

McCLURE SWORN IN AS NEWEST PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER



On Monday January 23rd, Lisa McClure was sworn in for duty as the newest Paulding County Commissioner in Paulding County Ohio. Pictured here (l-r) are Alison Stoller, Terry McClure (husband), Judge Beckman, Lisa McClure, Nikki McClure and Ryan McClure. McClure will be finishing the term vacated by 82nd District Ohio Rep. Roy Klopfenstein.

K-9 PERFORMANCE DAY TO BE HELD AT ANTWERP FIRE HALL



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Antwerp VFW Post 5087 will be sponsoring a K-9 Performance Day on Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. This event will be held in conjunction with Sheriff Jason K. Landers and his office's K-9 handlers. It will be open to the



Vet

public and held at the Antwerp Fire Hall.

Please consider attending and learn how these K-9's help protect our community.

—Quartermaster Charles K. West, Sheriff Jason K. Landers



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JPHS ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE TASTING

The John Paulding Historical Society will hold its annual wine & cheese tasting fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 25. Museum doors will open

PPEC PLANS FOR THE FUTURE WITH 5 NEW HIRES IN 2022



Stacy Morrison



Nicole Gross



Brad North

With the start of a new year and recent staff changes, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) is proud to welcome five new employees hired in 2022. These local employees help the cooperative innovate, grow, and maintain the excellent service PPEC members have come to expect:

- Adam Siefker, Apprentice Lineman: From Kalida, OH, Adam is a Vantage graduate and is pursuing a career as a lineman. In his free time,

for the Vegas casino-themed event at 6 p.m. The fun begins at 7 p.m. with a selection of delicious wines and cheeses, plus door prizes, silent and Chinese auction, 50/50 drawing, and more. Scott Strahley and Jay Dachenhaus return as emcees.

Lois Beamer is leading the event committee as she did for last year's successful event. The wine and cheese tasting is a major fundraiser for the historical society.

Guests must be age 21 or older to attend.

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Adam Seifker



Madelyn Lamb

he enjoys farming, boating, and traveling. He is excited to continue his 4-year, hands-on training with the Central Ohio Lineworker Training (COLT) program and sharpen his skills with the other PPEC linemen. Read more about Adam online at www.PPEC.coop.

- Nicole Gross, Accountant I: Nicole Gross resides in Payne, OH, with her husband, daughter, and family cat and dog. Her son lives in Colorado. Nicole has held previous roles in accounting software training and statistical analysis. In her free time, she handcrafts artisan bath bombs and body products. Nicole is looking forward to learning a new industry and working on the accounting team. Read more about Nicole online at www.PPEC.coop.
- Stacy Morrison, HR & (Continued on Page 3)

The historical society is located at 600 Fairground Drive, across from the fairgrounds in Paulding.

For updates and additional information, check the historical society's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

EMERGENCY LOCATION IN ANTWERP

At the Antwerp Village Council Meeting it was brought up if there was an emergency shelter in the Village if power went out in a section of town. Antwerp Mayor Reeb and EMS Coordinator McDougall answered that the Firehouse and EMS are prepared to handle people in an emergency outage situation with backup power.

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

January 30

- "Do You Wanna Build A Snowman?" @ PC Library, Paulding, 5:30pm

February 1

- PERI meetings @ PC Senior Center, 10am

February 3

- Dining w/ Diabetes @ OSU Ext office, 1pm
- Hicksville KofC, Fish Fry @ St. Michaels, 4:30pm

February 4

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

February 5

- Prayer Meeting @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm

February 10

- Dining w/ Diabetes @ OSU Ext office, 1pm
- Peaceful Parenting, virtual, 5pm

February 14

- Union Bank Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting, Paulding, 10am

February 16-18

- Reconnect w/God @ Cecil Comm Church, 7pm

February 17

- Dining w/ Diabetes @ OSU Ext office, 1pm
- Hicksville KofC, Fish Fry @ St. Michaels, 4:30pm

February 17-18

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

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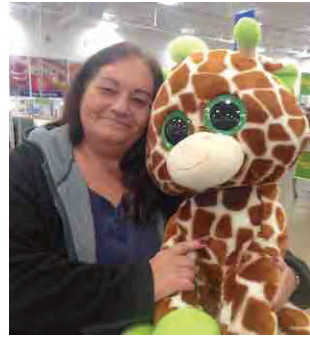
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OBITUARIES



EDGERTON, OH:

Darlene S. Merriman, 64, of Edgerton, Ohio, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2023. She was born on May 26, 1958 in Bryan, Ohio, a daughter of the late Willard and Evelyn (Ridge) Merriman. She worked as a Billing Office Manager at Park View Care Center. She previously worked at other nursing facilities, American Red Cross, as a Phlebotomist, and also had been a CPR instructor. But, above all she was well known for her heart of gold. In her free time, she enjoyed spending time with her family, clowning around, and her pets. Surviving family include her children, Dan (Tara) Denny, Allie Fillmore, and Jenny Fillmore; granddaughter, Evelyn; sister, Barbara (Scott) Blue; brother, Charles (Priscilla) Merriman; and former spouses, Billy Denny and Keith Fillmore. Besides her parents, she was preceded in passing by her sister, Carol Wheeler. A celebration of life gathering will be on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Miller Park Shelter, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., 300 Miller Park Drive Edgerton, Ohio 43517. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family, c/o Dan Denny. Condolences and memories may be left online at www.hockemeyermillerfh.com



LEESBURG, IN:

James E. Myers, 79, of Leesburg, Indiana passed away on Thursday August 4, 2022 in his residence.

James was born on July 23, 1943, in Cecil, Ohio to Rola and Bernice (Copsey) Myers. He was united in marriage to Linda Scherer in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 21, 1980.

He was a graduate of Antwerp High School in Antwerp Ohio. James was retired from the RV industry as a shipping manager for over 40 years. He enjoyed cooking, fishing, gardening but above all he cherished the time he spent with his family.

James will be lovingly remembered by his wife Linda Myers of Leesburg, his 3 daughters, Kim Grover of Hicksville Ohio, Julie Myers of Hicksville Ohio, and Heather

Scherer of Columbia City, his 3 sons, Kevin Myers of Bluffton Ohio, Brandon Myers of Columbia City and Jason (Jessica) Myers of Leesburg. James will also be missed by his 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

A celebration of James' life will be held at a later date. McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapels have been entrusted with the arrangements for the family.



PAULDING, OH:

Thomas A. "Tom" Rulman, age 81, passed away on Monday, January 23, 2023 at Paulding County Hospital.

Tom was born on June 27, 1941 in Paulding, OH to the late Norman and Florence (Dysert) Rulman. Tom worked as a packhouse loader for LaFarge before his retirement in 2005 after 42 years. Tom worked for various companies in the Paulding area including Kauser Trucking for 20 years, A. Dean Snodgrass Poultry, and the Sohio Service Station. He was also a firefighter for the Paulding Fire Department for 18 years, reaching the rank of Lieutenant. He was a member of the National Guard of Ohio, Buckeye Herford Association, a lifetime member of the American Herford Association, and a lifetime member of the John Paulding Historical Society. He was also a devoted member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish. Tom was a farmer by heart, well known for his Herford cattle.

Tom is survived by his lifelong, loving companion, Jane Stouffer, Paulding, OH; many loving nieces and nephews.

Tom is also preceded in death by two brothers, James Rulman and Paul Rulman.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church - Paulding with Father John Stites officiating. Burial followed in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Jackson Township with military rites accorded by Paulding V.E.W. Post 587.

Visitation was held from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Friday, January 27, 2023 at Den Herder Funeral Home with a Rosary service at 7:30 P.M.

Memorial contributions may be made in Tom's memory to John Paulding Historical Society, 600 Fairground Dr., Paulding, OH 45879 or Masses.

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

ANTWERP, OH:

Sue Schilb, 82, of Antwerp, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Monday, January 23, 2023. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

ANTWERP, OH:

Bobby Wayne Elders, 63, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away at home on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
What does it mean in II Chronicles 21:19 where it says, "And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his father?"

Jehoram was an evil king of Judah. God thus struck him with an incurable disease which caused his bowels to fall out, and he died.

At the funeral of the Hebrews they would honor the dead by bringing expensive

spices and burning them to create great odors. The more spices that were burned, the greater the honor. See II Chronicles 16:14 and Jeremiah 34:5. This was much like we might bring expensive flowers or make donations in the name of the deceased to honor them. In the case of the despicable Jehoram, there was no honor deserved, so no burnings were made.

How much honor will be due you at your funeral? The exact amount due will be given or withheld when we stand before God.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

NOTHING BUT LEAVES

By: Doris Applegate

In Matthew 21: 18-19 we read where Jesus Christ was hungry for figs to eat and as he came to the fig tree he found no fruit on it, but only leaves.

He remembered the fig leaves that Adam and Eve put on to cover their nakedness (Genesis 3: 7) they did not realize that they needed a blood covering.

Jesus knew that the Pharisees and Sadducees only produced "leaves" and no "good fruit" Nothing but leaves is a type of religion and man made tradition without the fruit of the Spirit of God.

When we do not produce fruit, which is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, we are not walking in the Kingdom of God, and are ready to be cursed just as the fig tree. The only way to avoid damnation and hell (cursed) is to accept the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It takes a humble heart and a repentant soul and faith in what Jesus Christ did for us.

The rulers of Israel did not want to accept the Lord Jesus Christ or his teachings. They were a true picture of a fruitless fig tree. The hatred that they manifested to Jesus led to his death. Jesus came unto his own, but his own received him not, but to those that did receive him, gave them power to become sons of God (Saint John 1:12).

All creation is waiting in travail and pain for the sons of God to show up (manifested). God intended for the rulers of Israel to be in the Kingdom, but they rejected God's offer and so God called the Apostle Paul to take this good news to the Gentile nations and they bore much fruit.

Amen

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES AT CECIL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Prayer Meetings - Sunday, February 5th and 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Reconnect With God - Renew your Faith, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays: February 16-18

Food Pantry Distribution - Saturday, February 18th, 12:00Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Living Free Group - New Living Free Group starting February 22nd, 6:00-7:30 p.m. covering "Where is the Image of God in You?"

Music Night - February 26th at 6:00 p.m., Talent Show Cecil Community Church is located at 203 S Main Cecil OH.

Scripture of the Week

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

— Ephesians 6:12-13

MATT'S MISHAPS

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

—Matt



Gladly woken by a crane truck

I know the trains passing through my small town in the dead of night could be a bother to some people, but to me it is the pleasant sound of commerce. I feel like I have gotten to know the different train engineers by their horn blowing patterns as they zoom by the crossings.

However, one of the sweetest sounds I have heard in the night was being woken by a crane truck when living overseas. I had recently found a place for our family to live in a new part of the city. I noticed that there was an abandoned car left near our apartment entrance. It looked rather unsightly, but we had graffiti and other urban esthetics that seemed on par.

A few days later, I noticed another car had been abandoned and wondered why. My confusion grew as the number of abandoned cars grew steadily. I would parallel park between them when needing a spot to stop along the street. It got worse and to the point that I had trouble

finding a parking spot with so many abandoned cars. Why?

