

## PCH INTRODUCES NEW CT SCANNER AT OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING



Kyle Mawer, Ben Baldauf, Ron Goedde, Barb Hoerston, Ron Etzler, and Estee Miller cut the ribbon to introduce their latest investment in the future of medical care in Paulding County.

February 10, 2023, Paulding, Ohio - Paulding County Hospital was pleased to unveil to the public and the commu-

nity our completed CT project, including renovations to our outpatient specialty clinics. This project has been

in the making for over four years and we are overjoyed to see it come to fruition.

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## WAYNE TRACE'S RILEY DAEGER SIGNS WITH UNOH



Wayne Trace senior Riley Daeger recently signed with UNOH in Lima to play golf and pursue a degree in multimedia/graphic design. Shown in the picture are (front, L-R) Kenadie Daeger (sister), Riley Daeger, Michelle Daeger (mother) and Jeremy Daeger (father). In the back are Dawn West (UNOH Golf Coach) and Wayne Trace Athletic Director Jim Linder.

## PCED TO HOST CAREER DAY

The Paulding County Economic Development office is hosting the Annual Career Day on Tuesday, April 4th, from 8:00 am- 12:00 pm. The event is located at the Paulding County OSU Extension Building located at 503 Fairground Dr. Paulding, OH 45879. Public is welcome to attend. High School Students from Antwerp, Paulding, Wayne Trace and Vantage Career Center, will be bussed in to meet and learn more about the businesses, colleges and non-profits in attendance.

"Last year we had a great turnout with over 40 businesses attend, we are hoping for another great event and

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## ANTWERP PHARMACY MOVES TO NEW LOCATION!



The Antwerp Pharmacy, owned and operated by pharmacist Mandy Miller, has moved to a new location, 201 S. Main St. 419-258-2068.

The pharmacy business will retain its hometown, personal attention feeling and friendly atmosphere. Their

services will include prescription dispensing, vaccinations, Medication Synchronization, and Medication Therapy management. Mandy and her team will be introducing Vitamin depletion counseling and Diagnostic Testing in the near

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## KWIK LOK HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF



Doug Baker with Winner Trinity Rosalez.

The employees of Kwik Lok in New Haven had their first annual Chili Cook off on Thursday, February 9th at the Ryan Road facility. This event presented to five different recipes, prepared by employees to five local judges to see their opinion in taste, heat, and creativity.

It was a close match but the it was Trinity Rosalez of Fort Wayne who made her secret Spicy Chicken Philly Chili that ended up wowing the judges.

The five judges included Cady Atkinson, Pete LaFauca, Jon Stauffer, Chad

Voglewede, and Bryce Steiner. It seemed that the judges were pretty consistent on the results for the winner.

Doug Baker had stated that there was a design a hoody contest that involved making changes to the Kwik Lok environment. The survey results from November that the approximately 50 employees participated in was to have more community involvement along with more employee activity involvement. This is just the beginning of turning the survey into reality!

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## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

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

### February 20

- Clue @ Huber Theater, 2:30p
- Peaceful Parenting, virtual, 5pm

### February 21

- Making Meals Meatless, OSU Ext. Virtual, 10am
- FW Comm. Band @ Rhinehart Music Ctr, 7:30pm

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## OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH:

**Rodger S. Temple**, 71, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Monday, February 6, 2023 at Laurels of Defiance. Arr by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 202 W. RIVER STREET, ANTWERP, OHIO.

## VANTAGE CAREER CENTER HOSTS OVER 850 SOPHOMORES

Over 850 sophomores from our 13 associate school districts experienced what Vantage student-life and opportunities are like at the annual "Sophomore Day" on Friday, February 3, 2023. Each sophomore was given an opportunity to shadow current students in two different career technical programs of interest to them. During each 45 minute visit, sophomores gained career knowledge through interactive activities, student-led demonstrations, spoke to employers and alumni, and discovered opportunities they may have as a future Vantage student, including the Career Advanced Placement and College Credit Plus programs.

Carpentry students were able to showcase the operation of the CNC router machine while sophomores used hand-held routers as well as a jigsaw to complete a cell phone holder project. Additionally, sophomores learned how to build scaffolding, which is one of the newest certifications within the Carpentry program. Health Information Management students guided sophomores through intradermal injections, electronic and manual vitals, as well as CPR and stop the bleed activities. Sophomores visiting the Precision Machining program were able to create an aluminum spinning top, learning facing skills on manual lathes, turning down the metal using a cnc, and engraving the metal using both a 3 axis and fifth axis cnc. Business programs like Network Systems highlighted computer hardware and software, IT fundamentals and security, while Interactive Media showcased web design and certifications earned through Adobe products!

