

MONTPELIER FISHING TACKLE & SPORTING COLLECTIBLES SHOW



Cody Treat and Dustin Lucas are coordinators of the annual Fishing Tackle & Sporting Collectibles Show. This year's event will be Saturday, February 18, 2023.

Wintertime is an excellent opportunity for the outdoors person to give some attention to things that neglected in the warmer months of the year. Time to look through the inventory and organize, purge, downsize, etc. It's also an optimal time for those who are collectors to take inventory of their stock and decide if they need to expand, exchange or

downsize their collections.

One such area of collectibles is in the fish and game category. Fishing tackle and sporting collectibles is a niche of collecting that is very popular. The Montpelier Fishing Tackle and Sporting Collectibles Show is set to take place on February 18, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at

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THE HUBER OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS CLUE

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler, Wadsworth (played by Dan Bulau), offers a variety of weapons, and the host, Mr. Boddy (Michael Kennedy) is, well... dead. So whodunnit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Miss Scarlet (Kelly Wilson), Professor Plum (Dan

Lehman), Mrs. White (Kathy Kennedy), Mr. Green (Titus Garmater), Mrs. Peacock (Jennifer Thomas), and Colonel Mustard (Keith Robinson) as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Others who add to the chaos include the cook (Gretchen Clark), Yvette, the maid (Nichole Robinson), and unexpected motorist (Jeff Rumpel), a singing telegram girl (Colleen Green) and the

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DONATION MADE TO PRETTY IN PINK FUND THRU NO SHAVE FUNDRAISER



Paulding County Sheriff Jason K. Landers' "No Shave" fundraiser was donated to Pretty in Pink, a fund created in memory of Elaine Manz to assist other female cancer patients. Twenty-one employees

donated \$1,290 as a memorial to Karen Price who was a dispatcher for 10 years. She lost her long, hard-fought battle with cancer last September. Left to right--Family Members: Jodi and Mike Jones;

Jerry Adams, Kelly Ankney, Sandra Parrish, Sheriff Landers, Deputy Brett Belew, Chief Deputy Shane Dyson, Lt. Matt McDougall and Deputy Simeon Shepherd.

PAULDING CHEER SQUAD HEADED TO OASSA STATE COMPETITION!



The Paulding High School Cheerleading Squad have qualified to compete in the OASSA State Competition in Columbus, Ohio. These athletes will be headed to the state competition the weekend of March 4-5, 2023. Good luck!

CALL AHEAD! ST. MICHAELS CATHOLIC CHURCH FISH FRY

The Lenten Fish Fry is happening at the St. Michael's Catholic Church! New this year - call ahead to place your order & just drive thru to pick up! Fridays: February 17, March 3, March 17, March 31st. Check out the ad that was in January 23rd issue of West Bend News for the dates

of the event, cut it out and put it on your fridge. To call ahead, call 419-542-8714 and doors open at 4:30 p.m. on Fry day to pick up.

OMJ INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PAULDING COUNTY BUSINESSES

The Paulding County Economic Development office and OhioMeansJobs Paulding County has an-

nounced a workshop for businesses to learn more about Ohio TechCred, job posting tools, work opportunity tax credits and more. This workshop will take place Wednesday March 8 from 8:30 -10:30 am at the Paulding Eagles located at 206 W Perry St.

"This workshop will be a great opportunity for employers to hear from and ask

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

February 9

- Lunch & Learn @ Grant's, 11:30a
- PC Recover Open House, 106. E Jackson, Paulding, 4-6pm

February 10

- PCH CT Open House, 10a-12p

February 13

- PCRTA Coffee meet @ Cooper Comm Rm, 9:30am
- K-9 Performance demo @ Antwerp VFW, 6:30pm

February 14

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

February 16

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

February 17

- Hicksville KofC, Fish Fry @ St. Michaels, 4:30pm

February 17-18

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

February 18

- GH FD Pancake & Sausage Breakfast @ GH Elem, 7-11a
- Montpelier Tackle Show @ Quality Inn, 8a-1p
- NRL22 Rifle Event @ Ant Cons Club, 9am
- Food Pantry Distribution @ Cecil Comm Church, 12-3pm
- 1812 Winter Garrison @ Old Fort Wayne, 10a-5p

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OBITUARIES



PAYNE, OH:

Marjorie A. "Marge" Yenser, age 75, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Marge was born on August 1, 1947 in Payne, OH to the late Marion and Evelyn (Dodane) Moore. On July 3, 1965, she married the love of her life, David Yenser, who survives. For 32 years, Marge was an agent for Stahl Stoller Meyer Insurance Company in Paulding, until her retirement in 2015. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Payne and a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, IN. Marge was also a long time member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Payne. She was a wonderful seamstress, especially prom and wedding dresses. She loved gardening and her flowers, she loved baking, and staying active. More than anything, Marge loved spending time with her grandkids at the lake.

Marge is also survived by her daughter, Angie (Jim) Caris, Fort Wayne, IN; brothers: Bill (Dorothy) Moore, Wolcottville, IN; Chuck (Karen) Moore, Louisville, KY; Mark (Roxanne) Moore, Fort Wayne, IN; sisters: Nancy Mohr, Woodburn, IN; Janet Myers, Monroeville, IN; Rita (Jerry) Beam, Sieverville, TN; grandchildren: Madison (Garrett) Jones and Bailey Caris; great grandchild, Ryann Jones.

Marge is also preceded in death by her son, Brent Yenser in 1991 and brother, Dave Moore.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish - Payne with Father Austin Ammanniti officiating. Burial will follow at St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at Den Herder Funeral Home with a Rosary service at 6:30 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Marge's memory to Elara Hospice, 3425 Executive Parkway, Suite 206, Toledo, OH 43606 or Paulding County Hospital, 1035 W Wayne St., Paulding, OH 45879.

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

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ANTWERP, OH:

Patricia Joyce Marlin, Antwerp, Ohio passed away peacefully in her home Friday, January 27, 2023.

She was born November 22, 1928 in Garrett, Indiana to Clarence and Jessie (Rafferty) Byanski.

She was a graduate of Bryan High School and Bowling Green State University. She married Thomas Marlin, June 20, 1953, and together they raised 8 children on the farm. Pat worked as a secretary at International Harvester and later at Antwerp Northwest Credit Union. She enjoyed gardening, playing piano, sewing, and vacationing at Hamilton Lake. Her community activities included Boy & Girl Scouts, bridge, book, craft, and flower clubs, Bargain Bin volunteer, and original member of Friends of the Library.

As an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pat was involved with Christ Renew His Parish, Coordinator of CCD, Serra Club, and as a Eucharistic Minister. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family who will cherish memories made with her.

Pat will be missed by her children, Mary Todd, Stephen (Shelley), Anthony (Susan), Philip (Jodi), Ann, John (Barbara), Daniel (Yvonne), Christine (David) Blue; 20 grandchildren; and niece Barbara Goetz (Ted) Robey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas (2014), sister-in-law Marianne Cottrell, son-in-law James Todd, and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday, February 2, 2023 from 3 to 6:30 PM with a vigil service at 6:30 PM, at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Her Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, February 3, 2023 at 10 AM at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 203 W. Townline St., Payne, Ohio 45880. PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH.

She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are for Masses at Divine Mercy, or to the Bargain Bin of Paulding County.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

welcome the community back to this long-standing community tradition.

Each gathering begins promptly at noon and ends before 1:00 pm, so that participants can easily attend during a lunch hour break. A freewill donation is accepted to support the work of the Ministerial Association.

All six weeks of meals are held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Caroline and Cherry Streets, Paulding. The churches of the Paulding Ministerial Association rotate providing the meal and the Lenten meditation.

The Ministerial Association will also be collecting non-perishable food items, cleaning products, and personal hygiene items each week to benefit the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, Paulding, if attendees are able to contribute.

Everyone is encouraged to arrange their schedule to be able to join community members from all churches and all walks of life during this season of Lent.

For more information, please contact the church office of First Presbyterian Church, 419-399-2438, or any of the Ministerial Association churches.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,

I'm constantly hearing of another marriage being broken up over adultery. What can be done to turn the trend?

We must start with the causes. Let me mention three.

1. Weak Mentors - Hollywood, TV programs, worldly music, and such have not only made fleshly, false love acceptable, but popular. Though God commands us not to do so, we tend to follow a multitude to do evil (Exodus 23:2). It is time to come out from among them and be separate (II Corinthians 6:17). We are to have no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11). Spending time with the wrong crowd, whether in person or through electronic media, will destroy you (I Corinthians 15:33; Psalm 106:35).

2. Weak Morals - The majority of people today have little respect for, or fear of God. The Lord clearly commands, "Thou shall not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14). His commandments are not only right, but what is best for us (Psalm 19:7-11). Sinful men and women continue to substitute lust for godly love. Someday every knee shall bow and all will give account (Romans 14:11-12). It is much better to get right with God now, before it is too late. Sometimes people even try to do right in their own strength, but fail because they need God's strength (Romans 7:18-23; Philippians 4:13).

3. Weak Marriages - "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but Whoremongers and adulterers God

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tant Director Sydney Fogt, and Prop Master/Stage Manager Kris Rumble support this show based on the cult classic film and the popular board game. *Clue* is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist. For more information visit huberoperahouse.org

Clue will be presented at The Huber Opera House in Hicksville, Ohio Feb. 17, 18, 19. Director Julie Hall, Producer Chris Feichter, Assis-

Scripture of the Week

"But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; For You have been my defense And refuge in the day of my trouble."

— Psalm 59:16

MATT'S MISHAPS



Often graffiti on the walls near our overseas apartment are aimed at political figures and their policies that locals are frustrated with.



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

Translators get shot too

When was the last time you have been put in a social situation where you felt very uncomfortable? I feel like I get caught in a lot of these situations as I live between the USA and overseas.

When overseas, our American visitors love to engage with the locals and ask questions. Often questions that seem innocent and harmless to us Americans are very offensive in other places around the globe. I learned quickly, as a person put in the middle of these situations as translator, to reword or change the question, and often the answer they receive in return. I call it "flexible translating" to keep the intended good will between everyone and avoid what could become a very tense situation.

There are times I won't translate things. It isn't unusual for American visitors to ask me to translate graffiti they see on city walls.

Though the graffiti is often non-offensive, there can be some graphic stuff too, and it stays untranslated.