I had not realized that people had to pay to leave their old cars at junkyards. To save money, people abandoned old cars, as the fine if caught was less than the junkyard fee. People would abandon cars in neighborhoods away from their own home. Word must have gotten out that my neighborhood was the best drop zone for an old car.

However, one delightful night I heard a loud diesel engine gurgling, then scratching metal sounds and then crunching noises. We learned that the municipality dealt with the problem by waiting until a neighborhood area filled with abandoned cars and then collected them all up



Crane trucks of all types and modifications are used to collect abandoned vehicles.

at one time with a crane truck. I am not sure if it was a truck designed for collecting cars as it looked like a logging truck that was repurposed for urban use.

I love the rumbling sound of a train passing by in the late night, but a crane truck's scratching and crashing sound is even more delightful.

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

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KITCHEN DISASTERS

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

Loving food and the kitchen came to me at a very young age. I tried to imitate my grandma's cooking, but she really did not write very many recipes down. What a time I had when I first got married.

My husband was used to his mom's cooking and I tried hard to prepare food the way she did. I soon learned not to put macaroni in chili or mayonnaise dressing on a head lettuce salad like my grandma.,

One day this newlywed decided to make a pie. We had a mulberry tree, so I picked some and proceeded to make the pie. I wanted to surprise my husband when he got home. When he got off work I was excited to show him my delicious masterpiece.

He cut himself a piece, then quickly spit it out. I had not taken those stems off the mulberries. But, I guess I thought they would bake and just fall off. I cried over the pie, but I never did try to make a mulberry pie again.

I sort of like liver and onions, so one day I was making it for supper. I decided to pull a trick on my kids and trust me they never forgot it. I was cutting up the liver and my hands were all bloody from it.

I went into where the kids were playing, along with my dripping bloody hands and hollered to them I had cut myself. Bad mistake! I think it scarred them for life. They were all scared and cried. I should not have done it, but at the time I didn't think anything of it. It was just liver!

Through my years of cooking and eating, I learned to never ever put beans in a pressure cooker. I was making ham and beans for supper one afternoon and had them in a pressure cooker. The rattler on the pressure cooker was shaking and the kids and I were relaxing and rehashing the days events. The next moment, there was like a big explosion, part of the pressure cooker's lid flew off and beans began shooting all the way up to the ceiling.

We took cover and waited

till the beans had stopped shooting and then we sadly looked up and saw what was supposed to be our dinner. (supper) Beans were stuck on the ceiling.

Today, my kids are all on their own and they don't see mama's kitchen disasters.

However, my latest incident involved Hasselback potatoes. I had never made them and they did look good. I cut the potatoes like they were supposed to be and inserted lots and lots of butter



into the opening where the potatoes had been cut. I put them on a cookie sheet and into the oven. Approximately 10 minutes later, my smoke alarm went off. Ding! Ding! Ding!

Of course I was too short to shut it off, so I decided to deal with the fire. I actually saw flames coming from the oven and shooting out from the back burner. The butter had melted and ran from the flat cookie sheet and into the ovens electric coils. Yes, the butter was on fire.

I shut off the oven and opened it. I quickly forgot the rule to never throw water on a grease fire. Well, I got the fire out, then took a broom and shut off my smoke alarm. My potatoes wound up the trash. Never put Hasselback potatoes on a cookie sheet or a pan without sides.

Well I still poke around in my kitchen and cook and bake. I read recipes off the computer and usually will try anything different.

The other day I was looking at a recipe for Minestrone Soup. I looked and googled where I could buy this bean or pasta called minestrone. I knew I could not make the soup without minestrone whatever it was. (I had never tasted or cooked it before)

As I researched further, I found out that minestrone was not an ingredient, but an Italian word I think for soup. So I can make minestrone without the minestrone?

Have you experienced cooking disasters? Do you try eating different kinds of foods? Tell me about them and I'll give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

primarily in the healthcare field. In her free time, she, her husband, and their three sons enjoy sports and vacationing in the sunshine. She is excited to get to know her PPEC co-workers and build a co-op career. Read more about Stacy

online at www.PPEC.coop.

• Brad North, Warehouse Storekeeper (part-time): Brad joins PPEC from Antwerp, OH, with his wife. Born and raised in Texas, he has a diverse background and is currently the pastor for South Scipio United Brethren Church in Harlan, IN. Brad is looking forward to something different each day in the warehouse, especially driving the forklifts and floor scrubber. In his free time, Brad enjoys woodworking and antiquing. Read more about Brad online at www.PPEC.coop.

• Madelyn Lamb, Marketing Specialist (part-time): From Van Wert, OH, Madelyn is a graduate of Crestview High School and is in her last semester at Bowling Green State University. She enjoys life on the farm with her family and many animals. She was a past PPEC Youth Tour Delegate in 2018 and loved the co-op so much she just couldn't stay away! Read more about Maddy online at www.PPEC.coop.

GOHLKE & MATTES SPEAK @ HERITAGE LIONS CLUB MEETING



Cary Gohlke, Cubmaster of Cub Scouts Pack 3348, and Bob Mattes (pictured right to left) discussed their work with the Cub Scouts at the recent Heritage Lions meeting. The Heritage Lions serve as the Pack's sponsor and donated the \$100 national registration fee. Pack 3348 currently had five members who attend regularly and about 17 who often show up for their activities. The Cub Scouts are coed and range in age from 7 to 10-1/2 years old. After that they can become a Boy Scout or Girl Scout if they wish.

Recent activities of the Pack include an overnight at the Hoagland pavilion, where they watched movies all night, participation in the Pinewood Derby in Ossian, and Day Camp in Bluffton, where they learned about archery, rockets and other fun stuff. Camping with

FREE MOVIE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens ages 55+ are invited to spend an afternoon at the Movies on February 10th at Celina Cinema 5 for a showing of "The Notebook" at 1:00 pm. The first 100 guests will receive free admission. After that, the price per ticket is \$5.00 each.

"The Notebook" is a 2004 film about true love that is sure bring a smile- and certainly a few tears. It's the perfect film to watch with Valentine's Day right around the corner.

Celina Cinema 5 is located at 116 N Main St. Celina, OH. Doors for this

To learn more about PPEC's 2022 highlights and annual report, tune in to the 2023 Annual Meeting Broadcast on Saturday, March 18, 2023, on YouTube or Facebook, starting at 10 am. Members can win bill credits by commenting on the livestream.

More information on upcoming work plans and recent news can be found online at www.PPEC.coop or by signing up to receive the co-op's monthly email newsletter: www.ppec.coop/member-newsletter. Please call 800-686-2357 with any questions.

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their families at Chief Little Turtle was a highlight this year. They have a trip planned to the toboggan at Pokagon State Park in the next few weeks. Their small Pack did over \$1500 in Scout popcorn sales this year, an extraordinary achievement.

Gohlke and Mattes described their aim of growing their pack to give more young children the opportunities they themselves experienced when they were young. Nowadays, in Hoagland and elsewhere, children have many choices for how they spend their time. Scouting "is a family-centered, year-round program that teaches positive life skills, values, and attitudes. Cub Scout activities encourage character development, build citizenship, and promotes personal fitness."

event will open at 12:30 pm and the movie will start at 1:00 pm. Be sure to arrive early- only the first 100 seniors will receive free admission!

All attendees will be entered for a chance to win free door prizes. Snacks will be available for purchase at the theater.

This event is made possible thanks to Celina Manor, EverHeart Hospice, Heritage Home Health, and Miller Place Assisted Living.

WT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Chancey Boroff was born March 2, 1887 in Grover Hill, Ohio. The son of William Harrison, born December 19, 1852 in Mercer County, Ohio, and Mary Ellen (Lautzenheiser) Boroff, born March 21, 1857 in Wells County, Indiana.

By 1900, the Boroff family was living in Grover Hill. William was working as a day laborer and the family had grown to eight children. Chancey had quit school after the fifth grade.

By 1910, the Boroff family was living in Haviland on McKinley Street. William was working at the tile mill, records state that Chancey was still in school. Only sister, Bessie, and Chancey were still at home. Granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Boroff, was living with the Boroff family, she was the daughter of Nettie Boroff.

By 1917, Chancey was living at 627 Center Street, Lima, Ohio. He was working at the Lima Locomotive Corporation as a molder. Chancey registered for the draft at Lima, Ohio, June 5, 1918. He was listed as gray eyes, dark hair, light complexion.

On August 26, 1918, Chancey signed up with the Ohio National Guard. He was assigned to 159th Depot Brigade and served until

September 30, 1918, then assigned to 4th Company Coast Artillery Corp, Ft. Moultrie, South Carolina to October 12, 1918. After that, assigned to Battery A. 8th Trench Mortar October 18, 1918 as a cook, then assigned to Battery D. 9th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion November 10, 1918 and then to 60th Battery 15th Antiaircraft Artillery sector until he was honorably discharged December 20, 1918.

Chancey met and married a gal by the name of Dessie F. Newman December 24, 1919 in Highland, Ohio. By 1920, Chancey and Dessie were living in Bratton, Ohio with Dessie's step-parents. Chancey was working as a farm laborer.

By 1930, Chancey was divorced and was in prison at the Detroit House of Corrections, 1441 Detroit, Michigan.

March 2, 1935 in Indiana, Chancey married a gal by the name of Estill V. Kruger and they moved to Jackson, Michigan. By 1940, Chancey was living at 1504 Eason Street in Jackson, Michigan, working as a machinist. Something happened with this marriage they divorced.

On June 18, 1941, he married a gal named Beatrice Marguerite Hoopingarn in Jackson, Michigan and they will live at 229 West Wesley Street, Jackson, Michigan. On February 16, 1942, Chancey, while living at 806 Third Street Jackson, Michigan, registered for the World War Two draft. The 5'7" 165 pound unemployed man was not selected.

On August 21, 1946, while living in Jackson, Michigan, Chancey passed away. He was buried in Hedges Cemetery.

I redone his military tombstone footer years ago and place a flag on his grave two times a year. Now I know his story.

...Until Next Time!

will be Five years old before September 30th, 2023 now is the time to Register them for the 2023 - 2024 school year. This is for Transitional Kindergarten and Traditional Kindergarten. Payne's screening dates are April 5th

& 6th and Grover Hill's will be April 10th & 11th. Please stop by the school or call 419-587-3414 Opt 3 for Grover Hill or 419-263-2512 Opt 4 for Payne to get your registration packet.

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February 2023

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The second semester of the 2022-2023 school year is in full swing and with many cold and snowy days before us, I would like to remind parents to have students dress warm when waiting for the bus or in preparation for the trip to school. Student drivers should be reminded that road conditions change throughout the day and caution should always be used when driving in the winter. The decision to delay or cancel school is always difficult, but the determining factor will always be the safety of our students.

Appreciation goes out to our bus drivers for their difficult job of safely transporting our students to and from school each day. A reminder that delays and closings are sent out by Instant Alert and the school app, along with a message on various television and radio stations. If you are not receiving instant alerts and would like to, please contact the district office.