Sophomores ended their visit with Early Childhood Education senior Jorja For-



Health Information Management senior Makayla Duncan (Lincolnview) is guiding Antwerp sophomores through the Stop The Bleed certification procedures earned through the HIM program. Sophomores were able to watch a demonstration, ask questions, and then apply what they learned through a simulation race to see who could accurately stop a bleeding wound.

erck (Crestview) and Electricity senior Caden Wright who shared what their student life, opportunities and accomplishments look like as they complete their senior year. Sophomores were then invited to the Vantage Open House on Monday, February 27 for a more in depth opportunity to visit programs that directly align with their career interests. Here are a few frequently asked questions – and answers – about enrolling at Vantage.

**Q:** Can I go to college after Vantage?

**A:** Yes! Vantage prepares not just career bound students, but also those who are college bound. About 42% of Vantage graduates continue their education immediately after high school graduation at a two or four-year college. Students are urged to check with their school counselor to be sure that all requirements for college entrance are met.

**Q:** Is College Credits Plus available through Vantage?

**A:** YES! Many of the career tech programs have articulation agreements with local colleges, which provide some college credit for Vantage lab work and certifications. College Credit Plus is available at Vantage Career Center.

**Q:** Can I participate in home school sports and activities?

**A:** YES! Students are encouraged to stay involved in extracurricular activities at their home school, such as sports, pep band, drama, etc.

**Q:** What is the tuition to attend Vantage?

**A:** There is NO tuition to attend Vantage. Each program

has a fee of \$100, which covers the cost of tools, supplies, equipment, and uniforms.

**Q:** When are applications due at Vantage?

**A:** Sophomore and junior students who are considering attending Vantage should be aware that the priority application deadline is March 1, 2023. Interested students may complete and submit an on-line application form. Visit the Vantage website for complete information [vantagecareer-center.com](http://vantagecareer-center.com)

Vantage offers 18 different high school career technical programs. If you have any questions, please talk to your school counselor or call Student Services at Vantage at 419-238-5411 or 1-800-686-3944 ext. 2160. Explore the new and informational Vantage program videos at [vantagecareercenter.com](http://vantagecareercenter.com), like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @vccstudents and stay informed of upcoming Vantage events and enrollment times!

We invite all students and parents, alumni, community members, as well as associate school staff to join us as we celebrate National Career and Technical Education Month on Monday, February 27, from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. All high school and adult education labs will be open for tours. There will be special student led demonstrations and local employers linked to the program your student is interested in throughout the building. An important Parent Information Session will be held in the Community Room for interested high school students from 6:00 to 6:30 pm designed to answer questions about your student's career and college opportunities at Vantage. Sophomores should look for an invitation in the mail and bring the postcard to the Open House for a free Vantage t-shirt.

Vantage Adult Education would like to invite any graduating senior and adults looking to further their education or upskill should come to the Vantage Open House for enrollment information. Several grant and scholarship opportunities are available for all programs.

Area restaurants will be onsite at "A Taste of Vantage" for you to sample their food for a minimal cost, with proceeds going to the Vantage Student Activity Fund. We hope you can make it to our Open House, Monday, February 27!

**PARSON TO PERSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**  
Dear Parson,  
When is something considered a sin?

Sin is an almost antiquated word in our society today. You don't hear it in the political, educational, entertainment, business, social or media world. Now we use terms like woman's choice, alternate lifestyle, adult entertainments, etc., etc., etc. "Sin" implies a God, judgment, and absolutes that man does not want to acknowledge.

The Bible calls sin the transgressing or breaking of the law, meaning God's law (1 John 3:4). It defies the holy nature of God. The law does not cure sin, but exposes it. Any thought, word, or action contrary to God's Word is sin, but so is failure to do what is right (James 4:17). Even when one does wrong through ignorance, it is still sin (Leviticus 5:17).

Sin started for mankind through the willing disobedience of Adam and Eve, and has passed down to each of us (Romans 5:12). Rather than admit we are sinners, our tendency is to justify ourselves. Proverbs 6:12 says, "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes." God, however, sees it as the awful means of our physical death and eternal death in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14-15).

However, because of His love for us and mercy toward us, He paid the price for our sin through the blood of His sinless Son. Those who by faith receive Christ as their Saviour can go to a sinless heaven, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9) What a wonderful Saviour!

