daughter of the late Keith Rondot and Ilah (Babinger).

Nedra graduated from Paulding H.S. in 1964 where she was a member of various social clubs and a member of the state finalist marching band. Nedra later graduated from Parkview Nursing School with an RN Degree where she began her career in nursing.

She will be sadly missed and is survived by her sister Rebecca Mercer and brother David Rondot (wife Anni); her brother-in-law Jack (wife Renee); her children, daughter Jessica (husband Kirk Ray); son David (husband Joe Garmyn); grandchildren Sydney Sheedy, Owen Sheedy, Samantha Sheedy, and 4 step-grandchildren.

For those who knew Nedra, she never missed a sporting event of her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling with her husband Mike and their boating friends. She loved to be at the lake and up North and rarely was seen without a smile or a warm greeting. She was a loving and caring person who would always tell you... "1, 2, 3.... Let it be!"

Visitation was Friday, January 13, 2023, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Dooley Funeral Home 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio 45880.

Service was Friday, January 13, 2023, at 10:30 at Dooley Funeral Home.

She was laid to rest at Wiltsley Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Friends of the Payne Branch Library.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

WOODBURN, IN:

Diann Ahlersmeyer, 75, of Woodburn, Indiana passed away at home on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

ANTWERP, OH:

Betty Stubberfield, 95, of Antwerp, Ohio Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at Vancrest of Payne. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

HICKSVILLE, OH:

Jerry Mauldin, 81, of Hicksville, passed away Monday, January 2, 2023 at Parkview Regional Medical Center. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

HICKSVILLE, OH:

Kathy (Hunt) Mauldin, 71, of Hicksville, passed away Sunday, January 8, 2023 at Parkview Regional Medical Center. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

HARLAN, IN:

John I. Firth, III, 76, of Harlan, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at Parkview Regional Medical Center. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.



PAYNE, OH:
Wayne E. Feasby, age 84, passed away on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at Vancrest of Payne.

Wayne was born on October 30, 1938 in Van Wert County, OH to the late Willis K. and Myrtle (Baker) Feasby. Wayne was raised by his loving aunt and uncle, Russell and Golda Baker. On August 5, 1961, he married Phyllis Mae Fry who preceded him in death on November 22, 2012. Wayne was a self employed farmer for 49 years for Feasby Farms. In the winter months, he worked for Sims Cab in Payne and for ODOT. He was a member of Gideon's International, REA Board of Paulding and Putnam counties where he was the director for 9 years, the Farmers Union, and Farm Bureau. He was a devoted member of Payne Church of the Nazarene and served on the church board. Wayne also bred and raised quarter horses, he was also the tri-state rodeo champion in keg bending with his horse, Chief. He enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren show horses. He also enjoyed watching his granddaughters play sports.

Wayne is survived by his children: Rex (Laurie) Feasby, Payne, OH; Joan Hughes, Payne, OH; sister, Donna (Leo) Martin, Monroeville, IN; five granddaughters: Bethany (Paul) DeJarnett, Kelsey (Derek) Stipati, Katelyn (Donavin) Elkins, Sarah Feasby, and Brenda Feasby; five great grandsons: Eli, Owen, Gavin, Cooper, and Landon.

Wayne is also preceded in death by brothers: John, Paul, Jerry, and Harold Feasby; sisters: Cleotha Hart and Opal Marquardt.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 16, 2023 at Payne Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Mike Harper officiating. Burial will follow in Lehman Cemetery, Benton Township.

Visitation will be from 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Monday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made in Wayne's memory to Payne Church of the Nazarene, 509 E Orchard St., Payne, OH 45880.

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

MONROEVILLE LIONS & HERITAGE LIONS JOINT MEETING



Lions District 25B Governor Sandra Zeigler spoke at their Tuesday joint Monroeville Lions/Heritage Lions meeting held at Saint John Lutheran Flatrock Church. She used the metaphor that if you have an individual domino, you cannot be very creative. But when you combine several dominoes, increasingly creative and helpful activities can be imagined and implemented. Lions working together can and do accomplish great things. Each Lion brings to the group their unique abilities and intentions. Governor Zeigler went on to describe several projects the Indiana Lions organization is involved in.

Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan seemed especially dear to her heart (she owns four dogs). Volunteers raise a newborn puppy until they are one year old (<https://www.leaderdog.org/volunteer/host-a-breeding-dog/>). They then surrender the puppy to the Leader Dog program, where it is paired with a blind person. The dog and its new owner train together and build a relationship of trust and love. The owner is absolutely dependent on the dog to guide them about.

This training costs about \$40,000 and is 100% philanthropically funded by Lions clubs, individual donors, corporate partners and foundations. There is no charge for any of our programs and services, including the guide dog, equipment, training, transportation to and from the campus, and room and board during training. Over 4,900 Lions Clubs, both nationally and internationally, contribute financially to the Leader Dog program.

Governor Zeigler also spoke of the Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing programs, the Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund "to establish, promote, manage, and control a fund to be used for the control of cancer", and the Indiana Lions efforts to enhance opportunities for students of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She also mentioned VisionFirst-Indiana Lions Eye Bank, "a leader in eye-tissue trans-

plantation, committed to changing the lives of those in need". Finally, she encouraged all members to support the Special Olympics, "which strives to change the lives of people with intellectual disabilities".

Governor Zeigler and her husband got lost on their trip to the church, arriving a few minutes late. Mr. Zeigler was kidded on his lack of navigational skills. The funniest time came when, in the middle of the meeting, his GPS suddenly "spoke", commanding him to "turn right, then turn right again."

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

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
I don't believe the Bible is reliable because in II Chronicles 4 it says the molten sea that Solomon made was ten cubits from brim to brim and 30 cubits around. The circumference figures out to 31.4 cubits.

Though you have good math, I wouldn't be too quick to throw out the dependability and accuracy of the Word of God.

First, the Bible did not declare that the molten sea was a perfect circle.

Second, these are approximate and rounded off figures. If someone asked me how far it is from my church to my home, I would say it's about six miles. I wouldn't say it is five miles, 10 rods, four yards, one foot and 7 3/64th inches. We talk in approximations all the time, and should allow the Bible such figures of speech. I heard a professor at Michigan State University ridicule the Bible unmercifully because God said He would open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing. I often wondered when was the last time the professor saw it rain cats and dogs. He would allow himself the use of such language, but not the Bible.

Third, a few verses further in our reading we find that the thickness of the

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based in Indiana, has collected over 500,000 pairs of used shoes in the past 17 years. 80% or more of those are distributed to local social service agencies, local schools, and the homeless, all at no charge.

Please support these collection efforts. Lions Clubs

eyeglasses donation boxes are located in nearly every library, optometrist's office and locations throughout our area. Changing Footprints' bins are in most local libraries, many YMCA and other athletic facilities, and all Indiana Therapy locations. Changingfootprints.org has a list of "shoe drops".

Scripture of the Week

"... that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

— 2 Corinthians 5:19-20

MATT'S MISHAPS

"Serving overseas as a small-town boy from America has been intense, stressful and humorous! Enjoy a light-hearted story with me from our last 20 years overseas!"

— Matt



Handle hurts worse than the head

I, like many, grew up with those classic toys like trikes, wagons and bikes. We had a garage and basement filled with sports equipment and yard toys. My favorite thing may have been the yard darts and a croquet set, because it carried a level of potential danger, which is a thrill for a young boy.

We've never had a yard living overseas in very urban apartment blocks, but have tried to give our kids some of the American experience. We moved a full-size Radio Flyer red wagon over in a big suitcase. We did kiddie hay rides in the wagon at fall parties with other American friends. We brought a bat, glove and t-ball stand over in a suitcase and played baseball in a dead-end street. We brought a Fisher-Price bowling set in our luggage, but the hard-plastic bowling ball was deafeningly loud rolling down our long tile hallway.

My parents had gotten our boys John Deere farm toys like a tractor, bailer and wagon to have overseas. I played with them more than

they did. They also gave our oldest son, when a toddler, a rubber and plastic set of John Deere tools with a work belt. The head of the chubby hammer was soft and rubbery and quickly became his favorite toy. My son loved pounding everything in sight and couldn't damage anything with it.

I was laying on the ground playing with him one morning, taking his toy hammer and pounding my head with the soft rubber head. He laughed and chuckled away. He then took the hammer and pounded my noggin and laughed even harder. In a split second, he switched his hold on the hammer and held it by the soft head and then swung full strength at my noggin with the handle. Crack went the hard-plastic handle on my head and left me with a headache and a welt. My son laughed uncontrollably and I wanted to know who the dumb toy designer was, who didn't realize a kid would discover the handle pounded way better than the head of the tool.

Kids have a way of unwittingly outsmarting adults, even in cases where the han-



There never was a recall on the hard plastic handle of these John Deere hammer toys, but there should have been.

dle hurts worse than the head.

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

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molten seas was a handbreadth. If you figure the outside measurement for the "brim to brim," and the inside measurement for the circumference, you come extremely close to thirty cubits.

If this is all the evidence you have to refute the accuracy of the Scriptures, your case has about as much chance as I would have hitting the moon with a shot put.

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HAVING FUN

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

It is funny that as we reach certain ages, how our idea of “fun” changes.

Babies, for example, will start noticing rattles, stuffed animals and toys at an early age. That is fun for them and for parents as well.

Then we reach Kindergarten and grade school. Our ideas of fun change. We find ourselves playing games such as Tag, Ring Around the Rosie and Jump Rope.

When the weather was nice all the girls would get together to jump rope. We had sayings that we said as we jumped. One thing I do remember is jumping so many times and trying to get out of the jump without the rope hitting us. Today, I don't think I could jump over, under, around or the fast game of rope jumping called Peppers.

We all liked playing some outdoor games, playing on the playground, with dolls or playing a good game of Jacks. Remember Jacks? When I was in the sixth grade (back in the dark ages) a bunch of girls would gather at recess and play. They were 10 weird shaped things called Jacks and a small ball. You bounce the ball and quickly pick up a jack and catch the ball all in one move. The goal is to get through and pick up all 10 Jacks at once. Sometimes, we would play the game of Pig Pen with jacks. Whatever game we played, Jacks was always one of our favorites.

When we got into junior high and high school, going to ball games, dances, and listening to the old 45 records was our idea of “fun.” We would hurry home from school to watch Dick Clark and American Bandstand and seeing if dancers Kenny and Arlene were still dancing together.