A great way to beat the winter blahs is to view our winter sporting events in person, or if the event takes place in the main gym, you can view it on your computer. The events are viewable on your computer by going to Youtube.com and typing Antwerp Athletics in the search bar. A specially designed camera has been positioned in the main gym to provide this service. Radio station 102.7 FM will also livestream and provide broadcasters for all Antwerp home Varsity boys' and girls' basketball games. To view the games, please visit www.my1027.org.

In a continual effort to enhance the safety of our students and staff, and meet the requirements of new safety and security laws enacted by our legislature, several staff members recently completed comprehensive threat assessment training. The training focused on assessing credible threats with the goal of responding appropriately and linking individuals making viable threats to appropriate intervention services and support. Parents are requested to assist with our safety efforts by discussing with your child the importance of students sharing safety concern information with staff members if they hear or know of threats to others or the school that are shared by fellow students. "If you hear or see something, say something" is a common slogan utilized by many school districts to encourage students to assist with maintaining a safe school environment. Furthermore, school district personnel are working to enhance our efforts to build positive relationships with our students, address anxiety issues, and improve student overall mental health and wellness.

The annual organizational meeting for the Antwerp Local School Board of Education was held Monday, January 9. Sara Schuette was re-elected President with Jayme Landers re-elected as Vice President. Returning for service on the board this year are Anita Bok, Robert Herber, and Dennis Recker. Monthly meetings in 2023 will take place the third Thursday of each month with the exception of the February board meeting which will take place Tuesday, February 21 in the Board of Education Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

Our athletic programs have always benefitted from a community that goes out of its way to support all of our young athletes. On March 26 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., the Athletic Boosters will be hosting their 1st Annual Mattress Fundraiser in the main gym. Please help spread the word and make plans to attend!

Go Archers!
Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

MR. LICHTY- HS/MS

We are already well into our 3rd quarter and 2nd semester and I have a few reminders to share with you. Summer School will begin on Tuesday, May 30 and run for 10 school days. This will take place in person once again this summer. High School students who fail at least 1 semester of a class will be required to attend Summer School for credit remediation. Middle School students who fail a course for the entire year will be required to attend. More details will be shared as we get closer to May.

Annual Spring State Testing will take place on April 18-19, April 25-26, and May 2-3. Please try to avoid appointments during the morning on these days.

Our winter extra-curricular activities are in full swing. Come on out and cheer on your Archers!

Make plans to support the Arts this Spring! Our Spring Musical this year is *Freaky Friday*. Performances will be on March 17, 18, and 19.

One other major event to consider attending this spring is the annual Arts Festival. The annual Spring Arts Festival will be held on April 15. We look forward to seeing you here to support our talented student in the Arts!

Go Archers!
~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Applications for Vantage for the 2023-2024 school year are now available on their website. Applications should be completed by March 1. Visit <http://www.vantagecareercenter.com/> and click on future students for more information.

Sophomores will be taking the ASVAB test this month. Students ASVAB results give them access to planning tools they can use for their career project. Visit <https://www.asvabprogram.com/> for more information.

Northwest State Community College will host a CCP Information Night on Monday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. Any student planning to take a CCP class for the first time is highly encouraged to attend. Visit <https://northweststate.edu/> for more information.

Scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year will begin this month. Please talk with your student about making the best course choices. All scheduling information will be available on the website. Please contact Mrs. Hammer with scheduling questions.

PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

Antwerp Local Schools will offer Preschool Screenings on March 23 and 24 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Another screening will be held on April 21 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Screenings are available for Antwerp School District children ages 3 to 5 years and are by appointment only. Please contact Mrs. Carnes at 419-258-5421, ext. 2103, to schedule your appointment.

Please note, there will be NO classes for current preschool students on Thursday, March 23.

MRS. STOKES - ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
The student trait for December was GRATITUDE. The following students were selected by their teachers as Students of the Month for December: KA-Elise Graham, KB-Chloe Stapleton, KC-Cole Schneider, 1A-Riley Budd, 1B-Lyric Smith, 2A-Roberta Poppe, 2B-Keegan Moreno, 3A-Jayden Fish, 3B-Lily Mowery, 3C-Brock Barker, 4A-Matty Zielke, 4B-Adelynn Slattman, 4C-Jocelyn Laker, 5A-Emma White, 5B-AJ Honigford.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION
Thank you to everyone who supported the PTO during the annual fundraiser! The below classes won their grade level competition with the highest sales and earned a donut and juice award.

Preschool: Mr. Cox's morning class
Kindergarten: Mrs. Kennedy
1st Grade: Mrs. Lillemon
2nd Grade: Mr. Lee
3rd Grade: Mrs. Tempel
4th Grade: Mrs. Smazenko
5th Grade: Mrs. Recker

2023-2024 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
Antwerp Elementary will soon begin scheduling appointments for 2023-24 Kindergarten screening and registration. These screenings will be held April 3, 4, and 5 at Antwerp Elementary. Students must be five years old before September 30, 2023, to attend kindergarten. Please call the elementary office starting February 27 at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200, to schedule your appointment.

OUTSIDE RECESS
As the temperature continues to fluctuate, please be sure students are coming to school with coats, hats, and gloves for outdoor recess.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT
Family Literacy Night will be held on Thursday, March 23 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The theme for the event is "Superheroes." Specific events for the evening include literacy activities, a book fair, food, prizes, and educational based games. Letters will be sent home with elementary students on March 3 with additional details. Please plan to attend this fun-filled event!

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in classroom guidance, Mrs. Lichty and the kindergarten classes talked about tattling. Mrs. Lichty read *A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue* to the students. Then, they talked about when they should report something to the teacher and when something is considered tattling.

All students first through fifth grade discussed personal hygiene. A book was read to each grade level, and different activities were used to discuss the importance of personal hygiene.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is always available to meet all students' individual needs as well. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please call Mrs. Lichty at 419-258-5421, extension 2204, or email lichty_e@antwerpschools.org.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL
Feb 3 6:00 Home vs. Hicksville
Feb 4 6:00 Home vs. Edon
Feb 10 6:00 @ Tinora
Feb 11 1:30 @ Delphos St. John's
Feb 14 6:00 @ Hilltop
Feb 18 1:00 @ Blackhawk Christian

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL
Feb 2 6:00 @ Hicksville
Feb 4 1:00 Home vs. Emanuel Christian
Feb 7 6:00 Home vs. Hilltop
Feb 9 6:00 Home vs. Tinora

BOYS FRESHMEN BASKETBALL
Feb 3 4:45 Home vs. Hicksville
Feb 10 4:45 @ Tinora
Feb 11 TBA GMC Round 1 @ Tinora
Feb 13 TBA GMC Semi-Finals @ Tinora
Feb 18 TBA GMC Finals @ Tinora

VARSITY WRESTLING
Feb 4 10:00 @ Ada Inv.
Feb 11 9:30 GMC @ Fairview
Feb 16 6:00 Home vs. Jefferson/Edgerton

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 11 Middle School Dance
Feb 16 PTO BINGO Night
Feb 17 2 HOUR DELAY - Teacher Inservice
Feb 20 NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day
Feb 21 Board of Education Meeting
Mar 1 Vantage Apps. Due for 23/24
Mar 17 2 HOUR DELAY - Teacher Inservice
Mar 17 End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 17-19 Spring Musical
Mar 23-24 Preschool Screenings
Mar 23 Family Literacy Night
Mar 23-31 Spring Book Fair
Mar 26 Athletic Booster Mattress Sale
Apr 3-5 Kindergarten Registration
Apr 6-10 NO SCHOOL - Easter/Spring Break
Apr 15 Spring Arts Festival
Apr 21 Preschool Screenings

CAFETERIA MENU

Wed, Feb 1 Chicken fajita, french fries, mixed fruit, & milk
Thu, Feb 2 Fish on bun, baked beans, pineapple, & milk
Fri, Feb 3 Pepperoni pizza, salad, applesauce cup, & milk
Mon, Feb 6 Grilled chicken on bun, green beans, strawberry cup, & milk
Tue, Feb 7 Cheeseburger on bun, tater tots, pineapple crisp, & milk
Wed, Feb 8 Meatball sub, broccoli cheese w/ rice, orange smiles, & milk
Thu, Feb 9 Hot dog on bun, carrots & peas, apple, & milk.
Soup & salad bar.
Fri, Feb 10 French bread pizza, broccoli & cauliflower w/ dip, applesauce cup, & milk

Our menus are subject to change without notice.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm writing this letter in response to the letter by Becky Geyer about the splash pad location (January 9, 2023). In her letter, she states, "I have a lot of faith in the parents of Antwerp. They will teach their children to respect the memorial and its meaning..." I'd like to address this part of her letter. Yes, in a perfect world, respect would, indeed, be taught by parents

and their children would exemplify that quality. There would be respect for their elders, respect for our fire-fighters and police officers, respect for teachers, respect for others and others' properties, respect for history, and most importantly, respect for our veterans, their families, and the sacrifices of the answer to the call of duty.

This past week I had the pleasure of watching two very important videos: one, the video of the Veteran's memorial dedication, and two, a video of a prior council meeting (May 16, 2022). For those that didn't attend the live ceremony, the memorial dedication was one of great reverence. There was a great turnout, despite the incredible heat that day. Many of the speakers that day choked up as they talked about the memorial and what it meant to them and about their service in our military. The crowd was hushed, respectful. The council meeting video had a completely different tone. It was very argumentative and dismissive. In that meeting, I watched elected officials, who are supposed to represent and guide the citizens of Antwerp, get very nasty and disrespectful towards another member of the council. Expletives, name calling, threats, pointing fingers, shouting. Do these behaviors exemplify respect? How can we expect the parents of the children of Antwerp to be able to instill respect into their children if there is NO example being set by our leaders? Children learn by watching and listening.

Please understand, I am not opposed to the splash-

pad: I just believe that there is no greater disrespect than in the choice of the location.

Sincerely,
—Nicole Zuber,
Antwerp, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in appreciation Antwerp-area residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Generosity throughout contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected over 9.3 million shoebox gifts in 2022. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2022, the ministry is now sending nearly 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes—packed with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items—Antwerp -area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Samaritan's Purse delivered its milestone 200 millionth shoebox, which was packed on a country-wide tour and then hand-delivered to a young girl in Ukraine.

Across OH, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ or by calling 937-374-0761.

Although local drop-off locations for gifts are closed until November 13–20, 2023, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Sincerely,
—Casey Goodwin,
Samaritan's Purse,
Boone, NC

KLOPFENSTEIN APPOINTED TO VICE-CHAIR OF HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Ohio House Speaker Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) appointed State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) Tuesday as vice-chair of the Agriculture Committee during the 135th General Assembly.

"Farming is my livelihood, so it is a true honor to be assigned as the vice-chair of the House Agriculture Committee," said Klopfenstein. "I look forward to working on agriculturally focused legislation that will help shape the future of farming in Ohio."

Klopfenstien has been farming his property in Paulding County for more than 43 years. He was a state committee member of the USDA Farm Service Agency and a member of the Ohio Soybean Association, Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association and Ohio Farm Bureau. He is a former chairman of the Paulding County Extension Advisory Committee.