Send questions and comments to: [jamesbachman@juno.com](mailto:jamesbachman@juno.com)

## SOAP, SOAP, SOAP

**By: Doris Applegate**

As a child growing up in Michigan, Lifebuoy soap was a favorite of my family. As we bathed grease and grime off our bodies, mom would keep adding more hot water until we came out sparkling clean and bright. When my mother caught me in a lie, she would rub a bar of Lifebuoy soap on my tongue and teeth.

Today this would be called child abuse, but in my time, this was "keeping a child in the right way of life." This method worked well for me because I quit lying. Many other soaps used in America keep dirt and germs away, but one of the favorite is Dial soap. A slogan used was: "Don't you wish everyone used Dial soap?" Dial soap killed (BO) body odor which was an unpleasant smell.

In a lake near our home our family would go swimming with a bar of Ivory soap and a towel. As we swam, splashed and enjoyed the water we would keep our eye on the bar of Ivory soap and was glad that it floated.

Palmolive was a favorite soap for women who had to wash dishes by hand because it kept the hands soft and smooth. Another soap many women liked was called Dove. This reminded us the Holy Spirit which came upon Jesus Christ like a gentle Dove at his water baptism.

When we accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior and are baptized in water we also receive the gentle Holy Spirit into our spirits. This takes care of the spirit within

## Scripture of the Week

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing."

— 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

## EAST CENTRAL FIRE & EMS NEW AMBULANCE PUSH IN CEREMONY



Join East Central Fire and EMS on Monday February 13th as we celebrate our newest ambulance to our fleet with a push in ceremony at Station 1 – 420 Broadway St. in New Haven at 6pm. (please note parking is limited)

The ambulance is a 2022 Ford F-550 4x4 made by PL Custom based out of New Jersey, sold by Crossroads in Middlebury Indiana. This is our 3rd unit from Crossroads. Our staff prefers the height and working space of these Ford F-550 units. This ambulance will bring our fleet to 7 ambulances with 1 unit dedicated as a "reserve/backup". The ambulance is equipped

with a Stryker "power-load" cot to aid in safe loading and unloading of patients for both the personnel and patients. The truck has the necessary equipment to start an IV, jump-start your heart, and provide relief from severe pain/trauma. Equipped with latest technology to transmit patient information to hospitals we are truly proud of our latest addition.

With over 3000 calls to service in 2022 East Central Fire and EMS proudly serve the cities of New Haven and Woodburn and townships of Adams, Jefferson, Maumee, and Milan.



Paulding County Hospital CEO Ron Goedde, PCH Foundation President Phil Recker, and Van Wert Foundation representative Laney Nofer.

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The current CT machine at Paulding County Hospital is over 17 years old, and has served the needs of the community throughout this time. The project in total came in at 2.3 million dollars. Included in the was purchasing a new state-of-the-art CT, renovating and relocating the CT to the Imaging suite, renovating our Imaging waiting room and office, renovating our Outpatient Specialty Clinic rooms and office. Also, adding a new air handler to assist in keeping the CT room climate controlled.

The relocation of the CT

equipment to right outside the Emergency Department provides needed convenience to our patients, when every second counts. Due to our new technology, we will be able to provide some new services to our community, close to home. One of these new services is CT Heart Smart scans. The scan evaluates the amount of plaque in your heart vessels and is non-invasive. The scan will be a \$50 cash-pay screening exam that can truly be life-saving. A provider order is required for the scan.

The Paulding County Hospital Foundation through

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us, but we also have our soul and our body to deal with.

The soul realm which include mind, will and emotions has to be transformed by the word of God. This happens when we read and study the Bible. Many people neglect this part and remain weak in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and all that God has for them.

God's Holy word says: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." We do not want to remain spiritual babies but

grow up in the Lord. The next part of our body to deal with is our flesh, which fights against the Spirit of God. Excepting Jesus Christ into your life is just the beginning of your Christian walk and there is much more to us, but we must desire it.

Hopefully those reading this article want all that God has for them and seek it out. Are you one of them?

Amen



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**THEY ARE IN THE BALLOON**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**

By: Nancy Whitaker

Approximately 25 years ago my family started a tradition that is still part of our Christmas today.

My family all loves to play the Dollar Game. I am sure everyone has played it, but our family takes all year looking for "gag" gifts or



something unique for the game.

This year my family increased, so we had more \$1 gifts and got to go around 3 times.

We drew numbers and we're ready to play and make sure we do not wind up with the 25 year old dreaded underwear.

The person who gets stuck with the antique bloomers has to bring them back next Christmas.