I worked during high school and got married about a year after graduation. My “fun” then included kids, laundry, cooking, grocery shopping and cleaning. The “fun” during those years was perhaps playing cards with

neighbors or going to Bunco one night a week.

When our kids got into school our fun was taking them to various activities and watching them participate.

Of course, the older we get, we still like to have fun, but our idea of fun changes. I can't jump rope anymore, I don't want to play Jacks and the only game to play that interests me is probably Bingo. I also have fun playing piano and keyboard especially playing the old songs I grew up



with. To me that is fun and it always has been.

Now my kids, grand kids and great grandchildren bring fun and joy to my life. There's always fun and excitement to watch them grow.

But what happened to all those years? Where did they go? It seems as if they passed by so quickly.

However, I am thankful that even though my ideas of fun have changed over the years, I can still muster up the strength to holler “Bingo!”

Are you like me and had your idea of fun changed? If so, what do you consider fun? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts!

TIPS FOR FIRST TIME NO-TILLERS

Veteran no-tillers know that no-till farming offers several benefits including keeping soil in place, improved nutrient recycling; savings on labor and fuel; and improved water infiltration, water storage, and drought resiliency. No-till means that farmers plant into an undisturbed soil that is teaming with microbes. Beneficial microbes prefer a stable environment to grow, so soil health improves over time.

High fuel prices, high inputs costs for chemicals and fertilizer, labor shortages, and weather issues are starting to make no-till farming more appealing. Getting started in no-till can be challenging because it is a different system and it

ANDERSON'S CELEBRATE 40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Kevin and Tamera (Scott) Anderson were married on January 18, 1983 by Pastor Terry Davy at Rosehill Church of God in Paulding, OH.

Kevin and Tamera have five children: Tammara (JR)

Misinec, Jefferson, OH; Shannon Anderson, Jefferson, OH; Cassandra (Jason) Vance, Paulding, OH; Kacey (Deena) Anderson, San Antonio, TX; and Tiffany Anderson, Paulding, OH. They also have nine grandchildren.

NEW DONATION TO JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



NEW AT THE MUSEUM - Area residents Dave and Millie Bean have donated this portrait of Andrew and Susanna (Shisler) Keck to the John Paulding Historical Society. The portrait is believed to have been drawn in charcoal

by their son, Charles, in the 1880s or 1890s. It now hangs in the museum's Ray Keck genealogy society display. The museum is currently closed for the winter but will reopen to the public on Feb. 21.

takes time to learn new skills. Here are some tips for getting started.

First, it helps to solve some of your existing problems. Make sure you have adequate drainage, take care of the weeds, and soil tests to address fertility issues. Do not forget to check on micro-nutrient levels. No-till can help with these problems over time, but it's difficult to get started no-tilling when you have multiple problems.

Second, it's all about good soil structure and biology especially having healthy soil microbes. No-till by itself may only be 1/3 of the solution, the cover crops is the other 2/3. In order to improve soil structure, you need live roots year-round to feed the microbes. Together they improve the soil over time and then feed your main cash crop. Most cover crops can take out about 6-12 inches of soil compaction per year, so it may take 2-5 years to get your soils back in shape.

Third, if possible, expand your crop rotation. Add wheat or hay or another crop to a typical corn-soybean rotation. The best place to try no-till is after a hay or pasture. The soil structure is better and

the microbes are healthy. If wheat is added to the rotation, cover crops should be planted after the wheat straw is harvested to jump start the new no-till system. Adding some manure to the cover crops is another way to stimulate soil health.

Fourth, getting started with no-till begins in the fall. Spread your crop residue thin during fall harvest. To much residue in one place causes insects, slugs, and voles to proliferate. To much crop residue in one place initially reduces residue decomposition and leaves the rest of your ground bare. Too much residue cause crops to be streaky next year when they growing, especially if the carbon to nitrogen ration is too high.

Fifth, a cover crop should be planted after harvest. Cereal rye is usually planted after corn. Drilling is best but if it's a wet fall, aerial seeding can be successful. If planting a cover crop after soybeans, plant it like wheat, after an early maturing soybean variety. Daikon radish with oats is often a great option after early maturing soybeans and are easy to no-till into next spring. Cool season cover crops which survive the win-

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Corporation (CIC), Paulding County Economic Development (PCED), and the Paulding Area Chamber of Com-

merce have developed a community survey to identify potential amenities projects in Paulding.

Your feedback will help the Paulding community!

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Continued from last week...

Joshua C. Barrick was with Company M. 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry at Columbus, Ohio on May 16, 1898, before the Company was sent to Camp George H. Thomas, Chickamauga, Georgia. The Company was stationed there until November 15, 1898, when they were ordered to report to Macon, Georgia where they were stationed until February 10, 1899.

Boredom and lack of activity did result in one man deserting, many became sick and the sad part was that three died of disease. Joshua as well as Company M., was mustered out February 10, 1899.

As the soldiers were coming home, at least half of the men did not. The economy was not very good in this area,

so men went elsewhere for work. Joshua did return home. Joshua's trail goes cold until 1910.

In 1910, Joshua and Mary moved to Belvidere, Michigan where they were engaged in farming. By 1920, Joshua and Mary were still living in Belvidere, Michigan, but they were living with his brother and sister in law. Joshua was working as a laborer and Mary was housekeeping.

On April 24, 1921, Joshua's wife, Mary M. Barrick, passed away in Michigan. She was buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Convoy, Ohio.

By 1930, Joshua had moved back to Antwerp, Ohio. He was living at 214 West Canal Street. On September 5, 1932, Joshua C. Barrick, passed away in Antwerp. He was buried with his wife Mary M. Barrick in Convoy, Ohio. They had no children. His upright Military tombstone was taken care of by his cousin Gerald Hawkins, who also signed for the tombstone. Joshua's military records were verified May 4, 1934, tombstone was ordered May 24, 1934. Stone was shipped June 8, 1934.

Joshua's brother, Robert, passed away, March 12, 1942, in Beaverton, Michigan and was buried in Dale Cemetery, Michigan. The whereabouts of his sister, Pearl are unknown after 1930.

ter will reduce compaction, build organic matter, and reduce soil erosion, but they need to be terminated in the spring. If you're starting with a highly-compacted field, use cover crop species that are meant to break up compaction (radish, oats, cereal rye). Pick cover crop species or mixes that compliments your cash crop. Grass cover crops before soybeans and legume or clovers before corn generally work best.

Six, having and maintaining good no-till equipment is critical. Sharp disc blades are required to slice through cover crop and plant residue to get good seed-to-soil contact next spring. There are several things to think about, especially what type of conditions you will be planting into next spring. Straight no-till with no cover crop is different than planting into a winter killed cover crop versus planting green into a live crop. Think ahead about how you will terminate a cover crop in the spring. Often farmers use a burndown herbicide like

glyphosate (Roundup), but glyphosate has been shown to chelate or tie up soil nutrients and can reduce soil health for several days (weeks or months?). A crimper crop roller can be used to terminate most spring green cover crops.

Seventh, be patient. Good advice is “Treat no-till as a marathon, not a sprint.” Good records help you reduce repeating costly mistakes. It takes time to build healthy resilient soils and do not expect higher crop yields immediately. Initially the economic benefits do not come from higher yields but economic savings in reduced fuel costs, less labor, eventually less fertilizer, and once your fields are healthy, less chemicals to control pests (less weeds, insects, and diseases). It helps to have a network of friends, farmers, consultants, and teachers that can help you solve problems. Adapted from article by Elizabeth Creech, NRCS.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

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CENTER FOR GLOBAL TRADE ANALYSIS RELEASES EXPANDED DATABASE WITH NEW FEATURES

Dominique van der Mensbrugghe (Purdue University Agricultural Communications photo) Download image WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue University's Center for Global Trade Analysis has released a new version of the Global Trade Analysis Project's GTAP database, the 11th in the series.

The new version of the database captures economic flows across 160 countries and regions, 141 of which represent individual countries accounting for 99% of global output and 96% of global population. The economic flows are categorized into 65 economic sectors: 20 in agriculture and food, 25 in manufacturing and 20 in services. The latest version of GTAP reflects these flows for five reference years (2004, 2007, 2011, 2014 and 2017).

Since its first version in 1993, GTAP has become the world's most widely used database and analytical framework for trade policy analysis and is also widely used to assess issues related to

climate change, land use and other environmental policies with global repercussions.

"Since the previous release, we've added a nutrition database," GTAP director and research professor Dominique van der Mensbrugghe said. "We're also tracking nine air pollutants in addition to the



Dominique van der Mensbrugghe, Purdue University Agricultural Communications

greenhouse gases that we've been traditionally tracking."

The new version includes 20 new countries, mostly from central Africa.

"We have been working with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa to increase GTAP's representation in the region, which will facilitate the analysis of

trade agreements like the African Continental Free Trade Area," said Angel Aguiar, a principal research economist with the center.

Although Africa accounts for a small percentage of world GDP, the continent will experience significant population growth in the next three decades. Africa also is potentially most at risk from climate change, van der Mensbrugghe said.

The UN Economic Commission for Africa is a long-standing member of the GTAP Consortium. The consortium is composed of 32 members from national government agencies, international institutions, the private sector and academia. It provides strategic guidance and core financial support to the Center for Global Trade Analysis. The larger GTAP network consists of more than 26,200 members from 179 countries.

A major aspect of assembling the database is to ensure that it presents a coherent picture of the entire global economy. What the database reports as total global wheat exports needs to match the total of imported wheat across all countries, for example.

"We can't allow for any gaps in our accounting system. We employ numerical techniques to make sure that the disparate data sources all line up," van der Mensbrugghe said. Such measures are vital to validate the GTAP model that relies on the database. The model is designed to perform quantitative analyses on a wide range of international economic issues. For example, recent research from the center has assessed the economic impacts of the COVID pandemic and the war in Ukraine.

"The ability to track a whole chain of flows of goods and services from one sector in one economy to another sector in another economy is a real strength of this work," he said.

The database reflects how much steel U.S. car manufacturers buy from China, Vietnam and Europe, for example. Or, if a flood in Thailand reduces that nation's computer-chip manufacturing output, the database can document its impact on the global value chain.

A GTAP member for three different agencies before joining the Purdue faculty in 2014, van der Mensbrugghe used the database for his work at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Aguiar, who received his PhD in agricultural economics from Purdue in 2009, came to the university because of the Center for Global Trade Analysis. He, van der Mensbrugghe and the center's staff economists base much of their own research, either for academic publications or in collaboration with partner agencies, on the GTAP database and model.