"Ohio House members come from all sorts of backgrounds and each present a unique skillset," said Stephens. "I am confident in our members' ability to use their expertise to produce strong policies for Ohio."

House committees can be streamed live on www.ohiochannel.org.

BUSINESSMAN & FORMER CONGRESSMAN RENACCI ANNOUNCES SOS OHIO TO HELP RESTORE CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP TO OHIO'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Save Our Schools Ohio (SOS Ohio) is announcing its official launch to restore leadership and bring back common sense education for Ohio's children and parents.

SOS Ohio will be working with and uniting dozens of statewide, education based organizations to help elect or re-elect local school board candidates in dozens of races in 2023. Our efforts will be two tiered.

First, data capturing and analysis on all races and identifying crucial races to flip control of local school boards.

Second, to assist candidates in raising funds and

JPHS MUSEUM REVIVING ARTS & ARTISTS EXHIBIT



Painting Fern White: Paulding County has been home to many excellent artists, such as the late Ferneau White, who painted this still life. John Paulding Historical Society will be issuing a call for artwork by county artists for an exhibit later this spring.



Church painting Thrasher: The John Paulding Historical Society in Paulding will be issuing a call for artwork for Celebrating the Arts and Artists of Paulding County exhibit this spring. This painting, by the late Chester Thrasher of Oakwood, is in the historical society's collection.

The John Paulding Historical Society is bringing back its popular Celebrating the Arts and Artists of Paulding County.

This year's event will feature paintings – oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, ink or other. Tentative plans call for the exhibit to open during May, and continue through June. The historical society will allow artists to sell their works to the public.

Current and former Paulding County artists, age 16 or older, will be invited to bring in their pieces to the museum

later this spring. This invitation also is extended to anyone who owns paintings by county artists, living or deceased.

The exhibit will feature artworks from the museum's collection of past artists as well as those who have submitted their paintings to be displayed during this show. The county has been home to many incredibly talented individuals, and this event will be an opportunity to celebrate those artists and their creations.

Please watch the JPHS Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum for updates. To receive updated information by email, contact us at jphs45879@yahoo.com.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows
- Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
- Cecil:** 127 Maramart
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Chantrel:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
- Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
- Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
- Hicksville:** Sailers, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center
- Ney:** Marathon
- Oakwood:** Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
- Paulding:** Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library
- Payne:** Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
- Sherwood:** Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
- Scott:** Scott Post Office
- Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree
- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
- Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
- Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
- Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
- Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
- Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain
- Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General
- New Haven:** ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
- Woodburn:** Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library, Willies Cafe II

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PAULDING PANTHERS TOP ACES IN BOYS BASKETBALL



The game was nearly over but that doesn't mean the Aces gave in. Shown here is Hicksville's Austin Sanders getting a fast break and a smooth layup for Paulding's opponents. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding Panthers entered the Aces' territory on January 19th for high school boys basketball. Hicksville's court lured no intimidation for the Panthers as they charged the court in the first quarter, taking the lead, 13-5. This lead was enough momentum to hold off the Aces' from any

catch up attempts. Paulding took a win back to Panther country at the final buzzer, 43-34.
JV game: Hicksville over Paulding in 2 quarters, 12-10.
Varsity Score by the Quarter:
Hicksville - 5 10 11 8 = 34
Paulding - 13 8 10 12 = 43



In the third quarter Paulding sophomore Kane Jones has the ball passed to him and taking the shot, scores! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Varsity Scorers of the Game:
Hicksville - Bergman 10, Rice 10, Seitz 9, Adams 3, Stern 2

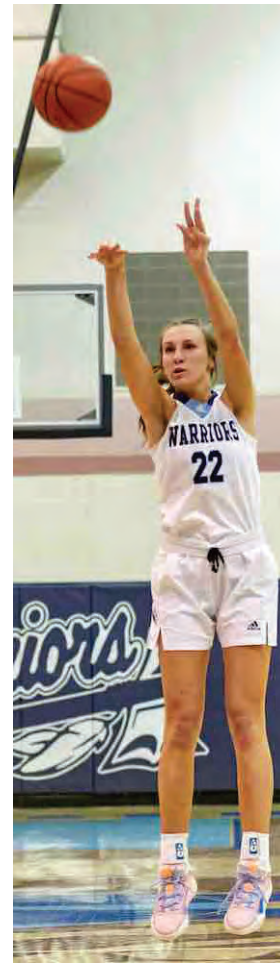
Paulding - Pease 11, Kuckuck 10, Suffel 7, Barton 5, Schlatter 4, Bermejo 4, Breier 2

RAIDERS, ARCHERS SPLIT

A pair of Paulding County rivals squared off in Antwerp last week where the Antwerp seventh grade boys and Wayne Trace eighth grade boys picked up victories.
In the seventh grade matchup, Antwerp recorded a 42-24 victory over the Raiders.

Wyatt Cline paced the Archers with 16 points while Brayden Fultz with 11 markers and Noah Lucas chipped in five. Caden Inder chipped in four points for the blue and white with Carter Baumert and Jason McKay totaling three apiece.
Reece Morehead posted eight points to lead Wayne Trace with Luke Miller adding six markers. Owen Welch and Jensen Bermejo chipped in five and three markers, respectively.
Wayne Trace's eighth graders held off the Archers for a 39-36 victory.
Blake Noggle topped the red, white and blue with 13 points and Zach Stoller reached double digits with a dozen points.
Other scorers for the Raiders were Carter Baumle (six), Alex Doster (four), Ben Gurney (two) and Eli Treece (two).

LADY WARRIORS TAKE A WIN ON SENIOR NIGHT



The last home game was also senior night for the girls at Woodlan in this game against South Adams. the Warriors took the court and made it look easy to defeat the Starfires - especially in the second half! Shown here is junior Taylor Kneubuhler with a shot from the cheap seats, posting three points for her team! Final score of the night: 59-36. More pictures at westbendnews.net

period and recording a 20-11 halftime advantage. Wayne Trace then expanded the margin to 32-18 at the end of three quarters.
Addyson LaBounty and Nicole Gerschutz each recorded ten markers for the Lady Raiders while Kenzie Ogle and Cayla Noggle finished with eight points apiece.
Adrianna Mead had 11 points to top the Paulding effort and Gabby Stork finished with six markers. Kayde Kuckuck and Delaney Johanns also had two markers apiece for the Lady Panthers.

dominated the first half with an 11-4 advantage after one quarter of play and then followed it up with an 11-5 second quarter to go to the locker-room at half time, leading 22-9. The Wildcats closed the gap in the third period, outscoring the Raiders 11-8 to enter the final eight minutes of play still trailing 30-20. The fourth quarter was most productive offensively for both teams with Miller City gaining a slight edge 18-16 but it wasn't enough to get over the hump --falling by eight to the visiting Raiders.
The bulk of the Raiders scoring came from Brooks Laukhuf and senior Tyler Davis who combined for 35 of the Raiders 46 points. Laukhuf, a junior, finished with 23 while Davis added 12 along with five rebounds and three assists. Laukhuf connected on 9-12 of his two-point attempts and 1-5 behind the arc. Davis was 4-6 from the two-point area and 3-4 at the charity stripe. As a team the Raiders shot 46 percent (19-41). Rounding out the scoring for the winners were Kyle Stoller, who had the game winner on Friday, with seven and Tanner Laukhuf along with team mate Brady Miller each with two.

Thomas Weis, banged home 5-7 from behind the arc to lead Miller City with 17. Brendan Barlage chipped in nine followed by Aaron Ruhe with eight and a team high seven boards. Ethan Barlage and Silas Niese each finished with two points each to round out the wildcat scoring. Miller City shot 33 percent from the floor on 14-43. The Wildcats won the rebound battle 30-26 but committed 16 miscues to the Raiders 11. Miller City stands at 7-7 on the season.

JH LADY RAIDERS DEFEAT PAULDING
In Green Meadows Conference seventh grade girls basketball tournament action, a battle of Paulding County rivals took place in the opening round of the tournament with Wayne Trace defeating host Paulding 36-22.
The red, white and blue led at every stop, posting a 12-3 lead at the end of one

RAIDERS COMPLETE WEEK-END SWEEP AT MILLER CITY

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Wayne Trace went on the road last Saturday and picked up their tenth win of the season against four losses. Playing at Miller City the Raiders posted a 46-38 win after coming off an emotional three-point conference win the night before at Antwerp.
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Antwerp senior Parker Moore scores a layup while heavily guarded by Raider Kyle Stoller. Moore added 4 of the five first quarter points to the Archer scoreboard! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace freshman is left open for a three-point basket attempt! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

If you have watched these two teams play one another over the course of the last several seasons then the outcome would not be that big of a surprise. Or, at least the way the outcome came about in the final seconds. A bucket in the closing seconds often times would settle the score. On Friday night it happened just that way. With the score knotted at 43 a piece and Antwerp with the ball, the blue and white succumbed to the Raider defense, allowing the visitors the opportunity to do what they do best - hitting the winning shot. With ten seconds remaining the Raiders managed to work the ball in from the side lines and with four seconds remaining,

junior Kyle Stoller dialed in a three-pointer from the top of the key to secure the Raider win.

The game was everything you would expect. Lead changes, ties, crucial shots, and good defense. Neither team managed to secure a large enough lead to take control. When a team got a lead then the other would make a comeback and often times would regain the lead. In the low scoring contest the Raiders enjoyed an 18-14 at the break but the Archers responded in the third frame with 19 points while holding the Raiders to 13. Antwerp entered the final quarter leading 33-31 advantage.

Stoller, who had the game winner, was also the game's leading scorer with 18 points along with eight rebounds.

Brooks Laukhuf was also in double digits finishing with 17. The two juniors combined for 35 of the Raiders 46 points. Rounding out the scoring was Hudson Myers adding five, Tanner Laukhuf with four and two points from Cale Winans.

Antwerp also placed two in double-digits with Reid Lichty pouring in 16 and Landon Brewer chipping in 13. Other Archer scorers include Parker Moore seven, Carson Altimus five and Camden Fuller with two.

Wayne Trace shot 19-40 from the floor for 48 percent with the Archers hitting 12-37 for 32 percent. At the foul line Antwerp connected on 15-24 while the red, white, and blue went to the line just nine time hitting five. Both teams turned the ball over eight times with the rebounding battle nearly even at 28-27 Antwerp's favor.

With the huge Green Meadows Conference win the Raiders are now 2-2 and 9-4 overall. Antwerp, also stands at 2-2 and 9-3 overall.

RAIDERS COMPETE IN BIDDY CLUB TOURNAMENT

The Wayne Trace Biddy Club participated in the Antwerp Biddy Club Tournament on 01/22/23;

Placing 1st was Hyde Mullins, Emersyn Showalter, Kohen Fore, Cater Ludwig, Ari Ludwig and Sam Schabbing.

Placing 2nd was Myles Tumblin, Elisha Buehrer and Zoey Schnipke.

Placing 3rd was Holden Mullins, Weslen Tucker, Hank Mullins, Bryn Wesserman, Parker Radulewicz, Lucas Allison, Wyatt Gilbert, and Waylen McCord.