Of course, the underwear are usually disguised in some type of package to fool everybody.

Those undies has been hidden in a Pringles can, a picture frame, inside a book, in vases, tissue boxes and each year the ideas for disguising the pair of underwear has become like a task of seeing how creative you can be.

The game starts. Oh my!! Anticipation is high.

Some of the gifts unwrapped were an umbrella, red and blue hair color, swimming goggles, a big red hat, room spray, candy, a cookbook and the upper plate to a pair of false teeth. (The teeth have been around before as my granddaughter had made them in college.)

On the dollar game table was a big pink sack. Grandson Chris opened and there was a big blow up balloon inside.

As he batted the balloon around someone said, "Look in the bottom of the balloon."

Sure enough, whoever

wrapped those underwear had somehow managed to get them inside a balloon. Of course, my grandson traded off the balloon (with you know what) in it and I am still not sure who wound up with the prized under pants. Wow whoever got them will need to think all year on how to disguise them.

It is so refreshing for me to think back to when my older grandkids were younger, how they played the Dollar game and cried if they got the underwear. Now they are right in there thinking of new and unique ways to wrap the 25 year old undies.

Have you ever played the Dollar game? Do you think you could squeeze a pair of undies into a balloon? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

**DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/6/23**

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023, in the Commissioners' Session Room. President David S. Kern called the meeting to order.

Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; Sherry Carnahan, Finance Manager/Administrator; and Stephanie Metz, Clerk.

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 open bids for 2023 Bituminous Materials and 2023 Crushed Aggregate and to provide a weekly update for the Engineer's Office and Landfill. Custar Stone Co., Stoneco, Inc., Stafford Gravel, Holcim Quarries, and Weber Sand & Gravel submitted bids for the 2023 Crushed Aggregate; Asphalt Materials, Inc. And K-Tech Specialty Coating submitted bids for the 2023 Bituminous Materials.

Russ Herman, Defiance County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, met with the Commissioners to discuss various pending legal matters.

**KLOPFENSTEIN, KING INTRODUCE FIRST PIECE OF LEGISLATION**

First-time State Representatives' Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) and Angie King (R-Celina) have introduced their first bill as legislators. The legislation will help mothers of young children be relieved of jury duty responsibilities.

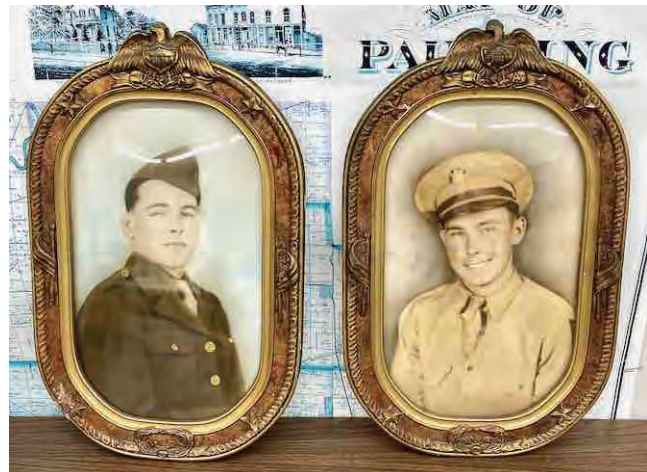
Under current law, there are only a few exemptions for mothers and for jurors that are suffering from a disease or illness. This legislation will create a new exemption for breastfeeding mothers to be excused from jury duty.

"I'm pleased to introduce my first bill, especially something that has come from a young mother who was forced to make the deci-

sion between complying with jury duty or taking care of her child," Klopfenstein said. "This early time in development is vital for forming bonds between mother and child and disruption during this time can affect the well-being of both."

For mothers to apply for the exemption, the legislation would require them to submit a signed affidavit to the court to be excused.

**NEW AT THE JPMS MUSEUM**



Robert and Sue Brown have donated several interesting artifacts to the John Paulding Historical Society in Paulding. Most notable are two portraits of brothers Marion (left) and Walter Brown, both of whom were killed overseas during World War II. The Gilts Brown American Legion in Oakwood is in part named for the fallen pair. Other artifacts donated were a 1942 receipt book from Keck's

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their Raise More Funds initiative was able to donate \$55,000 towards the CT project. A special thanks goes out to the Paulding County Hospital Foundation and the following for their generous donations toward this project: Dr. Larry Fishbaugh, LaDonna Shisler, Carol Todd (In memory of Merle and Eileen Jeffery), Betty Clark, Paulding County Hospital Aux Gift Shop, C&Y Oil Com-

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pany, First Financial Bank, R&K Brady Corporation, Red Angel Pizza, Van Wert Area Foundation, VFW Post 5087 in Antwerp, Jay Dangler Excavating and the anonymous donors from our community.