As I write, I am back in the States for a short time and realized that translation comes with its risks here in America too. At a continuing education course, a frustrated man came in this morning. He spoke no English and would try to communicate through "Google translate" on his phone. Conversing wasn't working between him and the school administrators. Without thinking and to the administrators' relief, I started translating for them.

However, this was when the problems began. When it was unclear what each was saying to the other, they seemed pretty civil, but once I the translator stepped in and the communication became clear, the temperatures rose. The man ironically, gradually shifted his mounting frustration and intensity at me and not the administrators. In his anger, he couldn't separate the message from the translator. I tried unsuccessfully to extract myself from the conversation that ended with the man stomping out the lobby door as he angrily glared at me - not the school administrators.

Yes, the messenger often gets shot, but there are a lot of translators who come away with just as many bullet wounds.

Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story! Matt's Mishaps, PO BOX 114, Grabill, IN 46741

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HAPPENINGS AT ANTWERP MANOR



Pictured is Mary Brown who is admiring our aviary. We have had this aviary for many years and it is still a highlight for the residents.

Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living. We are located at 204 Archer Dr. and currently welcoming new residents.

We have had a fun start to 2023. The podiatrist arrived so we are now ready for sandal weather! The audiologist visited our hearing aids are top notch! We enjoyed our favorite fresh and yummy doughnuts from Meeks Pastry Shop in Defiance so now our pants do not fit! We even enjoyed the snow we received

since all we had to do was watch others shovel and plow!

February events have been scheduled and the first thing on our agenda is to crown our new King and Queen. Votes are still coming in. The winning couple will be featured in our February article.

If you are interested in Assisted Living please give us a call at 419-258-1500. We can arrange a tour and answer any questions that you might have.

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the Quality Inn in Montpelier, OH.

The Montpelier Fishing Tackle and Sporting Collectibles Show started in 2001 when a group of collectors headed by Larry Oyer wanted to host a Show locally — shows are hosted all over the region from Canada to Florida to Iowa to Pennsylvania, some independent shows and some sanctioned by the national group, National Fishing Lure Collectors Club (NFLCC). Independent groups, such as the Montpelier show, is open to the public and welcomes more collectibles than just fishing. Attendees and vendors are also welcome to bring other outdoor sporting collectibles.

When COVID hit in 2020 and shut down most events and other things that were deemed too much of a public health risk, the Montpelier group worked with the

changes of the time with alternate versions of their Show. It was at this time that local men, Cody Treat and Dustin Lucas approached Oyer and the other coordinators about taking over the leadership of the event planning. Oyer was happy to oblige and has continued to help and participate in the event with them. Dustin and Cody have been collectors for many years of all kinds of fishing and sporting collectibles. They are avid fishermen who venture all the local lakes within a three hour radius to relax, enjoy nature and catch some food. Treat is a Paulding County native that now resides in Defiance and Lucas is an Antwerp native. This event is a family affair for Treat and Lucas as Treat's parents and son will help with admissions as will Lucas' wife and daughter.

At the 2023 Show look for 100-140 vendors from seven states in attendance with their collections on display for all

the outdoorsmen and women looking for that next great find for their collection. The Show consists about 90% fishing lures and tackle, both new and old, but will also have knives, collectible ammo boxes, etc. ready on display. Some collectibles are quite valuable and rare. Treat owns a collection of Miller's Reversible Minnow lures from New York. These lures are made of basswood and metal hooks and were made in the years 1912-1926. There will also be appraisers at the event — Treat and Lucas are appraisers, and there will also be a NFLCC appraiser on hand on February 18th. A consignment auction will take place at 12:00 p.m. and one of the vendors will be awarded for best display of old fishing tackle.

Mark your calendars to attend this indoor winter event on February 18, 2023 at the Quality Inn in Montpelier, OH.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY

Main Branch:

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is celebrating "Why We Love our Patrons" in the month of February. Saturday, February 4 is "Take Your Child to the Library Day". Visit your local library and see what we have to offer, we are more than just books. February 17 is National Random Act of Kindness Day. The library will be closed on Monday February 20 in observance of President's Day.

The Adult Section hosts "Coffee Talk" every Thursday at 1:00 p.m., drop in for conversation, and refreshments. It is a fun time. Cookbook Club is Monday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m. just bring a dish to share and the recipe. Everyone welcome.

The Children's Room has Story time every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with a story or two, music and crafts. A different theme every week. Super Bowl week February 6-11, stop in and vote for your favorite team, winning team entries win a prize. Check our other activities we will have displayed.

Antwerp Branch:

Book Club is Monday February 13th at 6:00 p.m., they are reading "At Home in Mitford". Cookbook club is on Monday February 27th at 5:45 p.m. Storytimes are every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Celebrate Valentine's Day, February 14th with a Make and Take during library hours.

Grover Hill Branch:

Munchkin Club Storytimes is on February 6 and February 27th at 10:30 a.m. Storytime will feature local favorites, Elephant and Piggy with the story "Happy Pig Day" starting the month. Remember the Munchkin club is for children aged 6 and under, with an age-appropriately themed activity and

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will judge" (Hebrews 13:4). God designed marriage as a lifetime, sacred union between one man and one woman (Matthew 19: 5-6; Romans 7:2-3; I Corinthians 7:39). Many marriages are entered into before both parties are emotionally, financially, morally or spiritually ready to

treat and lasts approximately 45 minutes. Thursday, February 9th at 1:00 p.m. is Senior Bingo, aged 50+ bring a partner or we can assign you a Bingo Blind Date. We will have double the prizes, eat fun food combos and play a game where we swap cards. Everyone will leave a winner. Please call ahead and reserve your seat for you and your "plus one" Thursday the 16th is the time for Tween and Teens (age 10+) bring your BFF from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for teen talk and trivia tournament night. It takes two to play but one team can take the trophy home. GHBL Book club will be discussing Kristen Hannah's "Winter Garden" on Wednesday February 22nd at 4:00 p.m. This dramatic historical novel will both break and uplift your heart as you learn how two sisters struggle to survive through WWII in bitterly cold Europe. Please stop in often throughout the month to sign up for our monthly drawing of books and sweet treats given out on the last day of the month, Tuesday February 28th. This month will be two winners drawn, both adult and child.

Oakwood Branch:

Every Monday is Ladies Card Club from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Storytime at 11:30 a.m. Hat making is available during library hours along with a community puzzle stop in and work on it at your leisure. Monday February 6 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. will be doing an adult Valentine's Day wood project, must sign up. Tuesday February 7 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. is the Good Morning Book, Club. February 8 will be our monthly cake decorating from 2:00-3:00 p.m., you must sign up. Also, on February 8 is "Coffee Talk" from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Thursday February 9 will be Senior Bingo at 11:30 a.m. February 13 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. is the Kid's Cookbook Club, anyone under 12 needs adult supervision. February 14 will be Homeschool Book Club, book pick up and Valentine's Day craft from 1:00-3:00 p.m., must be registered by February 8. February 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. "Good Times at Oakwood" with Anna Lee and Donnie. Saturday February 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. will be personalizing Starbucks cups for teens, 12 and older, must sign up by February 10. The Quilt Block of the month will be February 21 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The branch is also offering a kids beginner sewing class on Thursday February 23 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., ages 10 and up must sign up.

Payne Branch:

Wayne Trace Art Club will be here on Tuesday February 7th from 3:30-5:00 p.m., to help in making Valentine's. Patrons will make one for Vancrest and one to take home. PBL will be offering a "Winter Blues" Essential Oils class with Judy Hook on Monday, February

handle it. Once in, there is too much selfishness, too little forgiveness, and too little true biblical love to keep it together (I Corinthians 13). If we, with God's help, would follow God's marriage manual (His Word), there would be no adultery.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry Paulding County in the Civil War

Paulding County's participation in the Civil War was more that the general public is aware of. Paulding County had the highest percentage of men serve than any county in the State of Ohio. In late 1864, a recruiting officer came to Charloe to recruit men for the war effort, he found three males, an older gentleman, a crippled veteran, and a young boy.

The first company formed to serve in the war was Company G. 14th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The Company was to serve three months. Organized in Antwerp, Ohio around April 22, 1861. They

were mustered out of service August 13, 1861.

The first company to be organized in the county under a three years' call was Company F. 38th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Organized in the summer of 1861, mustered out of service July 12, 1865. Company G. 14th Ohio Volunteer Infantry was home only about two weeks from its three months service when it began organizing for a three year term of service. Organized August 26, 1861, this Company was mustered out of service, July 11, 1865. Company C. and D. 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry was formed and organized November 25, 1861 and they trained at Camp Latty in Napoleon, Ohio. My Great-Great Grandfather served with Company D. Company I. 100th Ohio Volunteer Infantry that was raised in Antwerp, Ohio in August of 1862. This company was mustered out of service July 1, 1865. Paulding County furnished two companys to serve 100 days. Company A. and H. 132nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry was mustered into service May 2, 1864 and mustered out of service, September 10, 1864. My Great-Great grandfather's two brothers served with Company H. 132nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

13th from 6:00-7:00 pm. Cricket 101 Class with Tiffany will meet on Thursday, February 16th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Galaxy Sensory jars class for kids ages 10 and up on Thursday, February 23rd from 3:30-5:00 p.m., please call 419-263-3333 to sign up. Sensory Bottles class for kids ages 4 and up will be Monday, February 27th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. "Coffee Talk" will be every Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m., bring a friend and join us! Storytime for Toddlers every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., join us for a story and a snack.

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library:

Next Meeting is set for Monday, February 13th at

6:00 p.m. in the south wing at Main. Everyone is encouraged to join our Friends' group to help support literacy initiatives for children and adults all year long. Main fundraiser is the used bookstore located in the Main Library's Annex. Volunteer hours are available for community service credit. Bookstore hours are: 9:00 am. - 12:00 Noon on Saturdays and 3:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Check us out!

Black Swamp Bookworms will meet Monday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. We are reading "The Wedding Dress" by Rachel Hauck. Call 419-399-2032 to reserve your copy soon. Everyone is welcome to join us!