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water quality issues in the Western Lake Erie Basin Watershed to the forefront. The event included presentations on federal and state legislative policies, private conservation endeavors, the economic impacts of water quality, and the state of the science in the

RAIDERS PICK UP 15-POINT ROAD WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

After a disappointing one-point loss on Friday night the Wayne Trace Raiders had to bounce back for a Saturday night contest. Again, like the Friday night's game at Hicksville the Raiders would be on the road for a date with Delphos Jefferson. The outcome was much better with the red, white, and blue playing solid defense and shooting the ball at a hot clip to put away the Wildcats 55-40. With the win the Raiders improve to 7-3 overall while DJ falls to 4-6.

Wayne Trace jumped out to an early lead -- 19-12 after one quarter of play. The Raiders increased their margin to double-digits by halftime with a 33-22 advantage. Wayne Trace was never seriously threatened in the second half and entered the final eight minutes of play on top 41-31. The Wildcats couldn't close the gap with the Raiders winning the quarter, outscoring the Wildcats 14-9, to settle for the 15-point non-conference win.

Wayne Trace shot the ball very well on the night hitting 20-28 from the two-point area for 71 percent. Beyond the three-point arc the Raiders were 3-7 and settled for an overall shooting performance of 66 percent. Delphos Jefferson shot well but unfortunately did not get enough shots off during the contest. Hitting 10 of their 15 two-point attempts and 5-14 behind the arc the 'Cats shot 52 percent overall.

Rebounding was even on the night but turnovers were costly for the Wildcats who coughed the ball up 26 times with the Raiders committing 12 miscues. The Raider's played a solid, heads up, defense all night, allowing just 40 points, thanks to a sticky defense that allowed the Raiders to pick up 21 steals in the contest.

Wayne Trace placed three in double-digits including Brooks Laukhuf with 21 including a perfect eight -for-eight from the field from the two-point area along with a team high five steals. Kyle Stoller added 14 and a team high nine rebounds and Tyle Davis chipped in nine. Rounding out the Raiders scoring were Hudson Myers with four, Tanner Laukhuf adding three and Cale Winans two.

Delphos Jefferson placed Trent Teman in double figures with 11 followed by Issac Gallmeier with nine, Karder Agner adding eight, Levi Rode collecting six along with Andrew Miller with six.

LADY RAIDERS COME UP SHORT ON THE ROAD 40-35

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

A critical second quarter turned out to be the downfall

Western Lake Erie Basin. Emphasis was given to coordinating agency and organization efforts to produce measurable successes in nutrient loading reductions. Participants worked on establishing the framework required to successfully address this decades-long problem.

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for the Lady Raiders who outscored Lima Central Catholic in the other three quarters. Wayne Trace outscored the Thunderbirds 28-26 in quarter number one, three, and four but struggled in the second being outscored 14-7. LCC won the non-conference matchup 40-35 to move their record to 5-7 while the Raiders also stand at 5-7.

The Thunderbirds placed just four players in the scoring column with Kiegh Macklin leading the way with 16 followed by Olivia Stolly with 11. Bridget Mulcahy added nine with team mate Aubrey Frankhouser chipping in four for the winners.

Wayne Trace was paced by

the ten points from Harper Myers followed by Gracie Shepherd with nine, Caroline Winans and Abby Moore each finished with six. Lexi Moore and Elise Miller each contributed two.

Neither team shot the ball particularly well with the Thunderbirds hitting 12-37 for 32 percent while the Raiders finished with a 34 percent clip hitting 15-44 from the field. However, the huge difference came at the foul line where LCC connected on 12-14 while the Raiders went to the line just six times hitting two. Both squads committed 18 turnovers with LCC winning the battle of the boards 32-29.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEMOCRATS GLOBAL WARMING

Try thinking back to Al Gore and how this big wheel Democrat pushed "Global Warming" on us. He spent millions in his effort to make a name for himself. People uneducated in earth's functions and your gullible fellow liberals could see our world coming to a quick end if we didn't fund prevention quickly. When that fizzled, Al started telling he invented a certain something that proved

to be someone else's invention. He was our Democrat V.P. back then. I really don't see much difference between him and our president today. They both do what Democrats do best, lie and scare tactics.

You need to understand this one fact. Democrats frequently take partial facts, mix them with their magic verbal elixir and present them as true facts. I don't say that because I'm a Christian and conservative. It's what I've discovered from paying attention to politics all year long for many years and reading history books.

Why do you think radical liberals and teacher unions have politicized and shredded our education system to almost third world level? They couldn't reign over you if you were privy to real facts. I believe schools turned out smarter kids back in 1954 when I graduated than they do today. They want the public in the dark. I believe that is why they keep our southern border open. They want a dumbed-down public. Boy, are they ever stupid.

You think you understand global warming but you don't. Most of your information is coming from the world's champion lie fabricators. I believe they are a regiment of Satan's elite warriors out to destroy America. I also feel that anti-God Obama was/is their teacher. You can blame Obama's mouth for much of your disinformation. He told the world that America isn't Christian and he put us down every chance he got. I believe he also is the person responsible for Christians being put down in our military.

I firmly believe many of the problems America faces today is what we get for taking

God from our youth and military and electing a anti-Christian, anti-God, radical Muslim and his "do nothing" Vice President Biden. Between the two of them America has only gone backwards. Two words describe most Democrat leaders of the last 14-15 years communist crap.

I hope this helps open some closed minds concerning global warming and the greed of these elected representatives, many of who enjoy insider trading. Global warming is happening but you need to understand this. It is natural and has been since earth's beginning. Who melted the glaciers and ice covering earth before cars, airplanes and even people.

Why don't Democrat leaders speak about the latest documented warming period from 950 - 1350 A.D. or the cooling period before 950 A.D. I'm quite sure they meant to tell you of the little ice age from 450 - 1850 A.D. but it just slipped their mind just as they were preaching global cooling about 50 - 60 years ago. Based on past history, our president warming period could last another 300 years and Democrats can't stop it.

If our earth wasn't alive as it is now, we just couldn't survive. Why don't you just leave it to God rather than your corrupt greedy representatives. —Richard Mastin Hicksville, OH

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LADY PANTHERS TAKE A LOSS AT HOME



Paulding High School Girls basketball played host to the Edgerton Lady Bulldogs on Thursday evening, January 12th. Pictured here is Paulding junior Elli Barton as she gets under the basket and shoots for the home team and scores, while Edgerton's Taylor Smith attempts to block. Lady Panthers took a close loss to the Bulldogs, losing 45-52. More pictures at westbendnews.net

RAIDER SEVENTH GRADERS RECORD WIN OVER EDGERTON

Wayne Trace's seventh grade boys basketball team led at every stop as the Raiders posted a 41-18 victory over host Edgerton Thursday evening.

The red, white and blue led 7-0 after one quarter and Wayne Trace expanded the margin to 23-1 at the intermission. The Raiders took a 31-16 lead at the end of three periods.

Jayne Edwards totaled 15 points to post Wayne Trace and Owen Welch also reached

double figures with 11 markers.

Luke Miller added eight points for the Raiders with Jensen Being chipping in seven points.

BREWER CARRIES ARCHERS PAST EAGLES

Antwerp dominated the first quarter and cruised the rest of the way to record a 68-47 win over host North Central Saturday night in non-league boys basketball action.

Landon Brewer scored a game high 36 points to pace the blue and white in the con-

test with Zaine McMichael chipping in ten markers.

Reid Lichty totaled nine points for Antwerp followed by Carson Altimus (seven) and Parker Moore (six).

Joey Burt and Cohen Meyers both scored 11 points to lead North Central while Quin Burt and Gage Kidston each added seven markers. Johnny Hicks finished with six markers for the Eagles and Ben Pettit had five.

The Archers led 16-6 at the end of eight minutes of action before Antwerp widened the lead to 40-29 at the intermission. Antwerp extended the margin to 55-40 entering the final period.

TIGERS CONTROL SECOND HALF TO DEFEAT PANTHERS

With a two-point lead at halftime, visiting Liberty Center pulled away from host Paulding for a 53-42 boys basketball victory at the 'Jungle' Saturday night.

The orange and black led 14-10 at the end of eight minutes of action before the Panthers sliced the deficit to 24-22 at the midway point of the contest.

However, Liberty Center picked up a dozen third quarter points while Paulding scored nine as the Tigers expanded the margin to 36-31 at the end of three periods. The Henry County squad then put the game away with a 17-point fourth quarter while limiting the Panthers to 11.

Aiden Hammontree topped seven scorers for Liberty Center with 11 points and Landon Kruse also reached twin digits with ten.

Zane Zeiter (nine), Colton Chambers (eight), Gavin Geahlen (seven), Landon Bockelman (six) and Seth Navarre (two) also found the scoring column for Liberty Center.

Paulding was paced by Nick Manz with 11 markers and Casey Agler chipped in eight points.

Kane Jones and Ethan Foltz both added seven for the maroon and white with Luke Zartman getting five and Peyton Adams finished with four.

ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLERS HAVE IMPRESSIVE WEEKEND

The Antwerp Junior High wrestling team recently competed in their Annual Home Invitational at Antwerp High School on Saturday, January 7, 2023. Both Archer wrestlers were able to place in the top 2 of their respective weight classes. 8th grader Maddi Doster finished 2nd at 172 pounds. Doster recorded a 2-1 record for the day with 1 pin and 1 technical fall.

Earning a 1st place finish at 134 pounds was 8th grader Zac Salas. Salas was very dominant at his home invitational, winning all 3 of his matches easily with 2 pins and 1 technical fall. This marks the second consecutive tournament championship for Salas as he only has 1 loss on the season thus far. Congratulations to all of the junior high wrestlers for their effort this past weekend.

The Antwerp coaching staff would also like to thank everyone who helped with weekend's past tournament as it was yet another success because of everyone's hard work and attention to detail. We truly appreciate all of the effort. GO ARCHERS!!!

RAIDERS FALL ON THE ROAD BY ONE IN KEY GMC BATTLE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Wanting to avoid an 0-2 start in Green Meadows Conference play Wayne Trace traveled to Hicksville to go against a very dangerous Ace's ball team. Hicksville had suffered just one loss on the season and was looking to stay atop of the league standings. In the low scoring affair, the Aces managed to stay in front of the Raiders in the second half to grab a critical one-point win 46-45.