Placing 4th was Chase Wright, Henry Childs, Zander Lelonek, Blaize Karhoff, Peyton Osbun, Locklen Yenser and Carson Blair.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB HAS GREAT HOME TOURNAMENT

The Antwerp Wrestling Club opened their GMC tournament season on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at the 14th annual Archer Open at their home school in Antwerp. All 20 wrestlers for the Archers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th on the day were Ensley Hahn, Carl Kosch, Blade Ruffing, Oliver McCague, Carson Sutton,

NEW HAVEN PLACES 12 WRESTLERS AT NE8 CONFERENCE



Photo credit: Melissa Amstutz

Last weekend (January 19th) the New Haven wrestling program competed in the NE8 Conference. New Haven went on to place 12 wrestlers at this tournament.

106 - Gabe Dorr, 6th

113 - Karrington Cooper, 2nd

120 - Timmy Rocha, 2nd

126 - Brayden Clauser, 2nd

132 - Easton Doster, 1st

138 - Aiden Carter, 3rd

145 - Aiden Elkins, 3rd

152 - Ian Amstutz, 3rd

170 - Vince Lepera, 5th

195 - Matt Poiry, 6th

220 - Dazhon Ware, 5th

285 - Charler McGrant, 6th

PAULDING WRESTLERS COMPETE IN CHUCK FORWARD DUALS



The Paulding Panthers participated in Chuck Forward Duals in Archbold. The Panthers competed against teams from Archbold, Ayrersville, Defiance, Edgerton, Lake, Toledo St. Francis, Vermilion, and Wauseon.

Coach Jimenez stated:

"These were some really good wrestlers here today. When you come to a tournament like this you have to be ready to wrestle top notch wrestlers that are coached well. Kobe Foor was 5-0 on the day and Dawson Lamb was 4-1".

all of the archers for their hard work this past weekend. Good luck as you prepare for Ada in 2 weeks' time. Good luck and GO ARCHERS!

THIRD QUARTER SCORING LIFTS WAYNE TRACE PAST ARLINGTON

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

After a slow start by both teams the Raiders used a solid third quarter and balanced scoring to outlast the Arlington Red Devils in roundball action. The Raiders pushed their overall record to 11-4 with a 52-41 road win.

The red, white and blue managed just four points in the opening period but kept their opponent in check allowing them just two points. Both squads battled even in

the second eight-minutes of play with each scoring 15 points. The Raiders owned the third frame; outscoring Arlington 19-8 to enter the final quarter on top 38-25. The Red Devils won the final period when they out-pointed the Raiders 16-14.

Wayne Trace placed three in double figures led by the 15 points from junior Kyle Stoller. Another junior, Brooks Laukhuf, added 12 with senior Tyler Davis chipping in 10. Rounding out the Raiders scoring was Hudson Myers with eight, Tanner Laukhuf adding five and two points from Brady Miller.

For the Red Devils, who fall to 10-5 on the season, Camden Russell poured in 13 followed by Brady Kin (nine), Rylar Essinger (seven), Jake Vermillion (five), Brady Griggs (four) and Ayden Cavinee (three).

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ALLEN COUNTY
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING

8:00 a.m. Saturday, February 25, 2023

Hosted by: Tim & Deanna Rorick 4710 S. Webster Rd. New Haven, IN 46774

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Commodity Market Outlook with WOWO's Kohli, Cavanaugh, and Winters

District Perspectives and Objectives: Paving The Path Forward, Chad Shaw, Chairman
Future of Drainage in Allen Co: Q&A with Newly Elected Surveyor, Michael Fruchey, P.E.



For more information and a complete agenda visit
ALLENSWCD.ORG or call (260) 484-5848 ext.3

LEGAL NOTICE



THE LEFT TURN



Photo Credit: Bill Griffith on the track at Montpelier Motor Speedway

By: Ron Burt

Fremont Speedway (The Track That Action Built) just released their 2023 season schedule and it's a good one for the drivers and race fans. This is the 72nd anniversary of this historic racetrack. Weekly Saturday night shows are normally 410 Winged Sprints, 305 Winged Sprints and Dirt Trucks. The season kicks off Saturday, April 15 on Johnny Auxter Opening Night, paying tribute to the hall-of-famer who competed at the track in 1951 and attended racing at the Sandusky County Fairground oval through the 2022 season. The Tezos All Star Circuit of Champions will make three appearances at Fremont Speedway including Ohio Sprint Speedweek on Saturday, June 10 and the traditional Jim and Joanne Ford Classic, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16. The Kistler Racing Products/All Pro Aluminum Cylinder Heads 410 Attica Fremont Championship Series presented by the Baumann Auto Group will hold nine events at Fremont Speedway while the INAPA of Bryan 305 AFCS presented by Jason Dietsch Trailer Sales will battle in nine events as well. The Great Lakes Traditional Sprints (non-wing) series will be part of an all-sprint car event with the 410 and 305 sprints on May 27 and will make a second appearance with the 410 sprints and dirt trucks on July 1. The Great Lakes Super Sprints (360 sprints) will come to Fremont as part of another all-sprint night on July 29. On June 17 the USAC D2 Midgets will join the dirt trucks and the Steel Block Late Model Series at Fremont

Speedway. The Fremont Speedway Hall of Fame induction will take place prior to racing action on June 3. The dirt track will be in action 16 times in 2023 while the 305 sprints will compete in 18 events including the fair race on Monday, Aug. 21.

News this week from Larry Boos at Gas City I-69 Speedway ended up leaving media, drivers, and racing fans with many questions about the 2023 racing season and this great track. Quote "Regarding the 2023 season, Gas City I-69 Speedway will shift away from a weekly Friday night format. This move was not taken lightly, and many factors were taken into consideration; all of which can, and will be, debated as to tradition, pros, cons, etc. Nonetheless, the quality of racing will not be affected. We will continue to whet the appetite of race fans with excellent programming highlighted by non-winged sprint cars and multiple divisions". I have reached out to Larry for more information. My concern as a racing fan, shifting away from Friday night how will this affect car counts since Kokomo races Non-Winged Sprints on Saturdays and Montpelier races UMP type Modifieds. Racing fans are loyal and follow their favorite drivers and attend tracks they're used to attending on traditional racing rights.

Many of you have reached out to me about Attica Raceway Park and Oakshade Raceway. I haven't received any information from these two tracks about their 2023 schedules. I will be doing driver interviews coming up on my Facebook blog, Ohio Sports Blitz with drivers from both tracks. I hope to also reach out to several Outlaw Asphalt Late Model and Supermodified drivers. It's going to be a very busy February and March. I'm sorry I can't always answer your questions, but I do my best. Until next week, keep your wheels down! Ron Burt ohioportsblitz@yahoo.com

ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2nd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

*Denotes 4.0
Gold Card 4.0-3.75 (with no grade less than a B-)
EIGHTH GRADE: *Briley Bagley, Tatum Boyer, Lucy Conley, Roman Delong, Madclaren Ehrhart, Kole Elston, *Maddox Friend, *Keegan Gray Wyckoff, Blake Gribler, *Josie Hahn, Alexisa Hankinson, Aiden Hook, *Eliana Hormann, Emery Jones, Emily Laker, Ethan Marlin, *Tyler Overman, *Kage Slattery, *Gabriella Snyder, Keira Spyker

SEVENTH GRADE: Bryceton Barker, *Wyatt Cline, Tucker Doster, Reese Franklin, Aaden Friend, Brayden Fuller, Kaira Jones, Elyse Meyer, *Braxton Peters, Allison Rice, Franco Rivera, Anabelle Saylor, *Kora Zuber

SIXTH GRADE: Brennan Barker, Pearce Cottrell, Charlotte Hook, *Annabelle Mowery, Alaina Reinhart, Garrett Robbins
Blue Card 3.749-3.5 (with no grade less than a C+)
EIGHTH GRADE: Jonnothan Coker, Avalon Coney, Payleigh Dickess, Maddilan Doster, Lexy Hicks, Zoen King-Bauer, Jennifer Lawhorn, Alyssa Lawson, Haylee Lingenfelter, Weston Rhonehouse, Michael Rohrs, Nathan Sanders, Madison Schmidt, Allison Sproles, Lucas Sproles

SEVENTH GRADE: Hudsyn Bagley, Gage Barker, Alyvia Bell, Gabriella Brandenburg, Lilly Halsey, Camden Herber, Taylor Hogans, Avery Honigford, Kenna Jackson, Taylor Lockhart, Noah Lucas, Kati Phares, Clara Rohrs, Anneliese Zijlstra

SIXTH GRADE: Tyler Bradbury, Brooklynn Lawson, Allison Miller, Aleta Sorrell
Honor Roll 3.49-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

EIGHTH GRADE: Hailey Clem, Madeline Coressel, Aiden Dunderman, Aliyah Friend, Isabella Krenkel, Danica Lehman, Alexis Otto, Kara Pierce, Zacrey Salas, Riley Smith, Melita Warford

SEVENTH GRADE: Carter Baumert, Anabelle Bidlack, Alia Clem, Arriyana Dunderman, Chloe Evilsizor, Jason McKay, Alyssa Phillips, Izaiah Thompson

SIXTH GRADE: Mallory Barker, Addison Friend, Devin Hicks, Gianna Laker, Emerson Morrow, Evan Overman, Cate Rohrs, Haydyn Walton
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ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL 2nd 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2022/23

*Denotes 4.0
Gold Card 4.0-3.67 (with no grade less than a B-)
SENIORS: Gavin Clevinger, Zachery Devall, Katelyna Fish, Shaylee Garrett, Hayleigh Jewell, Lydia Krouse, *Makenna Lawson, *Ross Lee, Anna Meglich, Parker Moore, *Rayni Rister, *Ethan Sanders, Aerial Snyder, Hope Thomas-Roebel

JUNIORS: Landon Brewer, Reid Lichty, Aewyn McMichael, *Brooke Molitor, *Hannah Molitor, Emma Saul, *Leila Spyker
SOPHOMORES: *Allison Carnes, Drew Eaken, Aiden Lichty, *Braylen Moreno, *Eden Shuherk, Gracelyn Stoller
FRESHMEN: Kalli Billman, Krystal Bradbury, Marcelo Cruz, *Leigha Doster, Andrew Johnson, Hampton Rogge, Corbin Sargent, Lauren Walters, *Raelynne Zuber

Blue Card 3.66-3.33 (with no grade less than a C+)
SENIOR: Isabelle Graham, Ethan Lichty, Kendra Spieth

JUNIORS: Addyson Hormann, Jill Magoulas, Connor Shiple, Kahlea Shook, Emma Townley
SOPHOMORES: Elle Clem, Faith Clem, Derek Hines, Jonah Keys, Teeghun Marlin, Madisyn Peters, Caroline Rohrs, Keira Sargent, Bryce Sholl, Dayne Sholl, Austin Zuber

FRESHMEN: Sara Farr, Dylan Hahn, Haydyn Lengacher, Estee Lichty, Zaine McMichael, Colten Sargent, Taylor Shull

Honor Roll 3.32-3.0 (with no grade less than a C)

SENIORS: Kyleigh Logan, Makenna Smith
JUNIORS: Carson Altimus, Myranda Brooks, Camden Fuller, Cohen Hitzeman, Lucy Wales