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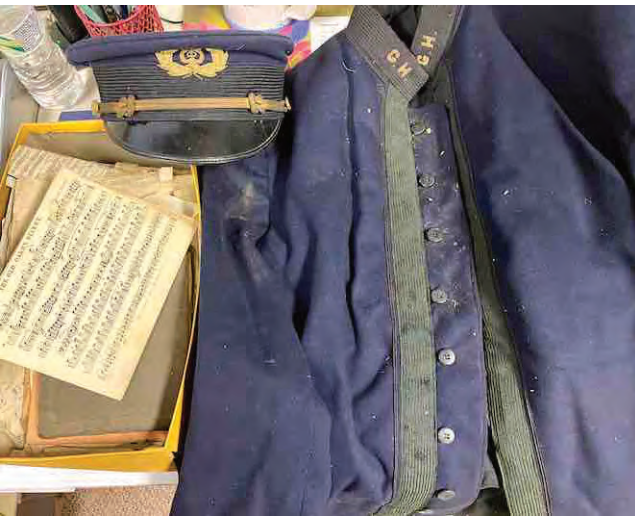
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NEW AT JPMS MUSEUM



Annette Howard recently donated several items to the John Paulding Historical Society in Paulding, including a 1911 Grover Hill Band jacket, hat and sheet music that belonged to Claude Kohn of Grover Hill. Other artifacts

included a photo of Grover Hill band with Oliver Stemen as band major. The museum is currently closed for the winter, but reopens Feb. 21. The public is invited to attend the society's annual meeting on March 5.

KLOPFENSTEIN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FINALIZED

Ohio House Speaker Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) has finalized committee appointments for State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) Tuesday.

In addition to vice-chairing the Agriculture Committee, the first-time representative will also serve on the House Infrastructure, Transportation, and State and Local Government committees.

"Our infrastructure and transportation system across this state are highly important in keeping Ohio moving

forward," said Klopfenstein. "A lot of these projects, once they come to fruition, are carried out by local governments. I'm pleased to be on these committees and look forward to hearing legislation."

Legislation, once introduced, is assigned to a committee that is topically relevant to the bill. Committee members will hear the legislation, offer suggestions to make the legislation stronger and once completed with the committee process, recommend the legislation move to the House floor for a vote.

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

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

COVID 19 UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY

This week Paulding County had 12 New Cases, 0 New Hospitalizations, 0 New Deaths.

Paulding County ranking is 71st in the state of Ohio. In Paulding County our 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.

LATTA CHAIRS FIRST COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON U.S. SATELLITE INDUSTRY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) chaired the first Communications and Technology Subcommittee hearing of the 118th Congress titled "Launching Into the State of the Satellite Marketplace." The hearing focused on ways to strengthen the U.S. satellite communications marketplace and the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) role in licensing commercial satellite communications systems.

Excerpts from Latta's remarks at the hearing below:

"It has been a decade since this subcommittee held a hearing dedicated to understanding the satellite communications marketplace and the FCC's role in licensing commercial satellite communications systems. Since then, how satellite technology is used has changed drastically."

"As countries like China seek to dominate the technologies of the future, we must make the United States an attractive place to invest in cutting edge developments that align with American values and guarantee the availability of trusted satellite communications."

"Satellite technology offers a variety of services spanning high-speed broadband and video delivery, to data services that enable precision

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questions directly to the experts of these state and local programs. Our economic development office continue to share the program with local business of all sizes but this will help the business leaders understand how these pro-

IHSAA WRESTLING SECTIONALS AT NEW HAVEN



Team of boys advancing. Photo by: Melissa Amstutz

Sectionals were held in New Haven on Saturday, January 28 and New Haven had 12 kids advanced to regionals at Carroll on Feb 4th.

- 106- Gabe Dorr- 4th
- 113- Karrington Cooper- 1st
- 120- Timmy Rocha- 1st
- 126- Brayden Clauser- 3rd
- 132- Easton Doster- 1st
- 138- Aidan Carter- 4th
- 145- Aidan Elkins- 1st
- 152- Ian Amstutz- 3rd
- 160- Chase Cline- 6th
- 170- Vince Lepera- 3rd
- 182- Mason Head- 4th
- 195- Matt Poiry- 4th
- 220- Dazhon Ware- 5th
- 285- Charles McGrant



New Haven wrestler Aidan Elkins, working on his opponent in the 145 weight class at High School Sectionals on January 28th.

PAULDING WINS GREEN MEADOWS CONFERENCE EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Members of the squad are (back row, L-R) Coach Cassidy Posey, Isa Burtch, Destiny Aldred, Mackenzie Leatherman, Kayleigh Dunham, Darcy Taylor, Myrriah Manz, Kate Manz and Coach Jodi Griffiths. In the front row are (L-R) Estie Pease, Olivia Breier, Jayla Griffith, Tori Schlatter and Cadence Schwab.

The Paulding Lady Panthers wrapped up an impressive 17-2 season on Saturday with a 36-29 victory over Fairview to capture the Green Meadows Conference Eighth

Grade Girls Basketball Tournament Championship at Paulding High School. Kayleigh Dunham led the way for the Lady Panthers with 18 points while Tori

Schlatter added eight markers. Estie Pease (six), Kate Manz (three) and Myrriah Manz (two) completed the scoring for the maroon and white.

agriculture and global financial transactions. This hearing today is the first step this committee is taking as we look at these novel issues."

Latta and members of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee heard from the following witnesses:

- Tom Stroup, President, Satellite Industry Association
- Julie Zoller, Head of Global Regulatory Affairs, Project Kuiper at Amazon
- Jennifer Manner, Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, EchoStar Corporation
- Margo Deckard, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Lynk Global, Inc.
- Kari Bingen, Director, Aerospace Security Project and Senior Fellow, International Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies.

grams can be used and actually benefit them." stated Tim Copsey, Economic Development Director for Paulding County.

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New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

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Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)

Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)

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

For Questions Call : 419-399-3630

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AMERICA ADRIFT
A nation, like a ship, depends on its rudder to reach its designated destination. A damaged rudder will sink. God is America's rudder. I believe only a Satan follower, like today's Democrat top leaders, could want to destroy America.
The Bible says many will be "blind" to truth and right in the "end times" We appear very close to the end of the "end times". History shows

that nations who turn from God and accept immorality as Americans have, signed their death warrant. That is why liberals don't teach history as it was. They can't stand God and Jesus.
I feel anyone who supports these elected Democrats and the anti-God elements their party stands for or tells us not to mix religion and politics is a Satan warrior. They may not think, know or admit to following Satan, but one thing is for sure. They may attend church but tell me this. How can any person support this party and be a true Christian?
Take a serious look at our president. He claims being a Catholic but I don't believe he is any more Christian than Putin is or Hitler was. Most of his doings to date have been to destroy the most Christian people on earth. The actions by Biden and Obama make me believe weapons could come into play like Russia and China. I pray that I am wrong.
God, Christianity and Bible all played major roles in our government, education and society from out beginning until about 1960 and the hippie movement. Our communistic ACLU came out with their humanist manifesto in the 1930's describing how to take control of a nation. In 1947 this same group of communistic ACLU lawyers convinced our ultra liberal Democrat seated supreme court to declare "separation of church and state."
I believe it was the rabid coyotes in the Democrat party who decided they wanted God out of America so they could take control. They were even aware that a certain judge they wanted on the supreme court was a KKK

member. At that time there wasn't a lower of more dangerous organization in America.
Our Democrat controlled House, Senate and President approved that move. In 1954 they snuck a small bit deep inside a huge military spending bill where it wouldn't be noticed that censored our pastors. At this point I believe evil saliva was dripping from their mouths as this was something that couldn't be done in the open.
Democrats then forbid God in schools. They also made pornography free speech and gave us abortion. I don't believe 90% of top Democrats care for anything other than themselves. Today they are set on removing Christian from our military and claiming Christians are an enemy. How long before they push people the way Putin does?
Many can't see it but Democrats are taking us down the same deadly path that Russia, China, North Korea and others took. Why do you think your Democrat leaders want God out of everything? Why do you think they want so many uneducated foreigners flooding our land? It is another way they are attempting to "dumb down" America to make their take-over easier.
If you are a Democrat and don't like what I write, please pay very close attention to what follows. Now think about the facts I presented in past letters and this one. When you remove God, Satan takes over. There is no alternative.
If Democrats do get rid of Republicans as they would like, are you prepared to live like those in China ad Russia do? It won't happen right away but I guarantee it will come to your off spring for decades to come. The state will own everything, your home, your cars and you.
Our down-fall started with Democrats stripping God from America. The only way we can continue as a free nation is to return to God. We have to get God back into our schools. We also need to remove most top elected representatives, Democrat and Republican. I think Trump's term limits make sense because I think most of these representatives know they will become millionaires without them.
—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

SENT
In a recent issue there was a story about a serious injury accident being investigated. I wonder if other people caught how seat belts were being misrepresented in this.
This was about someone who was entering an intersection and struck a semi. Towards the end of the article it said, "Failure to wear seat belts was a contributing factor in the accident" ????? How does wearing or not wearing a seat belt cause you to have an accident?
They are just there and usually you don't even know they are on if adjusted right. Mine have never caused me to have an accident, they contribute nothing to my driving or control of my cars. Even when driving my race cars at over 190 mph, the only problems I had were mechanical or my own mistake and we had 5 point harnesses securing us, not these seat belt, shoulder belt combination. I can see if you WERE wearing one and couldn't turn enough to look for on coming traffic you might have problems. Why blame these things for a person's obvious mistake?
They are good yes, and do save lives but as an object that contributes nothing physical to driving or control of a car why blame them or use this misinformation to scare people into wearing them??
I respect law enforcement and say wear those belts but to use something like this is not in the best interest of the organization that looks out for peoples safety. An inanimate object contributes nothing to your mistakes, just like owning a gun doesn't make you dangerous or a criminal. It's nothing until put in the hands of a person who uses it for illegal use. That seat belt doesn't drive your car, make your turns or choices of what you do. You are responsible for using caution and sense while controlling a 2 ton or more vehicle at all times and responsible for any bad choices you make.
I just wondered if other people questioned this statement. Maybe it should have said failure to wear seat belts was a contributing factor to the injuries these people suffered but not a factor in causing the accident. Too large of a percentage of accidents are caused by stupidity anyway,