The Raiders took control in the early going and found themselves on top after the initial eight minutes of play 13-6 but the Aces settled down in the second period, outscoring the red, white, and blue 16-6, to take a 22-19 advantage to the locker room at the break. The Aces never trailed in the second half.

Early in the fourth frame the Raiders were down by as many as eight (39-31) before mounting a brief come back. Brady Miller connected on a triple followed by back-to-back field goals from Brooks Laukhuf and Kyle Stoller had the Raiders within one 29-31 but they could never get over the hump. Both teams traded baskets down the stretch but Hicksville connected on a couple of free throws by senior Alex Gordon to put his squad up by four 46-42.

Gordon finished with a team high 16 points on 5-8 shooting from the field and a perfect 6-6 at the free throw line along with six rebounds. A couple of additional seniors helped the Ace's cause with Brody Balsler finishing with 12 points and team mate Aaron Klima chipping in nine. Rounding out the Hicksville scoring: Braxztyn Heisler four, Brant Langham three, and Jayden Rosalez two.

Wayne Trace scoring had Brooks Laukhuf finishing with 16 and Kyle Stoller adding 13. Rounding out the Raiders scoring, who fall to 6-3 and 0-2 in GMC play, included Brody Miller and Cale

PANTHERS STAY ATOP GMC RACE



Senior Nick Manz starts the game off right with a 3 point basket for the Panthers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Ethan Foltz scored 22 points and Casey Agler added 11 markers to lead the Paulding Panthers to a 56-50 victory over Ayersville in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball action Friday night.

With the win, the maroon and white stay tied atop the GMC standings at 2-0 with Tinora and Hicksville. Ayersville drops to 5-6 overall and 1-1 in the league.

The Panthers opened a 19-8 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before Ayersville trimmed the deficit to 30-22 at halftime. The Pilots pulled within 38-32 entering

the final stanza before each team bucketed 18 points in the fourth quarter.

Nick Manz added eight markers for the maroon and white with Peyton Adams posting six and Kane Jones recorded five. Luke Zartman also had four points for Paulding.

Carter Michel and Weston McGuire each scored 11 points to lead the way for Ayersville while Brady Clark and Tyson Schlachter picked up nine apiece. Ben Amoroso and Garrett Flory chipped in five points each as well for the Pilots.

Winans each with five, Tyler Davis with four and Tanner Laukhuf with two points.

Wayne Trace struggled on the boards with the Aces grabbing 24 rebounds while the Raiders managed just 15. In the turnover department the Aces collected 13 miscues to the Raiders 11. Wayne Trace connected on 19-37 from the floor for 51 percent shooting while the Aces were 16-34 for 47 percent.

WARRIORS WIN WAWASEE TOURNEY

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

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ARCHERS PICK UP GMC VICTORY



Landon Brewer grabs the ball and gets the turnover to have an open run, dunking the ball for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Antwerp boys basketball team recorded its first Green Meadows Conference victory of the season with a 52-45 win over Edgerton Friday night at the home of the Archers.

The Archers led at every stop against the Bulldogs, jumping in front 14-10 at the end of one period before expanding the margin to 29-14 at the intermission. Antwerp took a 39-30 lead into the fourth quarter before settling on the 52-45 victory.

Landon Brewer topped

Antwerp with 20 points while Reid Lichty chipped in a dozen markers and Carson Altimus posted ten points.

Parker Moore finished with eight markers and Zaine McMichael recorded two as well for the Archers, who improved to 1-1 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Corey Everetts topped Edgerton with 17 points followed by Scottie Krontz (12), Quentin Blue (six), Cory Herman (five) and Nathan Swank (five). The Bulldogs fall to 1-8 overall and 0-2 in the league.

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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.

PANTHERS TAKE NINTH AT SPARTAN INVITE

The Paulding wrestling team posted a ninth place finish over the weekend at the Spartan Invitational hosted by Lima Senior High School.

Paulding's Dawson Lamb placed second individually in the 157-pound weight class as he came up short to Allen East's Kade Wireman in the championship match 15-10.

Adan Zacarias recorded a third place finish in the 132 pound weight class with a 9-7 victory over Elida's Ethan Lawson while Sheridan Matty took fourth place at 138 as he fell to Springfield's Kasen Knapp 14-1 in the consolation match.

Two other placers for the maroon and white were Jesse Shaffer and Kobe Foor. Shaffer finished sixth in the 144-pound weight class and Foor placed eighth at 215.

RAIDERS COMPETE IN TROY WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

Troy High School hosted its annual Troy Wrestling Invitational on January 7, 2023. Wayne Trace wrestling team competed in this event.

Team Scores:

1. Fairmont, 289.0; 2. Miami East, 263.5; 3. Troy, 195.5; 4. Wayne, 164.0; 5. Ben. Logan, 163.0; 6. Covington, 144.0; 7. Piqua, 141.0; 8. Greenville, 119.0; 9. Wayne Trace, 109.0; 10. St. John's, 84.5; 11. Urbana, 41.0; 12. Meadowdale, 5.0; 13. Arcanum, 0.0. Bye points earned after win in pool

Seventh Round/score

106:2x5 1st- Carson Taylor (Covington) dec. T.J. Murray (Troy), 9-4; 3rd-Justin Winter (Fairmont) maj. dec. Austin Spicer-Campbell (Wayne), md13-5; 5th-Dylan Johnston (Piqua) maj. dec. Jack Suter (Greenville), md10-1; 113:2x5 1st- Jayson Hunter (Fairmont) dec. Xavier Bradley (Wayne), 6-0; 3rd- Gabe Cole (Miami East) pin Parker Will (St. John's), 1:49; 5th- Carter Buck (Ben. Logan) pin Logan Wells (Piqua), 2:18; 120:4x31 s t - Michael Hagan (Covington) pin Corbin Kimmel (Wayne Trace), 1:19; 3rd- Bryce Harris (Fairmont) pin Anden Kemmer (Troy), 1:40; 5th-Garrett Fine (Miami East) pin Logan Tolliver (St. John's), 0:50; 126:4x3 1st- Cooper Shore (Miami East) pin Nikolai Kaye*PIQU (X1), 1:16; 3rd-Kade Thomas (Ben. Logan) dec. Nolan Fox (Troy), 16-14; 5th- Brady Mikolajewski (Piqua) pin Austin Shafer (St. John's), 2:20; 132:4x4 1st-Chase Vanderhorst (Covington) pin Evan Carpenter (Ben. Logan), 0:48; 3rd- Gavin Nelson (Piqua) dec. Jack Probasco (Fairmont), 7-4; 5th- Edward Kessen (St. John's) tech. fall Aaron Oates (Troy), tf22-7;138:4x4 1st- Max Kaye (Piqua) pin Nathan Brewster (Troy), 2:32; 3rd- Layton Hughes (Miami East) dec. Toby Deglow (Fairmont), 7-2; 5th-Caleb Ryman (Covington) dec. William Bush (Greenville), 5-2; 144:4x4 1st- Aaron Mills (Miami East) dec. Graiden Troth (Wayne Trace), 8-5; 3rd-Justin Turner (Fairmont) pin Damian Meredith*FAIR (X2), 4:34; 5th- Layne Settle (Urbana) pin Cameron Roberts (Ben. Logan), 0:57; 150:4x4 1st- Kendal Plikerd (Ben. Logan) pin Tyler Plunkett (Troy), 4:12; 3rd- Anthony Martinez (Fairmont) pin Isaiah Woolum (Wayne), 4:29; 5th- Camden Gable (St. John's) dec. Kevin Nguyen (Greenville), 5-0; 157:4x4 1st-Peyton McCartney (Greenville) pin John Kemp (Miami East), 2:41; 3rd-Alec Nal (Fairmont) dec. Lamar

Hawkins (Wayne), 6-4; 5th-Kameron Larson (Ben. Logan) pin Eli Watkins (Piqua), 0:52; 165:2x4 1st- Sam Moore (Wayne Trace) pin Hunter Randall (Miami East), 1:04; 3rd- Matthew Beikman (Ben. Logan) dec. Abdulaziz Keshta (Fairmont), 3-1; 5th-Danny Murray (Troy) pin Alexander Luna-Mendoza (Wayne), 3:18; 175:4x4 1st- Ferman Mirzaev (Fairmont) pin Xavier Poffenberger (Troy), 2:05; 3rd-Max Tucker*URBA (X1) pin Payton Parsons (Greenville), 1:45; 5th-Daniel Koehler (Ben. Logan) maj. dec. Chris Smith (Miami East), md15-6; 190:2x5 1st- Drake Bennett (Miami East) dec. Owen Russell (Fairmont), 10-3; 3rd-Nathan Osborn (Wayne Trace) pin Brackett Osborne (Piqua), 1:57; 5th-Owen Zick-afoose (Troy) pin Ryan Pelfrey (Wayne), 2:43; 215:4x3 1st- Noah Tulloch (Fairmont) pin Dylan Arthur (Miami East), 3:21; 3rd-Avant Hunter (Wayne) pin Zeb Woodward-Roeth (Covington), 0:27; 5th-Hayden Barker (Piqua) pin Kiernan Schnur (Troy), 2:32; 285:2x5 1st- Dustin Winner (Miami East) dec. Joshua Gonzales (Wayne),4-1; 3rd-Aiden Stringer (Fairmont) pin Zaidan Johnson (Urbana), 1:14; 5th- Andrew Winner (Greenville) pin Broch Penrod*WAYN (X1), 0:56

PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2nd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2022/23

GRADE 6

All A's: Cora Agler, Karli Breedlove, Jakob Elkins, Ingrid Escobar, Aspen Grace, Shelby Hitt, Kendal Hodge, Brynlee Manette, Leah Manz, Ross Myers, Jordyn Nagy, Evelyn Reyes, Shohawna Shepherd, Owen Stoller, Kendyl Sunday, Audrey Trejo Marin

All A's and B's: Levi Athy, Daniella Borland, Madison Clark, Cecilia Frazier, Wesley Grindstaff, Rooney Gutierrez Cortes, Savannah Harris, Austin Hicks, Brayden Kauser, Gracie Leal, Lincoln Manz, Luciana Martinez, Lilly Steingass, Samuel Verfaillie, Hunter Webb

GRADE 7

All A's: Presley Barnes, Nicholas Baughman, Jack Daeger, Parker Egnor, Tyler Goyings, Ava Leatherman, Jason Manz, Graham Miller, Alayna White

All A's and B's: Annabelle Ametewee, Addison Arend, Xandyr Carlisle, Rylee Cox, Trevor Durham, Jarret Griffith, Emily Hartzell, Ridge Hunt, Delaney Johanns, Alivia Kingen, Kaydena Kuckuck, Quinton Laker, Gannon Landers, Tyson Manz, Adrianna Mead, Gabriella Mullins, Miracle Omonayin, Civil Pumphrey, Nicholas Schlueter, Cameron Williams

GRADE 8

All A's: Max Daeger, Kayleigh Dunham, Mariah Klopfenstein, Megan Manz, Myrriah Manz, Vivienne Myers, Lucy Porter, Leonel Reyes, Audrey Stoller, Darcy Taylor

All A's and B's: Destiny Aldred, London Ametewee, Braylon Barnes, Landon Dasher, Silas Foltz, Jayla Griffith, Mackenzie Leatherman, Esther LeMieux, Camdyn Manz, Kate Manz, Estie Pease, Eli Pessefall, Tori Schlatter, Candence Schwab, Lailah Smith, Brooklynn Verfaillie

WARRIORS DOMINATE TIGERS LAST WEEK!