SOPHOMORES: Noah Bradbury, Maylynn Carnahan, Owen Franks, Lydia Johnson, Brynn Reinhart, Tanessa Sherwood, Tavin Sholl

FRESHMEN: Nikalas Brandenburg, Amelia Graham, Kane Hines, Griffin Kosch, Addisen Lehman, Lillyanna McKay, Harlee Moore, Landon Orozco, Tyler Palacios, Mara Philipot

VANTAGE CAREER CENTER 2nd 9 WEEKS 2022/23

AB Honor Roll
 *Denotes a 4.0 GPA
WAYNE TRACE

JUNIORS: Connor Blankenship, Kason Carlisle, Kyle Forrer, Harley Halliwill, Mary Lands, Cassidy Lewis, Jordan Lotz, *Emma Lyons, Jasmine Mattson, *Trenton McClain, Nathaniel Osborn, Parker Schisler, Kyla Schoenauer, Kamrun Smith, Jude Stoller, *Maddox Treece, Graiden Troth, Brendan Weidenhamer, Luke Wenninger, Harley Youtsey

SENIORS: Cadence Baker, Kevin Bauer, *Mackenzie Blankenship, Maggie Cox, Makenna Elliott, Nick Fleming, Alyssa Greathouse, Arin James, Lexi Johnson, Matt Kline, Ariel Landwehr, Dalton Lee, *Astrid Martinez Sandoval, Kristin McDonald, Samuel Moore, Isaac Munger, *Jared Pierre, Rebecca Sentelik, Brielle Sheets, *Ezra Sinn, Kyle Slade, *Blake Stoller, Gabe Thrasher, Oliver Zamarripa

DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Divine Mercy School is pleased to present its School Spelling Bee champion and runner-up. The champion speller is sixth-grader, Simon Conley (pictured left), son of Garey and Theresa Conley. The runner-up is sixth-grader, Blaize Karhoff (pictured right), son of Ryan and Kristen Karhoff. The back-and-forth championship lasted 19 rounds! Congratulations on a job well done!

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Oakwood Elementary recently held their 2022 Spelling Bee. Spelling Bee Winners: Allie Roddy, runner-up; Chase Manz, winner. Congratulations!

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Krystal Fuentes, Cecil, OH; Confine of dog (2 counts); Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
Juliana J. Cessna, Toledo, OH; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; OVI/ breath (low), Pled no contest, guilty, ALS vacated, May at-

tend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Defendant may petition to have IID removed after 3 months, Operator license suspended from 10/08/22 to 10/08/23

Jennifer L. Smith, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspended, Dismissed; Seat belt/ drive, Pled no contest, found guilty

Timothy Epple, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
 Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

Chad T. Tauog, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jason Chad Kremer, Oakwood, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Rowena Kochenour, Payne, OH; Open container; Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Failure to control, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Christian D. Klender, Antwerp, OH; Resisting arrest, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs from bond, 90 days jail, 87 days suspended, 3 days jail credit for time served since 1/17/23, Maintain general good behavior; Driving under suspension, Guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond

Adam R. Daniels, Paulding, OH; Theft (2 counts), Guilty; 100 days jail - suspended; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Pay restitution \$47.50; 40 hours community service; Maintain employment

Erica M. Rodgers, Painesville, OH; Failure to reinstate; Case dismissed

Oswaldo M. Martinez, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Curtis A. Blankenship, Columbus Grove, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel L. Justus, Montpelier, OH; Physical control; Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; ALS vacated; Proof of insurance provided

Thomas C. McMichael, Cecil, OH; FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Miranda L. Bussing, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Nicholas P. Dutiel, Fort Wayne, IN; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Logan S. Baker, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Failure to control; Case was waived by defendant

Quincy P. Allen Jr, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Nicholas R. Grote, Ohio City, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dylan R. Peters, Paulding, OH; Driving on a close road; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Erica M. Rodgers, Painesville, OH; Failure to reinstate; Case dismissed

Oswaldo M. Martinez, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Curtis A. Blankenship, Columbus Grove, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

crash that occurred on January 24, 2023, at approximately 4:53 p.m. The crash occurred on US 6 at County Road 12C in Center Township, Williams County.

Donald R. Williams, age 53, of Auburn, Indiana, was operating a 1999 Peterbilt semi-truck westbound on US 6. Tracy A. Moog, age 74, of Bryan, Ohio was operating a 2020 Volkswagen mini-van southbound on County Road 12C when struck the trailer of the semi-truck as he entered the intersection. Mr. Moog, along with his passenger, Connie J. Moog, age 74, of Bryan, Ohio, were both transported to Bryan Hospital with serious injuries. Mr. Williams was not injured.

Failure to wear safety belts was found to be a contributing factor in the crash, and the crash remains under investigation at this time.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Williams County Sheriff's Office, Bryan Fire and EMS, Williams County EMS, and John's Towing.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorist to always wear safety belts, do not drive impaired, and to be extra cautious while driving through intersections.

PATROL INVESTIGATING SERIOUS INJURY CRASH IN WOOD COUNTY

On January 23, 2023 at approximately 10:37 A.M., troopers from the Bowling Green Post responded to a two-vehicle crash that occurred on State Route 420 at Libbey Road in Lake Township, Wood County, Ohio.

Martin T. Hinton, age 69, of Minerva, Ohio was driving a 2014 International semi tractor-trailer combination southbound on State Route 420 and was stopped at a red traffic light at Libbey Road.

Joseph R. Harris, age 22, of Clarkston, Michigan was driving a 2021 Subaru Outback southbound on State Route 420 and struck the rear of Mr. Hinton's trailer.

Mr. Harris was transported to St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center by Lake Township EMS with life-threatening injuries.

Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash.

The crash remains under investigation at this time.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted at the scene by the Lake Township Police Department, Lake Township Fire and EMS, and Pat and Son Towing.

The West Bend News
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

OHIO STATE PATROL INVESTIGATES SERIOUS INJURY CRASH

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a serious injury

LEGAL NOTICE

Re: Law office of Peter Seibel Record/File Destruction

The Law office of Peter Seibel, 621 West Second Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512 in accordance with a file destruction schedule will be shredding all case files from the year 2018 and prior thereto. This includes but is not limited to criminal files (felony, misdemeanor, and traffic), domestic files, custody files, juvenile files, and civil files. All files prior to 2015 have, in accordance with policy, previously been shredded. Any requests for a file should be submitted to the office in writing with your name, address, phone number, and email address. Effective February 15, 2023 the aforementioned files will be shredded. Thank you.

Peter R. Seibel Attorney at Law

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. Cl-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

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 Dollie E. Jordan herein by Thomas J. Reeb 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 point 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: *Karyn Burckard* Deputy

Respectively submitted, *[Signature]*

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

LEGAL NOTICE
Statements of Qualifications

The Village of Hicksville is accepting Statements of Qualifications for the design of a Water Park Facility consisting of a pool, pool house, splash pad along with removal of existing pool and pool house, parking lot renovation and relocation of sand volleyball courts. Firms should submit four (4) copies of the SOQ focusing on primarily experience with public swimming pools and splash pad projects, to the Village Administrator at 111 South Main St. Hicksville, OH 43526. Questions can be directed to (419) 542-8095 or viladmin@defnet.com.

Deadline line for submittals is 5:00 p.m February 16, 2023

— Cory Wann, Village Administrator

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. EVELYN L. SCHNEIDER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 22 140

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

13456 Road 27B, Antwerp Parcel Number: 11-28B-014-00 and 11-28B-013-00

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

Said premises appraised at One Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$150,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the February 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://paulding.sheriffssaleauction.ohio.gov>

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the date of sale.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on March 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

Purchasers 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.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars will be due at the time of the sale. Balance of the purchase price shall be paid before the deed is recorded.

The successful bidder will have Thirty (30) days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has Thirty (30) days to file a written motion requesting the sale be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed Ninety (90) days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Peter L. Mehler, Attorney for Plaintiff

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: CITIZENS BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs. RICHARD L. FROELICH, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 22 183

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

10884 Road 192, Cecil Parcel Number: 13-10S-003-00

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

Said premises appraised at Seventy-five Thousand and No/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Johna M. Bella, Attorney for Plaintiff

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT WINTER ANIMALS



Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers were recently visited by Anna Gurney from Paulding Soil & Water. She brought animal pelts and talked with the children about how animals survive

the long, cold winter. We learned what animals hibernate, what animals migrate and what animals stay awake and forage for food. Shown here with our hibernating bear craft we made with Miss

Anna are (in back) Miss Anna, Mylann Good, Cambrie Blue, Nathan Sizemore and Lyrik Longstreth. In front are Johanna Federighi, Mauriella Bland, and Holland Witkouski.

GERBER SWORN IN AS LATTY MAYOR; LAND BANK MOVES VILLAGE FORWARD

The Latty Village council held their January reorganizational meeting. Council President Shawn Gerber was sworn in as mayor to fill the void presented when former Mayor Tom Sinn retired effective December 31, 2022.

Mayor Gerber then made council aware that Latty's electric aggregation contract with Palmer Energy expires in May 2023. The Mayor will reach out to Palmer Energy contact, Amy Hoffman, to arrange a meeting soon.

Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copsey was present to bring a new opportunity to the council and provide some program updates. Copsey introduced and explained a Community Reinvestment Agreement (CRA) and how it could incentivize investment to the community. Following questions and good discussion the council voted to move forward with the creation of the paperwork and legal steps of moving forward in hopes of developing the program for Latty.

Discussion then moved to the county Land Reutilization Committee (Land Bank) and updates on current projects taking place within the village. Copsey assured the council there will be finishing work and grass planting this spring on the two sites that were in the county residential blight program. It was also shared there are contractors looking for sites in villages around the county to build affordable housing. Council should indicate properties available to build on within the village to the PCED office.

In other monthly business the council:

- Solicitor Harvey Hyman noted work continues with Norfolk Southern railroad about properly closing the crossing on Alexander Street.

- Copsey shared discussion with the group about municipal solar. More information was to take place at the county mayors' meeting which Mayor Gerber would attend.

- Council was presented with bids for a new mower to replace an old zero turn mower. Council will review the bids and decide on an award in the February meeting.

- Council member Beth Stoller presented the opportunity of a village Easter egg hunt. Council will review and decide in February meeting. Council will also be establishing a village employee policy for mowing and maintenance responsibilities.

- Council member Kirk Stoller shared that the new scoreboard for the baseball field will be installed as soon as the steel support posts are delivered.

- The village parks and recreation committee did not have an update. More information will be shared as projects develop.

The February council meeting will be Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

ARCHERS RALLY TO NIP PATRIOTS

Following a tough rivalry loss to Wayne Trace, the Antwerp boys basketball team bounced back the next night to post a 41-40 win at Patrick Henry Saturday evening in non-league action.

Carson Altimus and Landon Brewer both posted 16 points to lead the way for Antwerp, which improves to

10-3 overall on the season.

Reid Lichty chipped in seven markers and Parker Moore had the other two points for the Archers.