and how about cell phone use?? That is more of a contributing factor than seat belts.
That belt doesn't make you not look out the windshield but those cell phones do! Why is so little done with that misuse while driving?? And you see that every day, you never see people drifting into other lanes, running into someone or something because of their seat belt. Seat belt use should be an option without some ridiculous fine, cell phone use should be the thing you are fined for, it does contribute to the control of a car directly!! I probably am making a lot of cell phone addicts mad but sorry, when you see cars drifting all over the roads you get tired of seeing nothing being done.
So wear those belts, and I hope law enforcement will use a little discretion in how they report an accident.
—Gregg Gorman,
Paulding, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to recent Letters to the Editor expressing disappointment with the proposed location of the Holly Beach Splash Pad, I, too, am not only disappointed, I am upset. However, keep in mind that I am not opposed to a splash pad at an entirely different location.
I attended the dedication of the All Veterans Memorial, I have watched the video of the dedication, and I have read most of the book, After 200 Years Why Freedom Still Rings in Antwerp, Ohio. In both the video and the book, it is clearly stated, "The Veterans Memorial is considered sacred ground. It honors Antwerp area veterans, both living and deceased. It represents nearly 200 years of service to our great nation and stands tribute to those sacrifices made by our men and women who proudly served their country, either in war or in peace, so that we may all enjoy freedom, security and hope. And, Karen Sanders, whose dream/idea was fulfilled by the completion of the memorial, also stated in her presentation that our memorial is to be considered sacred ground.
Keynote speaker at the dedication, Retired Colonel James Horney, a native son

and graduate of Antwerp High School, said, "I've seen a lot of memorials in a lot of places. Although, grander in scale than this one, I have never seen a memorial with more quality nor better suited for the purpose for which it was built. It is truly world class, and that purpose is to recognize veterans from Antwerp who have answered the call of duty. ." (There's no doubt in my mind that, in his travels, he ever saw a veterans memorial with a merry-go-round, a splash pad, a pony ride, a roller coaster or any other permanent form of entertainment 29 feet from it. That is because none exists. And if he were alive he would emphatically say so!)
Notice that Colonel Horney pointed out the quality of our memorial. In an earlier letter to the editor, it was mentioned there would LIKELY be damage from the chemicals to the memorial. The fact is there WILL be damage to EVERY ASPECT OF IT, damage that won't be seen immediately, but that will be evident in time!!! The preceding statement is not my opinion. It is based on RESEARCH and FACTS. The civil war soldier, dedicated in its original location May 30, 1918 and now a part of the memorial, is over 100 years ago. Our All Veterans Memorial, undamaged by pool strength chlorine and muriatic acid or any unpredicted disaster, should survive many hundreds of years.
Were you at the park for the dedication of the Memorial? Have you watched the video of the dedication? Have you read the book? If you can answer "Yes" to any question, can you honestly say that Mark Homier, Karen Sanders, Mayor Ray DeLong, Colonel Horney, the many donors, countless others who contributed time, energy, and effort toward the project in many different ways, and the more than 500 people who respectfully attended the dedication ceremony could possibly have anticipated that in a few short years a mockery (something ridiculously or impudently unsuitable, merriam-webster.com) would be made of the All Veterans Memorial with the placement of a splash pad right beside it??
—Sandy Zuber
Antwerp, Ohio

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

Continental: 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

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ARCHERS RALLY IN FOURTH FOR WIN OVER PILOTS



Antwerp's McMichael, flanked by Moore and Brewer are on the defensive against the Pilots at the January 27th high school basketball match up. Their 4th quarter rally earned the Archers a victory on this night! *Photo by Harlee Moore*

After battling nearly even for three quarters, the Antwerp Archers put up a 23-point fourth quarter to rally for a 63-59 win over Ayersville Friday night in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball action.

The two squads were tied at a dozen markers apiece at the end of one period but Ayersville outpointed the Archers 14-12 in the second stanza to record a 26-24 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, the Pilots added to the margin by putting up 17 points compared to 16 for the Archers as Ayersville seized a 43-40 lead going to the final period.

Antwerp, though, racked up 23 points in the final eight minutes and held the Pilots to 16 as the blue and white came from behind to record the 63-59 victory.

The Archers were led by

junior standout Landon Brewer, who bucketed 31 points to help Antwerp improve to 12-3 in all games and 3-2 in the league. Parker Moore also reached double digits for the Archers with a dozen markers.

Carson Altimus added nine for Antwerp followed by Reid Lichty (six) and Zaine McMichael (five).

Tyson Schlachter paced three Ayersville pilots in twin digits with 13 points and Carter Ben Amoroso and Charle Michel both recorded a dozen markers.

Weston McGuire (seven), Garrett Flory (six), Brady Clark (six) and Kaden Brown (three) were the other scorers for the Pilots, who fall to 8-8 in all games and 2-3 in the conference.

In the junior varsity contest, the Pilots defeated the Archers 28-20.

comotives take an 18-17 lead at the end of one period before Antwerp rallied to post a 27-24 advantage at the intermission. Each team scored nine points in the third quarter to give Antwerp a 36-33 margin going to the final period before the blue and white put the game away with a 17-point stanza.

Landon Brewer paced Antwerp with 19 markers in the contest and Carson Altimus added 18 points for the Archers, who improved to 13-3.

Reid Lichty finished with five points for the blue and white followed by Parker Moore (four), Zaine McMichael (four), Camden Fuller (two) and Xander Smith (one).

Antwerp's boys junior varsity squad also was victorious, defeating the Locomotives 20-13.

Montpelier was led by Garrett Walz with 21 points and James Camper posted nine markers. Brayden Brink (four), Jamison Grime (four), Grant Girrell (two) and Chavez Martin (one) picked up the remaining points for the Locomotives, who fall to 7-10.

The afternoon matinee saw Antwerp jump out to a 13-8 lead at the end of one period and never look back.

In the second quarter, the Lady Archers picked up 13 points compared to five for Montpelier in extending the margin to 26-13 at the intermission. Antwerp then added to the lead in the third quar-

LINN RECOGNIZED FOR 20 YEARS OF COACHING



This past Saturday Jimmy Linn was presented with a plaque for his 20 years of coaching. Coach Linn has been head coach of the Bulldogs for 10 years along with 10 years as an assistant coach. He has been a mentor to many of the boys that come through his wrestling program. *Photo by: Melissa Amstutz*

ter, outscoring Montpelier 10-3 to widen the gap to 36-16 entering the final period.

Aewyn McMichael topped all scorers in the contest with 16 points for Antwerp to lead three players in double figures as the Lady Archers raised their record to 9-8 on the season.

Caroline Rohrs chipped in 13 points for the blue and white with Hayleigh Jewell recording a dozen markers. Lydia Krouse also had a pair of free throws for Antwerp.

Jada Uribes paced the Lady Locomotives, who fall to 9-10 on the year, with 11 points and Aleigha Hillard finished with six markers. Meara McGee and Mandy Taylor both totaled four points for Montpelier.

PANTHERS ONE WIN AWAY FROM GMC TITLE



Paulding senior Ethan Foltz is sent to the foul line by Fairview senior Brody Retcher and scores for the Panthers! *More pictures at westbendnews.net*

The Paulding Panthers moved within one more victory in the Green Meadows Conference of the boys basketball league championship as the maroon and white held off a pesky Fairview squad 51-37 Friday night at the 'Jungle.'

The Panthers were on top 12-9 at the end of one period before outscoring the Apaches 17-16 in the second quarter for a 29-25 halftime advantage.

Fairview slightly trimmed into the deficit in the third period, picking up ten points compared to the Panthers' nine as the black and gold pulled within 38-35 entering the final period.

However, the fourth quarter was all Paulding as the Panthers bucketed 13 markers and limited the Apaches to two points to secure the 51-37 victory.

Nick Manz paced a balanced Panther attack that

saw a trio of players reach double figures, scoring 13 points on the night.

Ethan Foltz and Peyton Adams both chipped in ten markers for Paulding, which improves to 11-5 on the season and 5-0 in the Green Meadows Conference. The maroon and white visits second place Tinora next Friday before hosting Wayne Trace in the conference finale on February 10.

Luke Zartman also had seven points for the Panthers with Isaac Reeb posting five and Casey Agler finished with four. Kane Jones recorded the remaining Paulding basket.

Eli Shininger scored a dozen markers to top Fairview, which falls to 2-13 in all games and 0-5 in the conference.

Kale Salyers (seven), Brody Retcher (six), Adam Lashaway (five), D'Andre

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LADY PANTHERS FALL SHORT TO BIG GREEN



On Tuesday night, January 31st, the Lady Panthers hosted Ottoville Big Green for high school girls basketball action. Paulding fell short of keeping a win at home this night. At the final buzzer the Big Green took the win back home, 34-59. Pictured here Sophomore Brooklyn Bakle gets under the basket and launches the ball to score two points for the Panthers. *More pictures at westbendnews.net*

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB HAS ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND

The Antwerp wrestling club recently wrestled in the Maroon and Gold tournament at Edgerton High School on Sunday, January 29, 2023. Of the 20 wrestlers competing, 16 were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes.

Finishing in 4th place were Blade Ruffing, Owen Parisot, and Riel Gonzalez. Earning

3rd place finishes for the day were Olivia Kosch, Graysyn Hermiller, and Aubree Frost.

Placing 2nd at the tournament were Carl Kosch, Oliver McCague, Edwin White, and Landyn Hermiller. The young Archers also crowned 6 champions for the day, with all of them earning undefeated records along the way.

Placing 1st for the day were Sawyer Parisot, Brevyn Eicher, Ulrik Zijlstra, Jameson Graham, Cooper Nestleroad,

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DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP FOR ANTWERP



Archer McMichael goes up for a jump shot as Montpelier's defense crew moves in. *Photo by Harlee Moore.*

In a boys-girls doubleheader Saturday, the Antwerp Archers recorded a pair of victories over host Montpelier as the blue and white posted two wins in Williams County.

In the nightcap, the Archers pulled away in the

fourth quarter for a 53-41 victory over Montpelier in the boys version of the matchup.

The Lady Archers led at every stop in defeating the Lady Locomotives 43-25 earlier in the day Saturday.

The boys game saw the Lo-

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the Apache scoring. Fairview captured the junior varsity contest 39-33.

Hastings (four) and Kasen Kauffman (three) completed

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING REPRESENTS AT LCC INVITE



Nate Osborn; Photo by Carrie Kimmel



Corbin Kimmel; Photo by Carrie Kimmel



Graidien Troth; Photo by Carrie Kimmel

The Wayne Trace Raiders sent three wrestlers to the Lima Central Catholic Thunderbird Invitational on January 27-28th. With just three wrestlers representing the Raiders, the team placed 23rd out of 42 teams at the Invitational.