Senior Alex Miller was burning up the court in Saturday night's game against the Bluffton team. Miller is driving into the lane to score for the Warriors! Warriors went on to win this matchup against the Tigers, 72-36! More pictures at westbendnews.net

WT GROVER HILL 2nd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2022/23

3rd Grade All A's: Carson DeVenney, Evan Heier, Mia Kamphaus, Jase Miller, Alirah Ricker, Chandler Sinn, Jayde Sinn, Austin Stoller, and Lyla Stoller

3rd Grade A/B: Bentley Bassler, Bentlee Bidlack, Allison Donaldson, Sophie Donaldson, Kyndra Grimes, Gavyn James, Serena Landwehr, Hailey Martin, Brianna McClure, Dakota Miner, Jaxon Porter, Bruno Rodriguez-Lopez, Gaberial Spangler, Gentry Tucker, and Ellie Wilt

4th Grade All A's: Rozlynn Eversole, Paisley Greear, Emma Hartwig, Abrie Hurd, Beckett Jay, Grayson LaBounty, Brynlee Maenle, Sawyer Schlatter, Aylan Stoller, and Shawna Stoller

4th Grade A/B: Wyatt Farris, Kendyl Hurd, Jennifer

Lopez-Castillo, Gabriella Lowe, Gracie Anne Santo, Jaxson Shelton, and Emberlee Sinn

4th Grade All B's: Lyla Orona

5th Grade All A's: Brenna Beining, Katelynn Hurd, Kenzie Manz, Griffin Miller, and Kolson Stoller

5th Grade A/B: Gracelyn Elkins, Avah Farris, Connie Landwehr, Carter Ludwig, Jocelyn Mabis, Gracelyn Miller, Carter Noffsinger, and Tylan Sinn

5th Grade All B's: Jocelynn Adkins, Piper Densmore, and Wyatt Dickerson

6th Grade All A's: Easton Jay, Kinlee Miller, Brayden Sinn, Brooke Stoller, Corbin Stoller, and Olivia Stoller

6th Grade A/B: Braylin Sinn, Jonah Sinn, Abigail Tarlton, and Jacob Wobler

6th Grade All B's: Phoebe Landwehr and Carlen Ludwig

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PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (22) persons on Thursday, January 12, 2023

Cecil W. Luttrell (11/11/76), Morenci, MI; Failure to appear as required by recognizance, F4

Kejuan D. Johnson, Holland (7/28/94), OH; Grand theft of a motor vehicle, F4

Robert L. Bair III (6/16/89), Melrose, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Bobby Lee Jones (6/24/67), Edinburg, TX; Menacing by stalking, F4

Bobby Joe Thompson (8/25/78), Antwerp, OH; Breaking and entering (2 counts), F5; Theft, F5; Petty theft, M1

William Nimon Wehby (11/12/67), Paulding, OH; Complicity in the commission of an offense(3 counts), F5; Complicity in the commission of an offense, M1

Clay Ryan-Paul Dockery (9/18/99), Paulding, OH; Aggravated murder (2 counts), UF

Wilfredo Leonel Agurcia (10/7/86), Fredericksburg, VA; Aggravated possession of drugs, F1

Rachel R. McGill (3/10/92), Paulding, OH; Ag-

gravated possession of drugs, F3

Julia Juanita Snyder (6/25/75), Defiance, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5; Operating a vehicle while under the influence of a listed controlled substance or listed metabolite of a controlled substance - OVI, M1

Christina Lorraine DeMuth (5/8/61), Oakwood, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Corbin Michael Delgado (9/16/04), Grover Hill, OH; Grand theft of a motor vehicle, F4; Vandalism, F4

Ethan Daniel Burger (2/26/04), Ottawa, OH; Sexual battery, F3; Rape, F1

Aaron L. Frost (8/31/81), Antwerp, OH; Improperly furnishing firearms to a minor, F5

Rhonda Kay Stahl (9/24/73), Grover Hill, OH; Illegal use of supplemental nutritional assistance program benefits or WIC program benefits, F5

Jonathan A. Wonderly (11/5/85), Defiance, OH; Theft, F5

Bryan Austin Clevinger (9/24/97), Paulding, OH; Pandering obscenity involving a minor or impaired person, F2; Gross sexual imposition, F4

James Wesley Haun (10/28/64), Wellington, OH; Theft from a person in a protected class (2 counts), F4; Theft from a person in a protected class (2 counts), F5

Andrew Michael Black (6/10/87), Troy, OH; Breaking and entering, F5

Samuel Palacios (6/10/80), Paulding, OH; Failure to provide notice of change in vehicle information or identifiers, F3

Craig Lee Wagenhauser (10/21/88), Paulding, OH; Disrupting public services, F4; Resisting arrest, M2

Judd C. Spencer

(11/15/69), Cecil, OH; Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F4

Shawn Markeith Spencer (9/23/79), Paulding, OH; Having weapons while under disability, F3; Specification for forfeiture of a Weapon while under disability; Trafficking in cocaine, F4; Specification for forfeiture of property, Specification for forfeiture of an automobile in a drug case, Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F2, Specification for forfeiture of property, Specification for forfeiture of an automobile in a drug case, Specification for forfeiture of money in a drug case; Aggravated trafficking in drugs, F2, Specification for forfeiture of property, Specification for forfeiture of an automobile in a drug case, Specification for forfeiture of money in a drug case; Receiving stolen property, F4; Possession of cocaine, F5; Aggravated possession of drugs, F3

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Mikio J. Vanderunen, Old Town, FL; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Zachary M. Moser, Bryan, OH; Handle firearm; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Brandon A. Moser, Paulding, OH; Trespassing, Count A dismissed, Criminal mischief, Defendant, to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, Complete 20 hours community service, Write a letter of apology, No contact with victim or property

Georgia A. Hines, Bryan, OH; Driving under suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty, Proof of insurance provided, 60 hours of community service to be completed by 6/10/23; Registration violation, Count C dismissed

Nathan E. McAlexander, Hicksville, OH, Hit Skip, Case dismissed; Failure to control, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Bryan A. Clevinger, Antwerp, OH; Obscenity involving minor; Gross sexual imposition; Preliminary hearing waived, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Jodella S. Martin, Marion, IN; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dale L. Steel, Cecil, OH.; Failure to control; Case was waived by defendant

Paul W. Dockery, Continental, OH; Open container, Appeared with counsel, pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and fees; Reckless operation, Pled no contest, found guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided, ALS vacated; Marked lanes, Case dismissed

Joseph H. Allsup Jr., Paulding, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Kenneth W. Butler, Paulding, OH; Fictitious registration; Guilty; Provide proof of insurance by 1/12/23

Andrew D. Hutchinson, Alexnadria, VA; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Austin M. Spain, Muncie, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony R. Knight, Sidney, OH; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel K. Reedy, Van Wert, OH; Failure to control;

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Marcus J. Muldoon, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Andrew M. Guilliam, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension, Dismissed; No tail lights, Pled no contest, found guilty, Proof of insurance provided, Physical license was returned to defendant

Jennifer V. Smith, Fort Wayne, IN; Traffic device/signal; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott J. Funk, Hicksville, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Adam W. Frechette, Osage, IA; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

CASE MANAGEMENT TO IMPROVE AT PAULDING COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

The Paulding County Municipal Court is improving its case management system with updated software and moving to a paperless/e-filing court. The majority of the funding was provided from a grant from the Ohio Supreme Court.

It is a slow process to upgrade all aspects of the case management system and it has been ongoing for several weeks and will be ongoing for some time yet.

The new paperless/e-filing system will allow attorneys, participants, victims, and concerned parties to access case information from any desktop computer, laptop computer, tablet, or even cell phone.

To accomplish this process, the Clerks have been reviewing and scanning old cases to scan the records into the case management software, redacting personally identifiable information.

As a part of this process the Court, the Prosecutor's Office, and the Sheriff's Office have reviewed the numerous cases in the "Warrant Drawer" which contains all cases with outstanding warrants issued by the Court for various reasons. Warrants are issued for individuals who have a new case filed but the individuals' whereabouts are unknown and the Sheriff is unable to serve the paperwork on the individuals, or when an individual has failed to appear at a required court appearance, or even has failed to follow the rules of probation.

In reviewing old cases during this process, some cases will be dismissed. For example, some individuals with outstanding warrants are now deceased and those warrants will be or have been recalled and the case dismissed and closed.

TOLEDO POST INVESTIGATES FATAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE CRASH

Grand Rapids, Ohio - The Toledo Post is currently investigating a fatal crash that occurred at approximately 10:55 AM on January 7, 2023 on US24 near mile post 54 in Providence Township, Lucas County.

A 2022 Kenworth T880 semi-tractor pulling a 2005 Heil Trailer being operated by Kenneth F. Risner age 50 of Bryan, Ohio, was traveling

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLIE M. NEACE, ET.AL.

DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-22-204

Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Charlie M. Neace; Unknown Spouse of Charlie M. Neace; Virginia Neace, Unknown Spouse of Virginia Neace; and Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Ohio

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 307 E. Canal Street, Antwerp, Ohio; 108 W. High Street, Bryan, Ohio

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Charlie M. Neace and Virginia Neace to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 400 Page 583, and Volume 575 Page 510 of the Paulding County Records.