Host Patrick Henry led 12-9 at the end of one period before Antwerp scored 13 second quarter points and held the Patriots to nine in taking a 22-21 halftime advantage. The blue and white then extended the margin in the third quarter, outscoring Patrick Henry 8-6 to seize a 30-27 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Thomas Smith topped the Henry County squad with 14 points with Nash Meyer chipping in nine and Mack Hieber posted eight.

Landon Johnson (four), Gavin Jackson (three) and Aiden Behrman (two) completed the scoring for the Patriots.

Patrick Henry's junior varsity team was victorious over the Archers, defeating Antwerp by a score of 50-31.

IHSAA GIRLS SECTIONAL PAIRINGS RELEASED

Girls sectional basketball pairings for teams in the state of Indiana were released on Sunday by the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

In Class 4A, Sectional 6, New Haven (2-17) will take part in the Huntington North sectional where the Bulldogs will open sectional play on January 31 against Fort Wayne South Side (2-15).

The second game that evening will feature Columbia City (18-4) against Homestead (16-4).

Host Huntington North (15-4) will then play the New Haven-South Side winner in the first game on February 3 and will be followed by Fort Wayne Wayne (13-7) against either Columbia City or Homestead.

Class 3A, Sectional 21 will feature play at Concordia High School with sectional quarterfinal games on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Heritage (5-14) will tangle with Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger (7-15) in the lone game of the evening.

Wednesday will feature doubleheader action as Leo (11-9) takes on Concordia (8-13) followed by Garrett

(9-11) against Angola (11-10). Woodlan (18-4) opens its tournament run in sectional semifinal action on Friday when the Lady Warriors will play either Heritage or Bishop Dwenger. Game two will feature the Leo-Concordia winner taking on the Garrett-Angola victor.

Sectional championships will be played on Saturday, February 4.

PANTHERS MOVE CLOSER TO GMC TITLE

The Paulding Panthers took another step towards a Green Meadows Conference championship Friday night as the maroon and white posted a 53-40 victory over Hicksville at the 'Jungle.'

With the victory, Paulding improves to 4-0 in Green Meadows Conference action and 8-6 overall while the Aces drop to 11-4 in all games and 2-2 in the league.

The maroon and white led at every stop, doubling up Hicksville 18-9 in the opening stanza. Paulding extended the margin to 32-18 at the intermission and the Panthers were in front 45-33 entering the final period.

Casey Agler paced the local squad with 15 points while Peyton Adams chipped in a dozen markers and Ethan Foltz posted ten points.

Nick Manz added eight markers for Paulding followed by Luke Zartman (four), Kane Jones (two) and Isaac Reeb (two).

Jayden Rosalez and Aaron Klima both reached double figures for Hicksville with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Other scorers for the Aces were Brody Balser (six), Alex Gordon (six), Tatum Sheets (three), Brayden Slattery (two) and Austin Sanders (two).

FT'S LIFT PANTHERS PAST LOCOS

Paulding doubled up Montpelier at the free throw line as the Panthers went on the road to defeat the Locomotives 66-56 Saturday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The maroon and white hit 23 of 36 free throws in the contest while the Locomotives connected on 11 of 17 foul shots, using the dozen point difference to record the victory.

Paulding held a slim 13-11 advantage at the end of one period and the Panthers extended the margin in the second stanza, putting up 21 points in the quarter to take a 34-26 halftime lead.

The Williams County squad then rallied in the third quarter, outscoring Paulding 16-10 to pull within 44-42 entering the final stanza.

In the final quarter, the Panthers sealed the victory by hitting 14 of 25 free throws to go along with two Ethan Foltz baskets and single buckets from Luke Zartman and Casey Agler. Montpelier was four of six at the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

Peyton Adams led the way for the Panthers with 26 points while Ethan Foltz added 14 and Casey Agler chipped in 13. Kane Jones (seven), Luke Zartman (three), Nick Manz (two) and Isaac Reeb (one) scored the remaining Paulding points.

Garrett Walz paced Montpelier with 26 points as well and Brayden Brink chipped in 13 markers. Completing the

THEY LOVED LUCY



Lucy was a beauty. One of the most beautiful girls in Washington DC. She had many suitors. She had dated the president's son, the sons of many senators and a lineup of important people. She was somewhat of a heartbreaker, and difficult to please.

When Lucy was 12 she was getting letters from a Harvard freshman, Will Chandler. Lucy was quite fond of Will, but it never got past writing letters. Will would become Secretary of the Navy, and a US senator from New Hampshire. When she was 16, she met Oliver, 2 years older, and a Harvard student, but that fizzled. Oliver would become Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. Then there was John.

On Valentine's Day Lucy received a letter and this is briefly what it said; "I am taking this opportunity to contact you. You resemble in a most remarkable degree, someone who I once loved, who is now deceased. You have afforded a memory of her, as you both are quite beautiful, and represent a faithful index of gentleness and amicability.

With best wishes for your happiness, I am to you . . . A Stranger

Lucy did discover that the gentleman's identity was John. They did meet and even become engaged but they had a rocky relationship. John was jealous when she danced with the president's son, Robert Lincoln. He became very protective of her. John was a handsome actor, and known as a ladies man, but Lucy was confident she could tame him.

One of their problems was

that Lucy's father didn't like John. Lucy's father was a senator and an abolitionist, and John was a Southern sympathizer. Lucy's family and John both lived in the same hotel so they saw each other quite often. One evening they met for supper at 6:30, but at 8:00 John said, "He had something he needed do," and excused himself.

No one knows, if Lucy knew what John's plans were. For you see Lucy was Lucy Lambert Hale, and her fiance was none other than the actor, John Wilkes Booth. After a thorough investigation, three men and a woman were hung on specially made gallows. John was killed in a barn. John had pictures of four women in his pocketbook, three actresses and Lucy.

Lucy's father talked President Johnson out of investigating his daughter. Lucy's father had applied for an ambassadorship to England, as a way of getting Lucy away from John. They eventually moved to England.

John, and a group of men, had planned on kidnapping the president, the vice president and the Secretary of State, and nearly succeeded. Their motive was to disrupt the US government, and somehow help the South.

There was a happy ending for Lucy. Lucy did marry the college boy that corresponded with her when she was 12 years old. She married Will Chandler a US senator, and they had one son. She would always remember John... The lady's man that no one could tame... even she.

—John Neuhouser

scoring for the Locomotives were Grant Girrell (six), Jamison Grime (five), James Camper (three), Trent Thorp (two) and Hayden Sharps (one).

Paulding also claimed a victory in the junior varsity game, posting a 33-27 victory over the Locomotives.

RAIDER EIGHTH GRADERS WIN OPENING ROUND GMC GAME

The Green Meadows Conference eighth grade girls basketball tournament began at Paulding High School on Saturday as Wayne Trace posted a 26-21 victory over Ayersville.

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The Lady Raiders held a slim 4-3 lead at the end of one period before the Pilots took a 13-9 halftime advantage. Wayne Trace rallied to post a 17-15 margin entering the final stanza.

Amber Stoller paced all scorers in the contest with 20 points for Wayne Trace while Kaelyn Vejar, Liz Graham and Olivia Zartman each posted a basket.

Brylynn Edwards led the Pilots with seven markers while Hannah Altsteder chipped in six points. Aubree Limber (three), Avery Knueven (two), Ava Sigler (two) and Kalyn Hastedt (one) also scored for Ayersville.

WARRIORS FLY PAST EAGLES

Visiting Woodlan held host Fremont to six points in each of the first three quarters as the Lady Warriors cruised to a 47-27 win in non-league girls basketball action last week.

Woodlan jumped out to a 14-6 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before matching that in the second stanza, pushing the margin to 28-12 at the intermission. The Lady Warriors then picked up 13 third quarter points and held Fremont to as Woodlan expanded the margin to 41-18 entering the final stanza.

Avah Smith paced Woodlan with 22 points while Brooke Kneubuhler and Addie Goheen both chipped in six markers. Kaitlyn Crosby and Taylor Kneubuhler each added four points for the Warriors, who improved to 18-4, and Gabi Klopfenstein posted five points.

Smith hauled down eight boards and picked up four steals with Goheen getting four rebounds and dishing out six assists. Crosby also finished with four rebounds, three assists and four steals while Taylor Kneubuhler posted three rebounds, two assists and three steals. Klopfenstein aided the Woodlan cause with two rebounds, two assists and two steals and Briana Roney dished out three assists.

Fremont was led by Natalie Gochenour with nine points and Addy Parr contributed six markers for the Eagles, who fall to 8-12. Other scorers for Fremont were Libby Curey (four), McKenzie Parnin (four), Erica Cain (two) and Willow Whittaker (two).

Gochenour topped the Eagles with seven boards and two assists while Whittaker, Parnin and Alaska Gochenour all had three rebounds. Parr posted two rebounds, three assists and two steals for Fremont.

SAYLOR HITS THREE TO LIFT PATRIOTS OVER WARRIORS

Luke Saylor hit a three-pointer late in overtime to lift the Heritage Patriots to a 57-54 victory over Woodlan in ACAC boys basketball action Friday evening outside of Monroeville.

With the win, the Patriots are in sole possession of first place at 3-0 in the league while

Heritage improves to 8-5 in all games on the season.

Woodlan falls to 13-4 overall and 2-2 in the league.

Tied at 44-44 entering the extra session, it was the duo of Kobe Meyer and Saylor that lifted Heritage to the win.

Meyer hit a pair of three-point field goals in the extra session and added a bucket as Heritage grabbed a 52-49 advantage.

After a pair of Trey Yoder free throws pulled the Warriors within 52-51, Saylor picked up a basket for Heritage to make it 54-51.

Braden Smith then hit a three-point field goal for Woodlan to knot the game at 54-54, setting up Saylor's game-winner.

Saylor topped all point scorers in the contest, bucketing 23 markers to lead the way for Heritage. DeJay Gerig paced Woodlan with 13 points.

Woodlan hits the court again on February 2 when it hosts South Adams while Heritage welcomes in Bluffton on February 4.

LADY RAIDERS CRUISE PAST ARCHERS IN GMC ACTION

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Cross-county and Green Meadows Conference rivals, Antwerp and Wayne Trace, battled each other in girls basketball last Thursday at the Palace. What was anticipated as a possible close game turned out to be something much less. The Lady Raiders jumped out to an early lead in the first three minutes of the contest and ran away from the Archers to capture a 49-26 win.

With the win the red, white, and blue improve their overall mark at 7-8 but more importantly stand at 3-1 in GMC play. Wayne Trace finds themselves in third place behind 4-0 Fairview and Ayersville. For the Archers, the blue and white fall to 8-8 on the season and 1-3 in the GMC, tied with 1-3 Tinora and Edgerton.

The Raiders height advantage and solid defense led to their win. The Archers never scored more than eight points in a quarter and found themselves down at the break 28-13. Senior Gracie Shepherd finished with 11 points while Lexi Moore had a strong game in the paint with a double-double. The six-foot freshman totaled 10 points along with a game high 16 rebounds. Rounding out the scoring for the victorious Raiders were Caroline Winans with seven followed by a trio of Raiders with six including seniors Abby Moore and Elise Miller. Sophomore Harper Myers contributed solid defense and also collected six points. Ava Zartman rounds out the scoring finishing with three.