Graidien Troth, the 144-pounder finished in third place for Wayne Trace. Troth had a rough start to the weekend losing to Biddle from Lakota just 5-3. Troth did not let that stop him from battling back however. From there, Troth pinned Hartman from Otsego in 1:36 and then pinned Velazquez in just 48 seconds. While on a roll, Graidien pinned Bryan from McComb in 2 minutes and 32 seconds and then narrowed out Mills with a 2-1 win. Troth then had to wrestle Biddle from Lakota again to go for the Third place match, this

DEFENSIVE MINDED RAIDERS STOP CONTINENTAL



Senior Abby Moore is just on the 3 point line as she shoots and scores! More pictures at westbendnews.net

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By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Lady Raiders picked up their fifth consecutive win while giving up the fewest points in a contest this season. Wayne Trace defeated Continental in a low scoring match-up 35-23 to improve their season record to 11-8. The 23-points is a season low for the Raider defense. Continental falls to 3-17 after the 12-point set back.

The game was close throughout the first half with the red, white, and blue hanging on to a slim three-point margin 15-12 at the break. However, the third quarter belonged to the Raiders when they outscored the Pirates 18-4. The 18-points were more than the total point production in the other three quarters.

Lexi Moore, just a freshman, led the Raiders with a double-double including 11 points and 10 rebounds. Senior Gracie Shepherd had a super all-around game on both ends of the floor with 10 points, four assists and four steals. Careen Winans finished with five points with her sister adding three. A trio of Raiders finished with two points each including Abby Moore, Harper Myers and Elise Miller.

The Pirates 23-points were shared by six players including Bryn Tegenkamp (seven), Liv Logan (six), Marcie Cordes (four), and Reese Knowles, Cheyenne Rose, and Olivia Crossgrove with two points each.

and Austin Fish.

This also marks the 2nd consecutive tournament championship for Parisot, Eicher, Zijlstra, and Graham in as many weeks during the GMC tournament series.

If any wrestler wins 5 of the 6 GMC tournaments, they win a custom made Rudis backpack. This means the Archers still have 7 wrestlers still in the running to win a backpack at the end of the season.

Congratulations to all of the Archer wrestlers for their hard work this past weekend. It is very evident that all of the young club wrestlers are improving each week and we cannot wait to see their improvement next week when they wrestle at Tinora.

Good luck and GO ARCHERS!!

QUICK TURN-AROUND NO PROBLEM FOR LADY RAIDERS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

It was a quick turnaround for the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders. Coming of a 15-point win over Edgerton on Friday night the Raiders were back on the hardwood Saturday afternoon at the Palace. After a slow start the Raiders kicked it up a notch the rest of the way to post a 14-point win 42-28.

The Raiders were out-pointed in the first quarter 7-4 but went on to outscore their opponent 38-21 the final three quarters. Poor shooting by the Wildcats, 21-percent on 9-42 along with 21 turnovers kept the Raiders in control after a slow first period. Unfortunately, for Wayne Trace, the Raiders committed 23 miscues but managed to win the rebound battle 38-27.

Gracie Shepherd was the game's leading scorer with 16

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followed by Abby Moore with seven. Rounding out the red, white and blue scoring: Caroline Winans (five), Lexi Moore (five), Careen Winans (four). Harper Myers (three), and Elise Miller (two). Lexi Moore owned the paint area grabbing 14 rebounds.

For the Wildcats, Jordan Schnipke, Nicolette Inkroff, and Grace Pfau all finished with six points. Chelsea Erford tallied four along with four from Ava Ruck and two points from Hailey Warnimont.

With the win the Raiders move their season mark to 10-8 while Miller City stands at 9-9.

WAYNE TRACE BIDDY CLUB

The Wayne Trace Biddy Club participated in the Edgerton Biddy Tournament on January 29, 2023. Placing 1st was Emersyn Showalter, Sam Schabbing, Lucas Allison. Placing 2nd was Chase Wright, Holden Mullins, Locklen Yenser, Kohen Fore, Parker Radulewicz, Carter Ludwig and Carzon Blair. Placing 3rd was Hyde Mullins, Zander Lelonek, Wyatt Gilbert, Elisha Buehrer, and Zoey Schnipke. On February 5th the Wayne Trace Biddy club will travel to the Tinora Biddy tournament.

LATTA HELPS LEAD EFFORT TO BLOCK CHINA FROM PURCHASING & OWNING AMERICAN FARMLAND

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) joined Congressman Dan Newhouse (R-WA4) in introducing legisla-

tion - the Prohibition of Agricultural Land for the People's Republic of China Act - to prohibit the purchase of public or private agricultural land in the United States by foreign nationals associated with the Government of the People's Republic of China.

"Foreign nationals associated with the Chinese Communist Party should not be investing in or purchasing American farmland - period," Latta said. "Allowing one of our greatest adversaries to snatch up farmland is a dangerous trend that not only has national security implications but threatens the security of our food supply and harms American agriculture producers. I'm proud to join Congressman Newhouse in this effort to keep China from purchasing valuable American land, undercutting our farmers, and gaining a foothold from within our own nation."

"The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is a threat to American democracy. The United States is engaged in a great power struggle with the CCP, and we must respond with tough policies that will protect our farmland and food supply chain," Newhouse said. "We should be taking every action we can to strengthen our domestic production while preventing our nation's strongest adversaries from having an advantage over our supply chain."

• A 2018 USDA Economic Research Service report outlined that Chinese investment in the agricultural sector has grown in the last decade. Reports have also shown Chinese investors have bought farmland near military bases and other U.S. infrastructure.

• In September of 2013, the President of the People's Republic of China and General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, Xi Jinping, announced China's "grand political-economic project," now known as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) or Debt Trap Diplomacy. Over the last decade, President Xi has and continues to invest billions into the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road in Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas.

• A 1978 federal law - the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act - requires foreign entities to report transactions of farmland to the USDA's Farm Service Agency. The data covers years 1900 through 2016.

• Six states have laws banning foreign ownership of farmland, including Hawaii, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Dakota, and Oklahoma State, but restrictions on Chinese land ownership can be circumvented by Chinese investors buying large U.S. corporations that own agricultural land.

• The Prohibition of Agricultural Land for the People's Republic of China Act would direct the President of the United States to take any necessary actions to prohibit the purchase of public or private agricultural land in the United States by foreign nationals associated with the Government of the People's Republic of China. Additionally, the legislation would prohibit the same associations from participating in any United States Department of Agriculture programs except food safety inspections.

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THE LEFT TURN



The 2023 Bob Doty Classic Returns July 11th to Attica Raceway Park. Brad Doty and 3-time winner Kyle Larson. Photo Credit: Charlie Orns.

By: Ron Burt

It was just announced this week by Berlin Raceway in Michigan, that Brad Keselowski, Hailie Deegan, Ryan Newman, and Bobby Labonte have all announced they will be participating in the August 3rd SRX Racing at the Berlin Raceway!

These drivers become the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh drivers to formally announce their 2023 SRX plans. The four will be joining Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch, and Hélio Castroneves in this racing event. If you enjoy the Dirt Track experience, no problem because some of these same drivers will be at the famous Eldora 1/2 mile on August 10th for the SRX Race they will host. The nice thing about the tri-state is we have the nation's best Dirt and Asphalt Racetracks. For more information visit both tracks Facebook and Web Pages.

Last week's announcement by Gas City I-69 Speedway didn't give any answers about the changes that are coming to this great area racetrack. It only added more questions from fans, drivers and race teams wondering if the track will move from years of Friday night racing to Saturday. This will be a huge mistake in my opinion. Car counts would drop because drivers would have to decide if they wanted to race Gas City, Kokomo, or Montpelier. Gas City runs UMP Modifieds and so does Montpelier. Kokomo runs Non-winged Sprints and that's the headline class at Gas City too. Drivers would have to decide what tracks to race and then you would have a track war to attract the best cars for your weekly shows and special events. To make matters worse, Larry Boos that sent out the press release about Gas City, just stepped away from his position at Montpelier this week. Here's a couple of quotes from his press release. "After a one year and

half run at the historic facility, I will be moving away in 2023. There are many reasons behind the move, but social media is not the place to air them. Those that need to know, do know and we'll leave it at that". And "Chad King will be taking over the operation and I wish him well, he has many great ideas and a ton of enthusiasm. He will be a welcome addition and I urge you to support him". I've reached out to Larry but haven't heard back. Stay tuned.

If you follow the 500 Sprint Car Tour, they've just added Lorain Raceway Park in Amherst Ohio to their 2023 calendar. These Non-Winged Asphalt Sprints will tackle the famous 3/8th mile on September 9th for the first time. Lorain is built for speed. It's home to Winged Supermodifieds, 350 Crate Outlaw Supers and Winged-Outlaw Sprints. Already some of the top pavement Sprint Car drivers in the country have announced they plan to attend this inaugural event. Track promoter, Jared Owen is excited to get this event for Lorain Raceway Park.

The first driver to sign up to compete in the 70th Anniversary Hoosier Hundred is none other than Indiana native Gregg Cory the 2022 USCA Silver Crown Rookie of The Year. Sign-ups for entrants started for the April 23rd race last Wednesday. This years Hoosier Hundred will be at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park. Tickets and pit passes are already on sale. For the die-hard race fans, they even have combo passes available for the pits and grandstands.

Until next week, keep your wheels on the pavement. Remember the Ohio Sports Blitz Facebook page has your area's Live scoreboard nightly through basketball state tournament. Scores from over 18 conferences for the die-hard sports fan. Ron Out!

RAIDERS SWEEP DOUBLE HEADER OVER EDGERTON BOYS & GIRLS



It's freshman Carter Clemens who adds another two points from under the basket for the Raiders! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Sophomore Harper Myers sinks this three point basket to help the Raiders in their 15 point win over the Bulldogs. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - Due to the recent snow storm the Wayne Trace Raiders and Edgerton Bulldogs played a rare double-header featuring both varsity squads. In the opener, the Lady Raiders defeated the Bulldogs 60-45 and in the night-cap the boys delivered the knock-out punch early to breeze past their opponent 56-41.