The real property in question is situated as follows:

Situated in the Township of Carryall, County of Paulding, State of Ohio, and described as follows:

Commencing at a point Four hundred four (404) feet Westerly from the point where the South line of the Wabash and Erie Canal lands intersects with the East side of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Number Thirty-four (34) in Township No. 3 North of Range No. 1 East, Paulding County, Ohio, along the South line of the said Canal Lands; thence South Three hundred ninety-five (395) feet; thence Westerly and parallel with the said South line of said Canal lands Two hundred and twenty-one (221) feet; thence Northerly Three hundred and ninety-five (395) feet to the said Southerly line of the said Canal lands and thence Easterly along the South line of said Canal lands Two hundred and twenty-one (221) feet to the place of beginning and containing Two (2) acres of land more or less, situate in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Number Thirty-four (34) in Township No. 3 North, Range No. 1 East, Paulding County, Ohio, and in the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio.

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the land owned by Adam J. Reeb on the South line of the Wabash Canal land, thence North One hundred (100) feet to the North line of the Wabash Canal land; thence Easterly along the North line of the Wabash Canal land to where the section line between Section Twenty-seven (27) and Thirty-four (34) crosses the North line of the Wabash Canal lands in Carryall Township, Paulding County, Ohio; thence South One hundred (100) feet, to the South line of the Wabash Canal land; thence Westerly along the South line of the Wabash Canal lands to the place of beginning, being in Section Thirty-four (34) of Carryall Township, Paulding County, Ohio.

Commencing at a point on the South line of the Wabash and Erie Canal land, Six hundred and twenty-five (625) feet West from the point where the said South line of said Canal land intersects the East line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast

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Quarter of Section Number Thirty-four (34) in Township Number Three (3) North of Range Number One (1) East; thence Southerly Three hundred and ninety-five (395) feet; thence Westerly and parallel with the said South line of said Canal lands Fifty (50) feet; thence Northerly to the North line of said Canal lands Four hundred and ninety-five (495) feet; thence Easterly on said North line of said Canal lands Fifty (50) feet; thence Southerly One hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning, containing Sixty-four hundredths (64/100) acres of land more or less, and being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Number Thirty-four (34) in Township Number Three (3) North of Range Number One (1) East in Paulding County, Ohio.

Less One hundred fifteen (115) feet off the West side thereof (NOTE: PURSUANT TO INSTRUMENT RECORDED IN VOLUME 524, PAGE 800 OF THE PAULDING COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, THIS EXCEPTION SHOULD BE FOR 115 FEET OFF THE EAST SIDE.

Parcel No. 12-17S-005-00

Situated in the Township of Carryall, County of Paulding, State of Ohio, and described as follows:

One Hundred Fifteen (115) feet by parallel lines off the East side of the property recently deeded to Reeb E. Jordan herein by Thomas J. Lollie by deed recorded in Volume 167, Page 101 of the Deed Records of Paulding County, Ohio, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning on the north line of the Wabash and Erie Canal land at a north 560 feet westerly of where said north line of the Wabash and Erie Canal intersects the east line of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Three (3) North, Range One (1) East, Paulding County, Ohio; from thence South 495 feet; thence westerly and parallel with said north canal bank line a distance of 115 feet; thence north 495 feet to the north line of said canal; thence east along said north canal line 115 feet to the point of beginning.

Also known as outlot in Sec. 34 in the Village of Antwerp.

Parcel No. 12-17S-006-00

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

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

By: *Kacy Anderson* Deputy

Respectively submitted,

Joseph R. Burkard

Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106) Paulding County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney 120 S. Walnut Street Paulding, Ohio 45879 419-399-8270

The Brown Township 2022 Annual Financial Report

is complete and available for inspection at the Brown Township Office. Please contact Fiscal Officer Kevin A Hornish at 419-594-2028 to schedule an appointment.

The Brown Township Trustees will hold their regular meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to be notified of any regular meeting changes or special meetings must contact the fiscal officer.

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes: LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs.

SCOT D. BLANKENSHIP, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 165

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

Crane Township, Road 424 Parcel Number: 13-12S-016-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse.

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;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, February 9, 2023 by on-line bidding at:

(RealAuction) <https://pauldng.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>. **Registration and a Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) deposit must be completed at least one week before the date of the sale.**

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on February 23, 2023 for the same minimum bid.

Bidding begins on scheduled Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. An auction will be conducted for each individual property/court case. After a property is sold, the next scheduled sale will begin.

The purchaser will be required to pay recording costs and transfer fee with the balance of the purchase price after the sale has been confirmed.

Purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldngohsheriff.com

Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

TOMLINSON SPEAKS TO THE KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Jon Tomlinson (Dean of Van Wert Campus, Northwest State Community College) as the guest speaker at the January 12, 2023, club meeting. Jon came at the invi-

itation of Shelby Aschliman (CPA, Bashore Reineck Stoller & Waterman Inc). Jon told the Kiwanians the value to Northwest State Community College and the plans for the new Van Wert Campus.

LADY RAIDERS HOLD OFF RAMS FOR THREE-POINT WIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders held off a fury of points by the Tinora Rams in the fourth quarter to eek out a 42-39 GMC win on Thursday night. The Raiders seemed to have the game in hand with a 15-point advantage, 34-19 heading into the final period. However, the Lady Rams exploded for 20 points while holding the Raiders to just eight.

For the victorious Raiders, Gracie Shepherd and Caroline Winans led the offense with Shepherd chipping in 11 and Winans adding 10. With six-points each were Harper Myers and Lexie Moore each with six and team mate Careen Winans adding five. Abby Moore rounded out the scoring for the Raiders with four.

It was not necessarily a well-played game with the Raiders turning the ball over 27 times and Timora whistled for 22 miscues. Tinora shot 50 percent from the two-point area on 11-22 but from the three-point area the Rams were just 4-24 for an overall shooting percentage of 33 percent. The Raiders connected on 14-34 from the floor for 41 percent. At the foul line the red, white and blue connected

on 11-16 while their opponent went 5-16. Rebounds went to the Raiders with 36 while the green and white gathered in 28 boards.

Tinora placed two in double-digits with Liv Mueller and Nova Okuley each pouring in 14. Dakota Sines finished with five followed by Maggi Nagel with four and Karli Okuley with two.

With the win the Raiders remain one game below .500 at 6-7 and 2-1 in league play. The Rams fall to 6-7 overall and 1-2 in the GMC.

ARCHERS COME UP SHORT TO APACHES

Aewyn McMichael scored a dozen points and Caroline Rohrs added 11 for the Antwerp Lady Archers but the blue and white came up short to visiting Fairview 53-32 in Green Meadows Friday night.

Hayleigh Jewell also had seven markers for the Lady Archers, who fell to 6-7 overall and 1-2 in the league. Karyna Fish picked up the remaining basket for Antwerp.

Fairview was paced by 15 points from Kelly Crites with Carrie Zeedyk (13) and Allison Rhodes (ten) also scoring in double figures for the Lady Apaches.

Alexis Taylor recorded six for the black and gold followed by Bethany Singer

(three), Sydney Merritt (two), Bethany Shining (two) and Haley Hammer (one).

The Lady Apaches led at every stop, posting a 16-11 advantage after eight minutes of action before taking a 31-18 halftime lead. Fairview was on top 41-22 at the end of three periods.

WT HIGH SCHOOL 2nd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2022/23

Academic Honor Roll:

9th Grade: Lucas Morehead, Clay Stoller, Addison Stoller, Caitlyn Mead, Whitney Boroff, Riley Manz, Natalie Richie, Torree Sinn, Estrella Martinez Sandoval, Deklyn Schweinsberg, Hailey Duncan, Aubree Miller, Abby Elkins, Emma Stouffer, Griffin Williamson

10th Grade: Braden Miller, Anna Meraz, Kathleen Stoller, Natalie Stoller, Allison Noggle, Luke Stouffer, Morgan Elliott, Nicholas Sinn, Ava Stoller, Lorie Sinn, Dylan Coffman, Harper Myers, Trent Thornell, Tori Young, Jarrett Jewell, Isabella Knowles, Tyler Sanderson

11th Grade: Laryssa Whitman, Olivia Meraz, Kyle Stoller, Brenna Thomas, Caitlyn Thomas, Emma Laukhuf, Meara Rager, Meg Thompson, Kaitlin Slade, Eli Stuart, Kacy Hornish, Hudson Myers, Melanie Dunham, Caley Winans, Allison Schilt, Katieanna Baumle, Briley Coffman, Lynsey Pease, Breven Anderson, Brenna Parker, Kyren Karhoff, Logen Bland

12th Grade: Kara Stoller, Laura Thornell, Lane Morehead, Rylee Miller, Sydnee Sinn, Gracie Shepherd, Kiara Bahena, Madison Bash, Macy Doster, Kristin Wannemacher, Riley Daeger

Honor Roll:

7th Grade: Jenna Kipfer, Lilly Shepherd, Jensen Beining, Addyson LaBounty, Brinna Collins, Brooke Tigner, Braxton Schnipke, Ashlyn Manz, Kenzie Ogle, Owen Welch, Peyton Sennebogen, Madison Pease, Logan Gambler, Brenan Miller, Aubrie Stoller, Alyvia Thomas, Nora Wenninger, Faith Jacobs, Khloe Merrieman, Lilly Holbrook, Javiero Vielma, Karsyn Troth, Reece Morehead, Cayla Noggle, Isabella Lowe, Xylem Kashner, Jaxon Cook, Cheyenne

Brimmer, Maliyah Barnes, Knox Mills, Avery Noffsinger, Savannah Sinn, Caylie Baker, Emma Hurd, Luke Miller

8th Grade: Grady Helms, Amber Stoller, Noah Schlatter, Blake Noggle, Ella Crosby, Stefany Lopez-Castillo, Eli Treece, Cole Manz, Zachary Stoller, Caleb McClure, KaMaury Sullivan

9th Grade: Lily Boyd, Raegan McGarvey, Myleigh Sheets, Delana Noggle, Lance Whitman, Caleb Cox, Landon Blankenship, Micah Sinn, Izabella Foust, Ryan Parker, Careen Winans, Mylie Wittwer, Chloe McClure, Hunter Lyons, Eric Reinhart, Lexi Moore, Kaden Wilcox, Caroline Winans, Tanner Laukhuf, Caden Sinn, Abigail Evans, Audrey Dougal, Amber Stoller, Jordan Hale, Mya Endicott, Ian Jewell, Lance Maenle, Konnor Wannemacher, Sierra Young, Carter Clemens, Olivia Baughman, Ryann Jay, Brayden Treece, Ethan Fisher, Jack Schoenauer, Alicia Bahena