For Antwerp, six Archers scored but none hit double digits. Caroline Rohrs chipped in seven followed by Hayleigh Jewel adding six. Aewyn McMichael came away with five markers and Lydia Krouse

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with four. Maddy Peters and Mara Philpot each finished with two a piece.

Wayne Trace won the battle of the boards with 37 rebounds while the Archers grabbed 18. Antwerp turned the ball over 15 times with the Raiders recording 10 miscues. In shooting, Wayne Trace hit 20-49 from the floor for a 41 percent clip while the Archers put up 32 shots, hitting nine for 28 percent.

BIG FIRST STANZA SENDS ARCHERS PAST TIGERS

In a battle of former Green Meadows Conference rivals, the Antwerp Archers opened up a big lead at the end of one quarter and cruised the rest of the way to a 47-26 victory over visiting Holgate.

The blue and white led 14-2 at the end of one period before the Tigers outscored the Archers 11-10 in the second stanza to trim the deficit to 24-13 at the intermission.

Holgate bucketed 11 third quarter markers as well but gave up 16 to the Archers as the Paulding County squad expanded the margin to 40-24 entering the final period.

Parker Moore, Zaine McMichael and Landon Brewer all scored 11 markers for Antwerp with Reid Lichty chipped in nine. Ben Savina and Camden Fuller added three and two points, respectively, for the Archers.

Abe Kelly paced Holgate with a dozen markers while Logan Miller and Ezekiel Belmares both recorded four points. Kaiden Giesige, Owen Leaders and Xavier McCord each picked up a basket as well for the Tigers, who fall to 2-12 on the season.

Antwerp improved to 11-3

at the varsity level with the victory. The Archer junior varsity posted a 25-20 win over the Tigers.

LADY RAIDERS EVEN SEASON RECORD WITH WIN OVER HERITAGE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Lady Raiders of Wayne Trace stepped out of conference action and went up against Heritage (IN) on the hardwood. Wayne Trace outlasted the Patriots 41-34. The Raiders and their opponent played even throughout the contest but it was the second quarter that made the difference with the Raiders outscoring the Patriots 13-5.

Wayne Trace held a slim one-point advantage after one quarter 7-6 but managed to stretch their margin to 20-11 at the break. Heritage outpointed the red, white and blue by a point in both the third and fourth quarters. With the win the Raiders even their overall record to 8-8. For the Patriots, who had a three-game winning streak, falls to 5-15.

Gracie Shepherd led the Raiders in scoring with 13 points while sophomore Harper Myers chipped in 10 along with three assists and two steals. Lexi Moore, a 6-foot freshman, added eight points to go with a game high 14 rebounds. Caroline Winans added five with team mate Elise Miller adding three and Abby Moore with two.

For the Patriots, Claire Bickel led all scorers with 21 with the team's other 13 points coming from five players. Marilyn Scheumann (four), Kendall Zelt (three), and a trio with two-points each includ-

ing Ava Pilon, Raelyn Mullins and Lydia Schultz.

Sudoku solution from page 9

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2	6	7	8	3	1	5	4

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/26/23

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 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; Stephanie Metz, Clerk; 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.

Kevin Hancock, Defiance County Soil & Water Conservation District, provided a quarterly update. He reported that staff completed 53 site reviews and 57 minor subdivision reviews in 2022. The staff recently investigated a manure application complaint and submitted the report to Ohio Department of Agriculture. The educator was very active in all the County's schools with presentations to preschoolers through seniors on: birds/migration; animals in winter; matter/properties of matter; energy; weather; career fair; hibernation; food-farm to factory to store; food web/owl pellets; soils; Enviroscope point/non-point source pollution; water testing; stream table erosion; AR sand table topography; spider/spider webs; positive behavior earth bracelets; camouflage; habitats/black bear; migration/hibernation; bats; where's your food come from; bird feeders; groundwater; bird adaptations; worms/soil; landfills/recycling/reusing; and job shadow for two seniors.

Nick Wichman, Defiance County Senior Services' Director, met with the Commissioners to provide a monthly update. Mr. Wichman reported that evening meals were starting back up with the first one on February 23rd from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Entertainment would be provided by a band, "Men in Black"

The evening meal and entertainment has a cost of \$8.00 per person. They also began Senior Nights Out with a trip to Red Pig Inn in Ottawa on March 9th. The Hicksville Center scheduled a pizza party on February 14th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with a cost of \$6.00 per person. The Defiance Center will begin opening weekdays at 7:00 a.m. to allow walkers to use the facility. There will be no other activities offered during that time.

The meeting with Julie Voll, Defiance County Family & Children First Coordinator, for a quarterly update was cancelled.

Brad Fritch, Defiance County Waste-water Operations' Director, met with the Commissioners to provide a monthly update. He reported billing out \$84,794.06, collecting \$74,060.62, and having expenses of \$93,566.96 in December.

Abby Wolfrum and Katie Pauli, United Way of Defiance County, met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2023 Hot Air Balloon Festival. The Commissioners authorized their use of the Defiance County Memorial Airport on August 5, 2023.

The Commissioners met with Nick Wichman at the Defiance Senior Center to discuss options for the use of the space.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/11/23

This 11th day of January, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Mark Holtsberry, Mike Weible and Heather Barnhouse, Clerk Present: Lisa McClure

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 281019 through 281071 or County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Mike Weible to go into executive session at 8:06 a.m. with the County Prosecutor, Joe

Burkard, to discuss pending or imminent court action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting ye.

At 8:17 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING NEW EXPENSE LINE ITEMS WITH APPROPRIATIONS FOR (FUND 2046)

WHEREAS, line items must be created to accurately track expenses associated with the Felony Delinquent Care & Custody Fund; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create new expense line items with appropriations for the Felony Delinquent Care & Custody (JDAL 004) Fund (2046), to wit;

Expense Line-Items:
Fund/Dept./Acct. 2046-12049-51300/ Felony Delinquent Care & Custody/JDAL-Insurance; Appropriations \$ 11,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 2022, 8284 & 4182)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2023 Annual Appropriations by appropriating the following in the Domestic Violence Fund 2022, WPCLF Fund 8284 & Capital Improvement Fund 4182 and to-wit; 2022-12022-54700/Domestic Violence/Operating Expenses, AMOUNT: \$2,000.00; 8284-93284-54701/WPCLF/Operating Expense-Admin Cost, AMOUNT: \$ 4,500.00; 8284-93284-5300/WPCLF/Contractual Services, AMOUNT: \$ 45,500.00; 4182-91182-55025/Capital Improvements/ Capital Improvements, AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

Meeting Notes of Appointments
• Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor, entered into Executive Session (See resolution above)

• Land Bank Meeting was held in the Commissioners' Chambers

• Sheriff, Jason Landers, presented his 2022 Monthly Projections and Jail report as of December 31, 2022. There were 46 male inmates serving 476 days and 14 female inmates serving 175 days in the month of December for a total of 651 days served. Total inmates held were 60. The average inmates held per day was 21 with 15.3 being male and 5.6 females. The average inmates stay per day was 10.8 with 10.3 being male and 12.5 female. Total meals served for the month of December totaled 1,748 meals. Sheriff Landers also presented the Yearly 2022 Totals for the Jail. There were 343 male inmates serving 5,087 days and 104 female inmates serving 2,226 days in the year 2022 for a total of 7,313 days served. Total inmates held were 44.7. The average inmates held per day was 20.7 with 13.9 being male and 6.0 females. The average inmates stay per day was 16.3 with 14.8 being male and 21.4 female. Total meals served for the year 2022 totaled 20,663 meals.

• Lou Ann Wannemacher- introduced Patty Melton with InvoiceCloud to the Commissioners. Ms. Wannemacher explained that she is in the process of working with InvoiceCloud to use for payment options in her office for tax payments. Ms. Melton presented a brief slide show about InvoiceCloud. Ms. Wannemacher is excited about the different electronic payment options this company will give to the residents of the county when paying their taxes. (ex. PayPal/Venmo/Apple Pay/Google Pay/Echeck)

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THIS WEEK ON PCBW: FIVE STAR DECK BUILDING AND FENCING



On this episode of Paulding County Business Weekly, we sit down with Bob Bragg, owner of Five Star Deck Building and Fencing. Learn how Bob grew up right here in Paulding County and hires local talent to operate a business that creates functional yet appealing outdoor spaces where you can enjoy the beauty of nature comfortably. Serving a large radius around Antwerp, Five Star specializes in decks, fences, pole barns, concrete work, remodels, and more! To see their 5-star rated work and read client satisfaction testi-

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HANDS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER SAVE THE DATE

Spring Pulled Pork Fundraiser will be Tuesday March 14, 2023 at the OSU Extension Center, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Drive through or Dine in will be available! Email handsofhope.director@gmail.com for information.

COVID 19 UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY

This week Paulding County had 5 New Cases, 1 New Hospitalizations, 0 New Deaths. Paulding County ranking remains 87th in the state of Ohio. In Paulding County the transmission level is currently High and community level Low.

Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots. Call (419) 399-3921 to schedule your vaccination appointment. Get tested if you have symptoms. PCHD has FREE COVID-19 Test Kits available at this time.

OAKWOOD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA IS BACK!

The Chocolate Extravaganza is back on schedule! The popular fundraising event for the Cooper Community Library in Oakwood was sold out and ready to go in 2020 when everything shut down due to COVID. COVID was also a factor in cancelling the event for the next two years. This year the Event Planners, an arm of the Oakwood Library Association, are excited to announce the event will take place on March 14 and March 16! Guests can expect the fun and decadent delicacies they have come to expect including at least 30 different varieties of chocolates, drinks, favors, and prizes. The theme is "Spring Fling" and many guests have added to the fun by dressing to the theme. The planners are seeing pastels pink, green, & blue, butterflies, and flowers for those who are searching for ideas! Seats are going fast — for more information, please call, 419.594.2615.

JONES & WITWTER NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Paige Jones and Malia Wittwer were named to the Dean's list at Miami University for the 2022-23 fall semester.

GROUND MOVED IN ANTWERP!



This past Tuesday, January 24th, residents of the village of Antwerp noticed some activities in the old River Street Market parking lot. Crews arrived with heavy equipment — Ben Kauser Excavating — and began excavating the old black top. Family Dollar is responsible for the development of this property according village of Antwerp council meeting videos (find on YouTube). Changes will be seen very soon in the area. Stay tuned!

Miami University students who are ranked in the top twenty percent of undergraduate students within their division for the fall semester 2022-23 have been named to the Dean's list recognizing academic performance. Jones, from Paulding, OH, is earning a Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Statistics. Wittwer, from Payne, OH, is earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biochemistry.

MILLER & WANNEMACHER SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Estee Miller (Community Development Planner, MVPO) and Lou Ann Wannemacher (Paulding County Treasurer & Lank Bank Chair) as the guest speakers at the January

26, 2023, club meeting. Estee and Lou Ann came at the invitation of Joe Burkard (Prosecutor, Paulding County). Estee and Lou Ann told the Kiwanians about the Paulding County Land Bank.



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