In the girl's match-up the red, white and blue fell behind 7-1 in the early going but a 14-0 Lady Raider run put Wayne Trace in control 15-7. The Raiders would lead my as many as 14 in the second half and the Bulldogs made a couple of threats but would never close the gap more than seven. After leading 33-23 at halftime, the Raiders would enter the final period with a 45-31 advantage before settling for the 15-point GMC win.

The Raiders were led offensively by a trio of double-digit scorers. Freshman Careen Winans poured in 16 followed by 15-points from senior Gracie Shepherd and 12-points chipped in by sophomore Harper Myers. Shepherd had a team high seven rebounds with Winans contributing five assists. Myers added six rebounds and five steals in a solid effort from the Raider trio.

Rounding out the Raider scoring; Lexi Moore (eight),

Caroline Winans (five) and Abby Moore (four). With the win the Raiders stand at 8-7 overall and 4-1 in GMC play. Edgerton falls to 3-14 on the season and 1-4 in league action.

Edgerton was paced by Alivia Farnham with 14 points and nine rebounds. Casey Everetts added 11 with team mate Ava Swank finishing with 10. Rounding out the Bulldog scoring; Noelle Ritter (three), Addie Cape (three), Kennedy Stuu (two), Taylor Stuu (one) and Gretchen Keppeler (one).

WAYNE TRACE BOYS 56 EDGERTON 41: The Raiders scored the first 24 points of the contest before Edgerton's Kaydn Picillo stopped the onslaught at the 6:18 mark of the second period when he connected on a free throw. With a 24-1 advantage the Raiders coasted the rest of the way and settled for a 15-point Green Meadows Conference win 56-41.

The 12-4 Raiders improve their GMC record to 3-2, winning their last three conference games. Kyle Stoller led the Raiders with 17 points along with 10 rebounds to record a double-double on the night. No other Raider was in double figures but with the huge early lead the Raiders played everyone on the bench with nine players scoring.

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WARRIOR BOYS, GIRLS GET WINS; STRAUTMAN HONORED



Sophomore Drew Fleek get into the mix with the shot from inside the key! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Elmer Strautman started in 1957 at Harlan high school he retired from Woodlan in 1997. He was honored by the Woodlan fans on Saturday night including several from Harlan High School!

Woodlan jumped out to a 16-3 lead at the end of eight minutes of action and cruised the rest of the way to improve to 19-4 on the season.

The Lady Warriors added 24 markers in the second stanza to expand the margin to 40-12 at the midway point before picking up 15 more third quarter points in widening the gap to 55-21 entering the final period.

Prairie Heights drops to 1-21 in all games on the year.

Meanwhile, the Woodlan boys basketball team also picked up a win last week as the Warriors defeated Whitko 54-41 just outside of Woodburn.

The Warriors took a 12-10 lead at the end of one period before outscoring the Wildcats 13-8 in the second stanza for a 25-18 halftime advantage.

Whitko cut into the deficit in the third quarter, picking up 15 points compared to Woodlan's ten as the Wildcats trimmed the Warrior lead to

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VANTAGE STUDENTS ARE STATE BOUND!



Best of luck to the Vantage Health Information Management, Health Technology and Sports Exercise Therapy students who will be taking their skills to the State HOSA - Future Health Occupations competition held in Columbus Ohio. These Vantage students competed at the regional competition held at the University of Toledo, and brought home some major wins! Taking First place on the podium was, Healey Frazier (Crestview), Medical Math and the HOSA Bowl team consisting of Hailey Kimmel (Jefferson), Lily Price (Lincolnview), Leigha Bendele (Lincolnview), & Autumn Zuber (Antwerp). Taking Second in their categories were, Hailey Dickson (Crestview), Job Seeking Skills and Juliana McClure (Van Wert), Medical Law & Ethics. Third place went to Dominique Hammond (Continental), Medical Math and Ariel Landwehr (Wayne Trace), Prepared Speaking. Lastly, taking fourth on the podium was Lily Burch (Crestview), Prepared Speaking, Madelyn O'Donnell (Antwerp), Nutrition, Adrienne Pease (Antwerp), Medical Spelling, Madison Ricker (Jennings), Nurse Assisting and the Health Education team, Kaitlyn Rager (Antwerp), Mackenzie Blankenship (Wayne Trace), and Kristin McDonald (Wayne Trace). Congratulations to all of our competitors for your hard work.



Congratulations to the Vantage Interactive Media and Network Systems students who have taken their skills to Business Professionals of America (BPA) Regional competition, and are moving on to state competition. Vantage students showed up to compete in various career aligned categories at Ohio Northern University, and in some categories, sweeping all 10 podium winning spots! Many students were given awards for their achievements and 15 will be moving on to the state competition held in Columbus, Ohio. State qualifiers include: Beau Dennis, SQL Database Fundamentals; Evan Hefner, Levi Miller, and William Malloy, C sharp programming; Austin Landin, System Administration Using Cisco; Curtis Swick and Jacob Cruz, Device Configuration & Troubleshooting; Troy Frazier - Ethics & Professionalism; Dakota Gibbs and Melanie Mills, Fundamental Desktop Publishing; Lillian Burkhart, Faith Frost and Xavier Oukly, Advanced Desktop Publishing; and Ryleigh Hanicq and Becca Sentelilik, Fundamentals of Web Design. (Not Photographed were Beau Dennis and Levi Miller)

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS



On January 20, Antwerp Police Department was notified of a pick up order for a juvenile from Defiance that was at a residence in the village. The officer went to the residence and located the individual. The officer took the juvenile into custody and transported her to the county line where she was transferred over to Defiance Police Department.

On January 20, while on duty, officer heard on radio there was a pursuit of a black Honda Civic in Defiance County and while listening to the radio and the roads being traveled, officer could tell it was coming toward Antwerp. The officer took his vehicle

and went stationary on north side of village limits. Officer observed the vehicle and several cruisers enter the village limits and continue south on 49 where it left village limits.

On January 20, a resident on S. Main St. reported a suspicious vehicle and individual. Gray truck with Indiana plates with a male occupant, who had stepped out of the truck and took pictures of the residence. Officer responded and was unable to located suspect.

On January 21, a resident of the village called the Antwerp Police Department and said that there has been an alarm going off for the past couple of days coming from N. Main. Officer arrived and discovered the alarm was coming from a garbage bag sitting in front of the residence. Office spoke with the home owner and was told it was an old life alert that had been thrown away and that the garbage had been set out late and hadn't been picked up yet.

On January 21, while patrolling, officer heard the Antwerp EMS sent to a downtown business in reference to female falling and hit-

ting her head. The officer arrived and assisted till the EMS arrived.

On January 23, Antwerp Police Department assisted Paulding County Job and Family Services in reference to an alleged child abuse case. Case was investigated a report prepared.

On January 24, vehicle was stopped on Main and River. During the stop, a small amount of marijuana was located. Driver was issued citation also marked for not having insurance.

On January 24, an officer was called to an apartment on W. River in reference to a possible deceased individual. Officer went to location and verified the person was deceased. Paulding County coroner was contacted and a report prepared.

On January 25, while on patrol, an officer noticed snow accumulation on the streets and intersections. Village administrator was notified who then notified the snow plow drivers.

On January 25, Antwerp Police Department received a call from a resident of W. River St. The caller reported that their mailbox had been damaged by the snow plow. The officer checked the area and discovered that several boxes had been damaged. It seemed they were damaged not by the plow, but the heavy wet snow being removed from the roadway had caused many of the boxes to topple over.

On January 27, Antwerp Police Department was requested to serve paper service to an individual who did not pick up a certified letter. The

papers were delivered.

On January 27, an individual from Indiana reported that he broke up with his ex-girlfriend and explained he had loaned her a .44 rifle and she went to pawn it. He called Antwerp because she lived in Payne. He was informed he needed to call Payne Police Department or Paulding County Sheriff.

On January 28, an individual called and said while he came to visit his father he realized there was a cat stuck in their garage attic, he was able to retrieve the cat and inquired if there was some place that it could be taken. The officer referred him to Friends of Felines in Defiance. Caller said he would do his best to find who the cat belonged to.

On January 28, a county resident made a complaint in reference to some parking in a handicap space along Main St. south of Railroad. While complainant was on phone he told the officer the vehicle had driven away.

On January 28, a motor vehicle accident at Main and River. When the officer arrived and obtained the necessary information from the drivers of both vehicles. There was minimal damage to both vehicle, a report was prepared.

On January 28, Antwerp Police Department provided funeral escort.

On January 29, a resident of Washington St. called and said she was sent a letter from AEP offering her an opportunity to change electric company. Officer explained this was more likely a scam and advised her to contact AEP using the number on her bill.

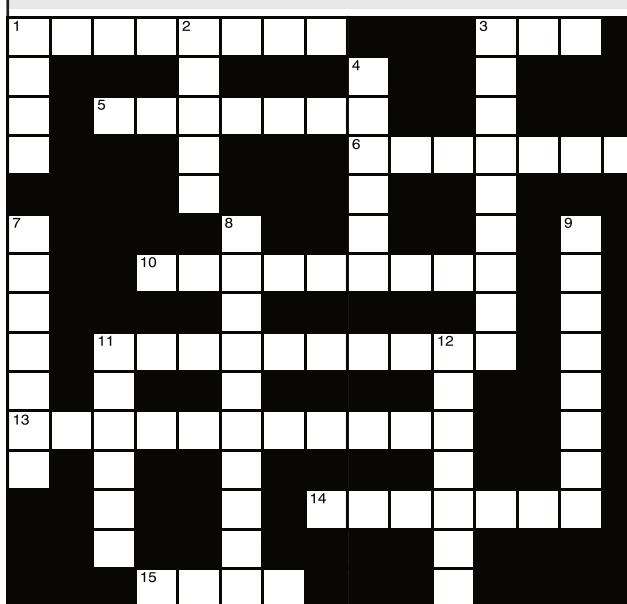
On January 30, a resident reported that they had received a friend request from a man living in California. She had been dating the man several months via internet and had recently sent him 4 or 5 \$50 gaming cards, when the individual asked for more money, she declined and he called her names. A report prepared and attorney general office was contacted, and explained to the individual that this was a scam.