10th Grade: Tyson Gerber, EmmaJane Benschneider, Madison Gurney, Blake Osborn, Ciarra Cotterman, Christian Bohland, Brady Miller, Adelae Collins, Ryan Bostelman, Rylin Moore, Dyson Scott, Brandon Shoup, Trenton Thomas, Tianna Sinn, Kamryn Sutton, Cole Morehead, Makenna Johnson, Gage Ogle, Cheyenne Goings, Corbin Kimmel, Aiden Lee, Jericho Guyton, Keegan Hohman, Noah Parady, Serenity Helms, Amos Sinn, Trista Evans

11th Grade: Nathaniel Guyton, Paige Alber, Emily Thrasher, Logan Miller, Dylan Hildebrand, Brianna Draper, Kaden Clark, Kyla Hurd, Ava Zartman, Zachary Wobler, Royce Antoine, Brooks Cooper, Brooks Laukhuf, Rylee Johnson, Kailyn Diesteberger, Raelyn Schweinsberg, Caitlin Sanchez

12th Grade: Martin Alejo, Elizabeth Mohr, Hannah Maenle, Evan Crosby, Cole Fisher, Mallory Moore, Tyler Davis, Elise Miller, Abby Moore, Laura Stoller, Ava Dougal, Anna Wells, Joshua Shelton, Anna Miller, Storm Tracy, Nyle Stoller, Derrek Dangler, Landin Stuart

Piper Mills, Jaden Johnson, Dylaine Carr, Adalyn Litzenberg, Carson Holt, Kierston Ross, Beckett Taylor, Pieper Mansfield, Zoie Rogers, River Rittenhouse, Lydia Shepherd, Wade Stoller, Brayden Williams, Raven Swary, Same Wilson

4th Grade All A's: Londyn Dargenson, Olivander McCague, Gabe DeWaard, Kaylee Miller, Cerenity Siebert

4th Grade All A's & B's: Emma Wilcox, Aubrey Fairley, Luke Shepherd, Nuria Valdez

5th Grade All A's: Krandon Crites, Hudsyn Burkley, Megan Parker, Mailey Stoller, Avery Welch

5th Grade All A's & B's: Brass Mansfield, Lienna Stoller, Aubree Lamb, Ryleigh McGarvey, Scarlett Neff, Audrey Reuille

6th Grade All A's: Aaron Bohland, Kendall Foilsom, Grace Ringler, Makenna Schilt, Addi Gerardot, Evelyn Lyons, Layla Shellenbarger, Witt Stoller, Emma Whitman

6th Grade All A's & B's: Collin Helms, Ian Scarberry

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2nd 9WKS 2022/23

(*Denotes all A's)

Mrs. Arend 1A: Lucia Burghart*, Josh Hanenkratt, Garrett Holt*, Leota Lambert, Calla Manz*, Kasha Manz*, Asher Rohrer, Daniel Schlatter*, Owen Steffes*, Haven Wagner*, Briar Witchey*

Mrs. J. Miller 1B: Lee Bradford, Lexi Dunlap*, Marshall Fife*, Isaiah Hopkins, Harper Knapp, Gwyn Kenderl*, Cameron Manz*, Quintin Manz*, Frank Morris, Rylie Posey, Elena Schlatter*, Arianna Smith*, Evan Taylor, Henley Wagner*

Miss March 2A: Hunter Booth, Bailey Heath, Hudson Miller*, Liley Miller, Drasin Plotts, Clara Porter*, River Stahl*, Samuel Stahl*, Ella Taylor*, Evan Thomas, Aden

Porter, Preston Schlatter*, Easton Stork*

Mrs. Carter 2B: Luke Col-lard*, Tatum DuCheny*, Aliah Fenter*, Jade Fraley*, Eli Klein, Molli Malosh*, Alex Manz*, Zeke Nunez,

Mrs. Thornell 3A: Audrey Etter*, Emma Feeney, Molly Halter*, Forrest Logan, Maggie Martinez, Remy Parks, Josh Schlatter*, Carter Sheaks, Lexis Smith

Mrs. Schroeder 3B: Kristen Blockberger, Alex Burghart, Saulivan Cano, Zoey Chaney, Ryder Dotsos, Wyatt Leatherman, Kennedy Manz*, Trevor Manz, Renata Quevedo-Jacome, Brielle Schlatter, Isabelle Schlatter*, Max West, Brandon Lambert, Sophia Leidigh

Mrs. Hohlbein 4A: Leah Baker*, Cooper Boroff*, Ty Clifford, Rayelyn Haynes*, Carter Naugle*, Kaylee Pack*, Grayson Porter, Olivia Schlatter*

Mrs. Bockrath 4B: Brexlyn Bartley, Kaliope Foor, Connor Manz*, Adalyn Miller*, Morgan Snyder

Mrs. Limber 5/6A: Lauryn Bernal, Chase Bowers, Madison Durham, Addy Halter*, Allison Manz*, Weston Manz, Ellie Roughton, Nolan Schlatter*, Kinlee Sherry*

Miss Brimmer 5/6C: Legend Buckler, Paityn Dobbelaere, Lily Leatherman, Landon Manz, Makenna Manz*, alan Miller*, Xavier Nunez, Kristen Rader, Sage Stork*, Oliver Thome

Mrs. Siefker 5/6D: Paisley Bartley, Finn Bradford*, Cynthia Humphrey, Chase Manz*, Symon Manz*, Faith Schaffer, Harley Troyer, Mason Weible

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3rd Grade All A's: Brynlee Stoller, Raylynn Gerardot, Callen Stoller, Hannah Mawer, Boston McGarvey

3rd Grade All A's & B's:

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westbound on US24. The tractor trailer traveled off the north side of the roadway into a ditch striking a speed limit sign.

Kenneth Risner was transported by EMS to McLaren St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee, Ohio. Mr. Risner was later pronounced deceased at the hospital. At this time safety belt usage is unknown. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Providence Township Fire and EMS along with Lucas County EMS.

The crash remains under investigation.

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TRACT 2: 40± acres – Approx. 655 feet of road frontage along SR 101. Mostly Hoytville silty clay with some pockets of Nappanee silt loam soils.
TRACT 3: 41± acres – Approx. 700 feet of road frontage along SR 101. Soils are mostly Hoytville silty clay with a few acres of Nappanee silt loam.

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ship of the Oakwood Development Corporation, Inc. (ODC) elected their new Officers and Directors for 2023. The new Officers and Directors are:

Blaine Fickel - President; Tami AuFrance - Vice-President; Deedi Miller - Secretary; Mark Figert - Treasurer; Scott Kiner - Director; Lori Neise - Director; Jim States - Director

The sole purpose for which the Oakwood Development Company, Inc., (ODC) is to advance, encourage, and promote industrial, economic, commercial and civil development of the Village of Oakwood.

The non-profit organization was founded in March, 1946 and is celebrating its 77th year of helping grow the economic and civic wellbeing of the community.

"We are looking forward to a very productive 2023 and are currently working on many exciting projects that will enhance the Village of Oakwood," said newly elected President Blaine Fickel. "We invite interested individuals and businesses from around the area to join and participate in the ODC."

The next meeting of the ODC is slated for Tuesday, March 7th at the Coopers Community Library at 7pm. Interested parties are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Deedi Miller at 419-796-0897.



REMEMBER THE ALAMO

They're all dead. Every single one of them killed. 200 soldiers unable to secure the fort. All killed by a ruthless Mexican Army. Including some well-known names such as Davy Crockett, James Bowie, and William B. Travis. When reinforcements finally arrived all they found was complete carnage. Bodies strewn around, everything deathly still.

The battle for Texas Liberty had been lost. It is now believed that 14 people survived and were able to escape to tell a grizzly tale of what had happened at the Alamo. One of the people that escaped was Enriqueo Esparza, his mother, who was the wife of a soldier, and his two siblings. The death toll for the Mexican Army, was somewhere between 1,000 and 1600.

Mexico had gotten their independence from Spain in 1821. Part of the land they claimed is now Texas. White and Mexican immigrants began flowing into Texas. One of the early leaders was Stephen F. Austin. Mexico granted land to White and Mexican alike. Cotton proved to be a profitable crop, but being labor intensive they started using slaves. This was a bone of contention because Mexico was anti-slavery.



Shocked by the number of people immigrating, Mexico started making rules. Immigrants were to convert to Catholicism, and become Mexican citizens. The people immigrating did neither. The first battle was merely a skirmish, but the second battle, the Battle of Coleto Creek was won by the Mexicans, who took 200 prisoners, and executed them all. The Texas army took up quarters in a Spanish mission, the Alamo. The Alamo was several buildings on three acres, and they had it well fortified with 30 cannons. President Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, attacked with 1200 men against 200 Texans. The siege lasted 13 days, from February 23, 1836, to March the 6th. Santa Anna had raised a red flag, an order which meant to take no prisoners.

"Remember the Alamo," became the rallying cry for the Texans. The final battle of the Texas revolution, the Battle of San Jacinto took place on April 21, and the Texans were victorious. Sam Houston and his men attacked in broad daylight, and the battle lasted a mere 18 minutes. There were 630 Mexicans killed, and the Texans had taken 730 prisoners. The tired Mexicans were taking a siesta at 3:30 in the afternoon. The next day the Texans found a man hiding in the bushes, covered with mud. They had no idea who he was until one of his men addressed him as, "El presidente."

Santa Anna agreed to all of the terms presented by the Texas leadership. As to what happened to Santa Ana as a captive of the Texans I shall leave that for you to discover. I'm sure it was not sufficient for a leader, that was such a tyrant.

—James Neuhouser

JARET MILLER PLACED THROUGH UF STUDENT TEACHER PROGRAM

Jaret Miller, of Paulding, has been placed as a student teacher for the University of Findlay's spring semester. Miller is in a student teaching position at Wilson Vance Elementary School in Findlay, Ohio.

Miller is pursuing a degree in early childhood education.