On January 31, Antwerp Police Department received a bad check from a local business. Individual was contacted and went to the business and paid for the check

On January 31, a person called Antwerp Police Department and reported around 6:30 a.m. as she got to the curve by Hormann Heating a brown boxer dog ran in front of her car and she hit the dog causing damaging to the grill to her car. She was provided the information to report the accident to the Paulding Sheriff Department

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

WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle "VALENTINE'S DAY"



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| <p>Across</p> <p>1. A sentimental token of love</p> <p>3. A physical expression of affection</p> <p>5. A gift for a loved one</p> <p>6. A symbol of love and passion</p> <p>10. A sweet treat often given on Valentine's Day</p> <p>11. A heart-warming message</p> <p>13. Soft light from candles used to create a romantic atmosphere</p> <p>14. A traditional gift of love</p> <p>15. Clues</p> | <p>Down</p> <p>1. A touch of the lips as a sign of love and affection</p> <p>2. A sweet candy given on Valentine's Day</p> <p>3. Expressing genuine feeling</p> <p>4. A romantic walk in the park</p> <p>7. A feeling of love and strong affection</p> <p>8. A written expression of love and affection</p> <p>9. A symbol of eternal love</p> <p>11. A love poem</p> <p>12. A romantic getaway</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>solution on page 11</i></p> |
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35-33 entering the final stanza.

However, Woodlan put the game away with a 19-point fourth quarter while limiting Whitko to eight in setting up the 54-41 victory.

Woodlan improves to 14-4 on the year with the victory while Whitko falls to 2-12 on the season.

Crane Township Notice

The Crane Township Zoning Meeting will take place on February 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crane Township Zoning Hall.

- Stephanie Moore
Crane Township Zoning Secretary

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153
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RICHARD L. FROELICH, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 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.

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:

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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.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
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Johna M. Bella, Attorney for Plaintiff

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.

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— Cory Wann,
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MOUNTAIN MUSIC



Carter family. Maybelle, June, Anita, and Helen. Picture courtesy Amanda Lindsner

"Oh give me some Mountain Music." It was Ezra's fault. If anyone was to blame it was Ezra. If it weren't for him this might not have happened. Of course Ezra might have had some help from Maybelle.

Ezra had a slight tremmer in his hands, and was the laughing stock of his classmates. He was the laughing stock of Clinch Mountain, for you see Clinch Mountain is not a mountain. It is a mountain range inside the Appalachian Mountains. It stretches from Virginia, through Kentucky and into Tennessee.

When Ezra was out of school, he found a job... selling fruit trees. A regular Johnny Appleseed. One day he crossed the mountain, selling trees, he came upon a house where a young girl was on the porch playing a guitar and singing. They say it takes 3 seconds to fall in love, but

not this time. Soon Ezra was making trips over Clinch Mountain, but he wasn't always selling fruit trees.

The young man was Ezra Carter, the young lady Maybelle Addington. She and their daughters, Helen, June, and Anita would be one of the first popular Bluegrass Music groups. They would be the first inductees to the Grand Ole Opry Hall of Fame. They got their start when they won a contest held by Victor records.

Records and radios were just beginning to be popular. Now the average household could hear the music which they enjoyed, right in their own home. The Carters sang songs like, "Wildwood Flower."

"How my heart is now wondering"

"No misery can tell"

"He's left with no warning"

"No word of farewell"

The Bluegrass story was told in the movie, "Oh Brother Where Art Thou." It began when George Clooney and his men stopped at a remote recording studio in the country, and burst in, "We hear you pay good money for singing into a can." "I ammm... a man... of constant sorrow. I've had trouble all my days."

Bluegrass music began in England and came over on the Mayflower. It originated in Scotland, Ireland, and England and came over with the settlers. The settlers began moving south, including some of the group from Plymouth Rock. They settled in Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee. They took their name from the Bluegrass State. They sang songs of a rugged life, tragedy, and religion, and of course the woes of unrequited love.

June Carter became famous in her own right, when she toured 3 years with Elvis. Elvis was a big fan of Johnny Cash, and when they would go into a restaurant he would play his songs on the jukebox. Elvis would try to sing like Johnny Cash. He would tell June that someday she must meet Johnny. She would catch Elvis on his knees in the bus tuning his guitar to, "Cry, Cry, Cry." Elvis and Johnny were both signed to Sun Records.

Of course the day came when June and Johnny did meet. He told her, "I always wanted to meet you." She said, "I feel like I already know you." It would be 9 years before they married, as they were both married to someone else when they met. They had one child together, Johnny Jr.

Now I am not what you would call a fan of bluegrass music. I like all kinds of music that is good. I like songs that tell a story, in just a few sentences. Check out the Revolutionary War song; "Sweet lips The rifle, The Battle of Kings Mountain." By Grandpa Jones. This morning I just happened to catch a song by The Carter family, which conveys a message;

"You must walk that lonesome highway"

Nobody else can do it for you,

You gotta walk it by yourself."

—James Neuhouser

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO SPEAK AT CPAC 2023

The Conservative Political Action Coalition (CPAC) announced that President Donald J. Trump will be a featured speaker at CPAC 2023 in Washington, DC. The national conference is scheduled for March 1-4, 2023 and will convene the top conservative national and international political

D.A.R.E. GRADUATION AT PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Paulding Elementary D.A.R.E. Graduation on Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

D.A.R.E. program in Paulding County is going strong with a new Deputy at the helm, Deputy Rich Phelan. In January he completed the 12 week coursework with the Antwerp Elementary 5th graders. This past week, he graduated the 5th grade class of Paulding Elementary.

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education and began in 1983 in Los Angeles, CA. From its origination, the D.A.R.E. program has evolved from a non-interactive to an interactive curriculum for upper elementary age children and into high school.

Paulding students were introduced to the REAL concept — Refuse, Explain, Avoid, and Leave. These strategies are excellent tools to use to make objective decisions and communicate those decisions to their peers in a healthy way. After the 12 weeks of lessons, the students graduate from



Paulding Elementary 2023 D.A.R.E. program essay winners: Paxxton Wesley, Ella Zimmerman, Anna Baughman, Abisai Escobar, Rosie Estrada, Braelynn Aversch, Andros Isidoro, Sophia Speelman

the D.A.R.E. program. To graduate all the students were required to do was participate in class and in their homework assignments each week, one of which was the Essay.

Deputy Phelan chose eight student essays to be read at the graduation ceremony that was attended by the students, teachers, as well as family and friends of the students. These essay winners received medals and a certificate to acknowledge their efforts. The student essays that were read that day are authored by the

following: Paxxton Wesley, Ella Zimmerman, Anna Baughman, Abisai Escobar, Rosie Estrada, Braelynn Aversch, Andros Isidoro, Sophia Speelman

Deputy Phelan thanked many for the success of the program including the students for their enthusiastic participation as well as being respectful and funny. The fifth grade teachers in turn thanked Deputy Phelan for his dedication to the students' edification on the subject of drug and alcohol addictions.

and thought leaders who will address the critical issues facing our nation and the world.

"We are honored to have President Trump speak at the CPAC conference," Megan Powers Small, CPAC spokesperson stated. "President Trump has been a featured speaker at CPAC for over 10 years, sharing his love for our great country and the American people. He has always understood the importance of CPAC as a major communications platform to reach millions of Americans and showcase his successful America First policy agenda that made our country more secure and prosperous."

PAULDING COUNTY PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Wayne E. Feasby Trustee to Rex Wayne Feasby Trustee: 1729 SR 114 Payne, 1.33 acres; SR 114, 76.879 acres; 2001 A SR 114 Payne, 80 acres; SR 114 79.929 acres; Rd 17 78.23 acres; 1704 SR 114 Payne, .7 acres; SR 114 .763 acres

Barbara A Gillett to Leroy E. Gillett: 22451 RD 122 Oakwood, .36 acres

R Mardell Jackson to Vivienne Suzanne McCarthy Trustee: RD 45, 20 acres; 16590 RD 45 Antwerp, 2 acres; RD 214, 7.99 acres; RD 45 73.065 acres

Unknown to Renee L Dunbar: 2328 RD 250, 5.19 acres

John T and Tamara L Clellan to Dennis Stabler: 744 Tom Tim Dr Paulding, .24 acres; Tom Tim Dr Paulding, .4 acres

Richard Lawrence Dunson to CMS Holdings & Rentals LLC: 13242 Kay St Paulding, .344 acres

A&S Contemporary Homes LLC to 212 S Willam LLC: 604 Sugar St Paulding, .155 acres; 212 Williams St S

Paulding, .109 acres; 214 Williams St St Paulding, .091 acres

Rock It Properties I LLC to AMS Holding LLC: 109 W Perry St Paulding, .084 acres; 105 Bryans Alley Paulding, .017 acres

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Michael C. Wright, Melrose, OH; Unauthorized use of cable; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant recalled

Jonathan D. Payne, Van Wert, OH; Passing bad check; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant recalled

Sean P. Love, Defiance, OH; Passing bad check; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant recalled

Elias Montez Jr., Grover Hill, OH; No operator license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs and fines

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

Joseph W. Thome, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct; Costs paid by defendant; Case dismissed per state with prejudice

Tracie M. Scott, Paulding, OH; Distributing to minors; Defendant paid all costs; Case dismissed per state with prejudice

Aaron M. Kraft, Melrose, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Kacy J. Reinhart, New Albany, OH; OVI/under influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Driving privileges granted upon proper application

Courtney S. Wilder, Paulding, OH; Disorderly

conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

David Clifford, Louisville, KY; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Logan M. McDaniel, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert J. Manz Jr., Cecil, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kiara M. Robinson, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David J. Speiser, Continental, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Terri A. Hasch, Paulding, OH; Criminal damage; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

Jacob L. Sivil, Morenci, MI; Non-support of defendant; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Pay off all arrearages and become current in child support payments

Dana Riley, Muncie, IN; Drug paraphernalia, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant. All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; One way traffic, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed

Joseph M. Johnson, Muncie, MI; Driving under non FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Show proof of insurance on vehicle by 2/2/23

Eathen G. Reed, Covington, KY; Flee/elude; Preliminary hearing waived; Case shall be bound over to Paulding Common Pleas Court

Johnny Hopkins, Melrose, OH; Failure to control;

HICKSVILLE TEAM COMPETES @ MAC GYM TOURNAMENT



Hicksville 4th Grade Girls were victorious against Crestview in the championship game at the recent basketball tournament at the MAC gym in Antwerp. The Lady Aces went undefeated in regular season and tournament play.

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy J. Enright Jr., Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott R. Beaudette, Dundee, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Logan B. Vandemark, Van Wert, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jack Boroff, Haviland, OH; FTY/Left turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/23/23

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023, in the Commissioners' Session Room. President David S. Kern called the meeting to order.

Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; 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.

Warren Schlatter, Defiance County Engineer/Landfill Manager, met with the Commissioners to provide a weekly update for the Engineer's Office and Landfill.

Heidi Hull, Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Good Samaritan School Superintendent, met with the Commissioners to provide a quarterly update.

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/2/23

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday February 2, 2023 in the Hicksville Village Council Room. Chairman David S. Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; Sherry Carnahan, Finance Manager/Administrator and Stephanie Metz, Clerk.

Ron Jones, Hicksville Mayor, joined the session. The Commissioners discussed broadband services, digital equity and promotion, the MARCs Tower Project, the walking trail project and the upcoming election.

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events and discussed upcoming meetings.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

In November 2022, State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, received a call regarding three white-tailed deer found dead near downed power lines. Officer Smith found a 15-point buck, 8-point buck, and doe in the ditch beneath the power lines. After the scene was safe, the deer were examined, and it was determined that they died from electrocution. The Richland Township Fire Department plans to display mounts of the antlered deer at the fire station as a reminder of the dangers of downed power lines. The venison from the three deer was salvaged and given to a local resident.

State Wildlife Officers Chad Grote and Antoinette Freet, assigned to Marion and Licking counties, respectively, contacted a group of campers at Delaware Wildlife Area. One member of the group provided a false identity to the officers. It was later discovered that the individual had felony arrest warrants from several counties. The officers arrested the individual and took them to

the Marion County Jail.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

While conducting sport fish enforcement on Lake Erie, State Wildlife Investigator Kelsey Brockman and State Wildlife Officer Nathan Robinson, assigned to Van Wert County, observed a Michigan charter boat fishing in Ohio waters. The boat did not have an Ohio guide sticker displayed, which is required for charters operating in Ohio. Further, the boat's captain did not have an Ohio fishing guide license. He was charged for serving as a fishing guide in Ohio waters without a guide license. He was found guilty in court, paid a \$200 fine, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail suspended pending no similar violations for one year.

State Wildlife Officer Jason Porinchok, assigned to Putnam County, received a picture from a local resident of an invertebrate found in a private pond. After some consultation and research, the invertebrate was found to be a freshwater jellyfish. Originating from China, these animals have found their way to Ohio via fish stockings, aquatic plants, and waterfowl. They are not known to cause harm to humans or the environment and are not considered an

invasive species.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the 2022 white-tailed deer archery hunting season, State Wildlife Officers Michael Budd and Scott Cartwright, assigned to Tuscarawas and Carroll counties, respectively, received a hunting without permission complaint. The officers located a hunter on the property and issued a summons for hunting without permission. The individual was found guilty in Carroll County Municipal Court, sentenced to 30 days in jail, and ordered to pay \$245.

In November 2022, State Wildlife Officer Tom Frank, assigned to Mahoning County, received a call from a frustrated hunter who reported hunter harassment. Officer Frank presented the case to the county prosecutor, who approved charges for hunter harassment. The suspect was issued a summons and ordered to pay \$171 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During the 2023 white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Darin Abbott, assigned to Lawrence County, received a complaint about shooting from the road. Officer Abbott determined that one individual was responsible for the complaints. Summonses for hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle and shooting from a public roadway were issued. Charges are pending in Lawrence County.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Matt Hoehn received information that goose and duck carcasses were dumped in and next to the Miami and Erie Canal. State Wildlife Officer Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, and State Wildlife Officer Brad Buehling, assigned to Mercer County, located a suspect and determined he was responsible for the illegal dumping. He was issued a summons with a \$400 bond.

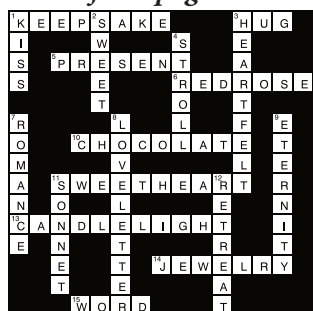
State Wildlife Officer Matt Bourne, assigned to Clark County, and State Wildlife Officer Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, recently worked a booth at the National Fishing Expo in Cincinnati with fish management staff Deb Walters, Mike Porto, and Kelsea Downs. They provided information to the public and promoted the 32nd Wildlife Officer Training Academy. The application period for wildlife officer candidates is open until Sunday, Jan. 29. For more info go to ohiodnr.gov/careers.

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Scoring for the red, white, and blue: Brooks Laukhuf (nine), Tyler Davis (eight), Carter Clemens (six), Brady Winans (five), Cale Winans (five), Hudson Myers (three), Lance Maenle (two) and Caden Sinn (one). Davis, the only senior on the Raider's squad, added six rebounds, three assists and three steals in a solid performance.

Joel Walkup chipped in 11 and Nathan Swank added ten to lead the Bulldogs. Also scoring were Corey Everetts (nine), Scottie Krontz (seven), Cory Herman (three) and Kaydn Picillo (one)

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CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY REPORTS INCREASE IN PAULDING COUNTY RESIDENTS SERVED IN 2022



Alternative Photo Cutline: Volunteers Dan, Owen and Gabie weigh and sort donations in December.

The Caring & Sharing Food Pantry board reports that they served more people in 2022 than in 2021. This past year, the pantry served an average of 145 households and 345 individuals per month in Paulding County. That is an increase of 65% over the total number of households served in 2021 and a 40% increase in the number of households served in 2019, before the COVID 19 pandemic.

Eligible people can visit the pantry two times per month and receive three days of food during each visit. So based on the average number of people served, Caring & Sharing provided 12,426 days of food to their neighbors. Of those individuals served in 2022, 20% were children age 17 and younger, and 34% were seniors over age 60.

The mission of the pantry is to eliminate food insecurity in Paulding County by providing food and basic personal care items to those who qualify. Based on 2020 Feeding America data, 12 percent of our county population experiences food insecurity, which is defined as "the consistent lack of food to have a healthy life due to economic circumstances."

The pantry is currently located at 119 South Main Street in Paulding. It operates based on donations of groceries and funds from individuals, churches, organizations and businesses, as well as through the support of Feeding America and the West Ohio Food Bank. The pantry accepts donations of food and groceries when it is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Financial donations can be sent to P.O. Box 391, Paulding, OH 45879.

Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is also raising money to construct a new 3,900-square-foot structure at 318 N. Walnut Street in Paulding. By the end of January 2023, the community has contributed more than 85% of the initial goal of \$525,000. Building Fund donations can be sent in care of the Paulding County Area Foundation at 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

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

PCAF DONATION TO HB SPLASH PAD



The Paulding County Area Foundation generously donated \$5000 to the Holly Beach Splash Pad Project.

This helps us get one step closer to our goal and bring the Holly Beach Splash Pad to life.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR NICK



Nicholas Schlueter, a student at Paulding Exempted Village Schools is currently in ICU. He was diagnosed with a very rare 5cm (large) arachnoid cyst with a subdural hematoma. He has had two surgeries to correct this. The family will be dealing with time off work and other expenses for the foreseeable future.

Good Times Saloon in Payne Ohio is organizing a Spaghetti Dinner for Nicholas and his family on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. It will be an eat in or carry out dinner. There will also be baked goods available for contribution to the fundraiser, as well as a 50/50 drawing.

Many hands make light work, so if you feel led to contribute to this fundraising event in any way, shape or form — helping with gathering the food, plates and tableware, bake goods, or spreading the the word with flyers that need to be disbursed — please contact Lisa Brothers at 737-733-1746.

Shout out to Amanda Moorehead for allowing the fundraising group the use of the Saloon for the event.

PCRTA HOST COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will host coffee and conversation for all Paulding County retired teachers February 13, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at the Cooper Community Room next to the library in Oakwood. School aides, secretaries, bus drivers, building and grounds keepers, food service workers, administrators, and other school friends are invited to join the group for coffee. There will be no program nor business meeting. The members of the

Paulding County Retired Teachers Association hope many school retirees will be able to attend.

OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR SPRING COMEDY

Off Stage Productions will be holding auditions for "Showtime at First Baptist" by Ron Osborn on Monday Feb 6th and Tuesday Feb 7th. Auditions will be held at Vantage Career Center, 818 N Franklin Street in Van Wert at 7:00 PM both evenings. Use door #7 on the front (West side) of the building.

This will be an all-female cast and adult women of all ages are encouraged to audition even if they have no prior acting experience. Performance dates will be April 21-23, 28-30 at Vantage.

THE STORY: First Baptist of Ivy Gap's 100th anniversary picnic was a smashing success, except for one little thing: the bolt of lightning that struck the church's steeple, igniting a fire that destroyed the sanctuary and so much more. In the wake of the disaster, key women of the church — led by Edith, the pastor's take-charge wife — gather in what's left (the fellowship hall) to commiserate and try to put things back together. To raise spirits and funds for rebuilding, the women plan an evening of entertainment designed to showcase the congregation's talent. Could it be that some of Edith's gang plan a song and dance number that may shock the congregation? If so, how will they circumvent the authority of the all-male conservative board of deacons, not to mention, one of their own? Change is in the air as these six diverse women challenge institutions as well as each other. Along the way, there are laughs to be shared, battles to be fought, love to be won, relationships to be mended, and losses to be grieved.

Scripts are available to check out prior to auditions, call or text 419-605-2634 if interested or for additional information, or message us on our Facebook page.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Youngstown State University students named to the Dean's List for Fall Semester 2022. Dean's List recognition is awarded to full-time undergraduate students who have earned at least a 3.4 grade point average for not less than 12 semester hours of credit in the Fall semester.

Mallory Ehrhart of Antwerp, Theatre - Musical Theatre Track major
Ilse Zijlstra of Antwerp, Theatre - Musical Theatre Track major

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HCF RECEIVES DONATION FOR HICKSVILLE SPLASH PAD



Michal Mazur presenting a check to HCF, Dennis Vetter for \$5000 from the Northwest Charitable Foundation Inc. for the Hicksville Splash Pad project.

COPSEY SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



Pictured is Tim Copsey & Kristen Schilt.

The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Tim Copsey (VP Director, Paulding CIC) as the guest speaker at the February 2, 2023, club meeting. Tim came at the invitation of George Carter (CEO, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative). Tim told the Kiwanians about the history of the Paulding CIC and projects that they are currently working on.

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