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

PAULDING COUNTY MAYORS ASSOCIATION MEETS NEW MAYOR

The Paulding County Mayors Association recently held their 2023 organizational meeting. The group was introduced to new Village of Latty Mayor Shawn Gerber. Shawn replaced former Mayor

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Tom Sinn who recently retired following years of service to the local community. The meeting was opened by Paulding Mayor Greg White who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. A presentation followed by Sheriff Jason Landers. Landers shared information about the new Paulding County mobile sheriff app. The app is different from a website in that it will push information out to individuals, rather than a website where someone needs to find the information. Early reviews have been very positive. Landers also shared with the group that they could reach out to his office at any time with comments, questions or concerns.

Also sharing information was Dylan Worden with Midstates Energy Solutions about municipal solar. Worden recently presented information to the Village of Payne and was invited to share with all the villages to see if municipal solar would be a good fit. Dylan indicated he would be working on a presentation with USDA and they could present to the group in February.

PC EMA Director Ed Bohn communicated to the group about the last round of mitigation plans for the county. Final meetings will take place January 19 at 1pm and 6:30pm and January 20 at 9am and 1pm. The meetings are designated for villages that have not yet participated. Bohn then communicated information about a new EMT reimbursable training grant just won by the Payne EMS. This template can be used by other EMT providers in the county and can offset the cost of training new EMTs through the Ohio Tech Cred program.

Bohn also brought up the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse meetings will begin January 30. This will be to prepare the county in communication about the total eclipse and the possible influx of traffic and people as we are located near the epicenter of the event. Bohn followed up answering questions about MARCS radios.

New PC Commissioner Lisa McClure was present to

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introduce herself and let the group know she is there to assist the municipalities when called upon.

Economic Development Director Tim Copsey guided the balance of the meeting to discuss:

- Updates from the villages of Oakwood, Latty and Antwerp on the strategic planning meetings
- Continued discussions about the overabundant number of rental homes in the villages
- Updates on the state commercial brownfield and residential blight programs.
- Shared a request for council meeting minutes to local media for distribution and communication
- Led discussion in regard to current procedures for collecting delinquent water/sewer bills when needed.

The group will meet again with a second quarter meeting on April 20, 2023.

ANTWERP RECEIVES PLAN FOR POSSIBLE NEXT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Antwerp School Board opened their meeting on Monday, January 9 with nominating Sara Schuette and selecting her as president for 2023. Vice President was selected as Jayme Landers. Bob Herber was selected as Student Legislative Liaison.

Herber brought the Liaison report and mentioned that "swatting" has been listed as a felony. Swatting is the act of making a 911 call to make a fake emergency that may use unknowing responders/authorities to harm someone. Several people have been killed because of this.

Kristine Stuart presented the financial report for the last month.

Income: \$621,385.70; Expenses: \$786,008.01; Interest: \$24,523.14

Travis Lichty mentioned how the choirs have done well. He also stated both boys and girls basketball teams won the Route 49 Tournament.

Dr. Marty Miller said Gregg Bryant is retiring from the school as custodian and will finish on January 31. Tony

Dangler is to fill the position. A first grade position is being added and third grade may remove one position. Fifth grade will need to add another teacher. The school also needs to have a Spanish teacher position. Classes fluctuate in size and the number of teachers needs to be addressed as classes move forward. The drop in temperature caused some problems with Aquaponics. Some of the fish died and quite a bit of fuel was used to keep it warm. A pipe broke in the west internal wall and that has to be repaired. Antwerp will have several students going to the Ohio Tech Conference. The state informed the school that there are too many students in the special education program. There are 17% maximum allowed. Dr. Miller stated that they are handling the special needs kids and doing a good job of it. New special locks have been added to help with security.

Kyle Zartman gave a tour to several government representatives of the new Innovation Center recently. Antwerp is also offering quite a few college classes now to the students and it is saving students quite bit of money. The preliminary drawing for the new building plans have been received by Dr. Miller. The school board will have to decide where to send it out for bid. The State Superintendent's office sent a letter mentioning the threat of Title 9 with the federal government planning to withhold federal funds from schools if they implement rules that say gender is based upon birth records.

School Board Recognition month is January and Dr. Miller expressed his appreciation of the Board's services to the school district with a com-

Sudoku solution from page 9

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

bined over 60 years board representation.

Dr. Miller is planning to attend a Superintendent's conference in San Antonio, TX next month.

February's meeting is moved to the 21st at 6:00 p.m. due to board conflicts.

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/12/23

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023, in the Commissioners' Session Room. President David S. Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; Sherry Carnahan, Finance Manager/Administrator; and Emily Meyer, Administrative Assistant.

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

The Commissioners approved the 2023 Special Funds budget in the amount of \$75,775,061.70; the 2022 Special Funds budget was \$80,178,692.98.

Ron Cereghin, Defiance County Maintenance Supervisor, met with the Commissioners to provide a monthly update.

Randy Vogel, Defiance County Dog Warden, met with the Commissioners to provide a quarterly (and year-end) update. Mr. Vogel reported investigating 689 complaints in 2022 that resulted in 159 dogs taken to the shelter, 224 citations and 137 warnings. There were 84 dog bites investigated.

Sheriff Doug Engel and E-911 Director Matt Hanenkrath and E-911 Board members Chief Bill Wilkins,

Chief Mark Denning, and Chief Todd Schaffer met with the Commissioners to discuss the contract for the financing of the Hicksville MARCS Tower Project.

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PAULDING JH SPELLING BEE WINNERS



This year Paulding Junior High School had 47 students participate in the Paulding Junior High Spelling Bee. The students did a fabulous

job and went into 9 rounds to declare a winner. PJHS runner up was Brynlee Mangette and Champion was Vivi Myers.

2022-23 PAYNE ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE



Payne Elementary recently completed their 2022-2023 Spelling Bee on January 6, 2023. Congratula-

tions to Mailey Stoller in 5th Grade being crowned the champion and Brylee Thompson earning Runner-Up!

VAN WERT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY RECEIVES GRANTS FROM VAN WERT COUNTY FOUNDATION

The Van Wert County Agricultural Society has received two grants from the Van Wert County Foundation totaling \$36,750 from the John D. and Nellie S. Ault Memorial Fund.

The Ag Society applied for the grants during the 2022 Fall Competitive Grant Cycle. The competitive grant cycle is a biannual process where Van Wert County nonprofits, government, and schools can apply for funding for special projects or programs impacting Van Wert County. The applications submitted are reviewed and voted on by The Foundation's Board of Trustees with the main focus of the

process being how the organization's project is focused on creating a well-resourced and thriving quality of life for our community.

"At the Van Wert County Fairgrounds, we have a list of projects that will enhance our patrons' experience that we would like to see come to fruition," states Mike Poling, Van Wert County Fair Secretary and Fair Manager. "\$20,000 of our received grant funds will be used to update the restrooms in the Junior Fair building. Without the generosity of the Van Wert County Foundation and our other donors, completing projects like this one would be difficult. Especially with the rising costs of materials."

These funds are allocated for specific projects, one being the restroom renovations in the Junior Fair

Building and the second supporting continued marketing efforts to best communicate information and events to the Van Wert Community.

WOODBURN LIONS CLUB EYEGLASSES & HEARING AIDS

The Woodburn Lions Club is looking for your old unused eyeglasses and hearing aids. These will be forwarded to eye doctors and audiologists to be cleaned and retrofitted for those in need and cannot afford to purchase them. A new donation box has been placed in the entrance of Willie's Café II in Woodburn or in the lobby of Financial Partners in Woodburn. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help those in need.

PCH AWARDED GOLD SEAL OF APPROVAL FROM JOINT COMMISSION

Paulding County Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Critical Access Hospitals, Ambulatory Health Care and Clinical Laboratory Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Accreditation reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

Paulding County Hospital underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite review. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with Critical Access Hospitals, Ambulatory Health Care and Clinical Laboratory standards spanning several areas including: document and process control, environment of care, emergency management, infection prevention and control, information management, leadership, performance improvement, and rights and responsibilities of the individual.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

The standards for Clinical Laboratory are developed in accordance with The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) regulations that include federal standards applicable to all U.S. facilities or sites that test human specimens for health assessment or to diagnose, prevent, or treat disease.

Paulding County Hospital is pleased to announce that our Accreditation for Critical Access Hospitals and Ambulatory Health Care is valid for 36 months, Clinical Laboratory Accreditation is valid for 24 months.

Paulding County Hospital is proud to continue to serve our communities, offering advancements in healthcare, close to home.

FRED MANZ JOINS PCED BOARD

The Paulding County Economic Development Board hosted their 2023 organizational meeting this week. During the meeting Fred Manz, Sales and Marketing for InSource Technologies, was introduced as a new board member. Manz will fill the open Business and Industry position that was vacated with the resignation of Larry Manz at the end of last year.

Economic Development Director Tim Copsy shared many current project updates against the established 2022 strategic plan goals. A plethora of information was shared with the board including: updates on the county brownfield cleanup and residential blight removal, commercial properties and buildings that continue to change hands, workforce development projects and updates to municipal and township zoning maps.

Dates were shared for upcoming County Mayors meeting (January 11), presentation to Paulding County Vantage students (January 13), regional Ohio Means Jobs meeting in Van Wert (January 23) and Rhodes State Manufacturing Consortium (January 30).

Vice-President Jim States opened the meeting and brought forward a nomination slate of 2023 officers for vote. President for 2023 will be township representative Mike Kauser; Vice President will be Lapham-Hickey Plant Manager Ryan Whitaker; Secretary will be OSU Extension Representative Sarah Noggle; and Treasurer will be Jeff

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: SMALL TOWN BLISS HAIR & NAIL STUDIO



In this episode, we sit down with Audrey Feasby, owner of Small Town Bliss Hair & Nail Studio in Antwerp. Audrey shares her experience as a small business owner and opportunities for new stylists. Audrey also discusses the Paulding County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program and how the Paulding County Economic Development office provides assistance for businesses.

Listen in on MY102.7 Tuesday and Thursday at 8 am and 5 pm for the full episode or find this recording and all episodes of PCBW on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, or online at my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/. Thank you, Tiffany Goings, with OhioMeansJobs Paulding County, for making this program possible.

Mumma with Antwerp Exchange Bank. Kauser presided over the rest of the meeting. All 2023 committee roles were then filled and dates established for the 2023 meetings.

All board members updated the group with the current open projects for the organizations they each represent. The balance of the meeting was discussion about general board business. The next scheduled board meeting will be March 14, 2023. For information about Paulding

County Economic Development and programs they offer call 419-399-8295.

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