Paulding County Hospital would like to thank all of the individuals and communities we proudly serve for your support of this project! "TOGETHER WE ARE ADVANCING HEALTH CARE, CLOSE TO HOME!"

future. They hope to bring in more health and wellness items as well as better skin care options so clients will not need to travel to Fort Wayne or other larger cities for these items. They have more room at the new facility with private rooms for consultations and vaccinations. They will continue to sell their famous Yankee candles, gift items and items for children. Med Sync is a program that strategically arranges your prescriptions to allow them to all be filled at the same time each month. Once your prescriptions are synced they will be prepared prior to the pickup date and you will receive a call from staff reminding you of your pick up date. Program enrollment forms are required for them to start syncing your prescriptions and the QR code (available at the pharmacy) can help you get started. Paper enrollment forms are also available upon request. There is no additional cost for this service; however, it varies by prescription insurance provider and they will discuss additional costs with you before syncing any medications. The My GNP mobile app is

"This is very simple legislation that looks to provide better development for mothers and their children," King said. "We see a simple issue that may have been overlooked when the original exemptions were created and want to make sure the problem is corrected."

The legislation has not been assigned to a committee yet.

Market in Broughton, a 1911 communion photo of St. Mary Catholic Church in Junction, some Jackson Township records from the 1920s and a photo of local Civil Works Administration (CWA) workers in the 1930s. The museum, currently closed for the winter, reopens Feb. 21. The public is invited to attend the society's annual meeting on March 5.

take a clear picture. On March 4, 1927, his wife, Rosa, passed away in Paulding and was buried beside William. The daughter Bonnie went to live with Christopher and Catherine Goshorn on 212 East Daggett Street in Antwerp, an aunt and uncle. Catherine was an older sister of William. Bonnie was a graduate from Antwerp in 1939. She married a fellow classmate, Edward David McCleary, who served in World War Two. They had a son named David Alexander McCleary, born February 28, 1942.

November 1, 1975, while fishing in Kentucky, Edward drowned. He was buried in Maumee Cemetery. On June 16, 1990, while working as a millwright at General Motors in Defiance, David was killed at the plant working on machinery. He was buried in Ney Cemetery, Ney, Ohio. Bonnie never remarried and passed away November 16, 1996 in Antwerp. She was buried beside her husband, Edward, in Maumee Cemetery.

On May 6, 1917, Clark U. Wil-

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



By: Mark Holtsberry

William A. Wilson was born in Middleton, Butler County, Ohio, October 28, 1876. The son of Clark Usual, born October 1832 in Ohio and Mary Jane (Seslar) Wilson, born March 7, 1841 in Ohio. They were married August 8, 1861.



In June of 1863, Clark registered for the Civil War draft. By 1880, the Wilson family had seven children, William being the youngest. Clark was a blacksmith. After 1890, the family moved to Antwerp, Ohio.

As the Spanish American War broke out, William A. Wilson, at the age of 22, on May 6, 1898, enlisted into Company L. 1st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered into service, May 7, 1898. He served his term of service and was mustered out, October 25, 1898 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was discharged from service, February 5, 1899. By 1900, William had moved back home in Antwerp, Ohio. Living with his parents, brother, Oscar, and sister Pearl. She was born February of 1891. By 1910, William was still living with his parents on Wilhelm Street, Antwerp. William and his brother Oscar were day laborers working in Antwerp.

The 1910 census lists William as a widow, but never found record of any marriage. On May 6, 1917, Clark U. Wil-

son passed away. On June 5, 1917, William registered for the World War I draft. He was listed as 5'8", medium height, stout build, dark complexion, light blue eyes, brown hair. William was not selected to serve.

He met a gal named Rose Belle Hart. She was born in Hicksville, Ohio, December 14, 1893, the daughter of John W. and Lelia N. Hart.

William and Rosa were married October 6, 1919 in Paulding. By 1920, William and Rosa were living on Canal Street in Antwerp. William was a blacksmith, owning his own shop. On February 11, 1921, a daughter, Bonnie Bell Wilson was born in Paulding.

William passed away April 8, 1925 in Paulding. He was buried in Maumee Cemetery, at that time the section was called, "new section" Lot 72, Grave 1. I received his tombstone about three years ago to



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## PAULDING HS JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announced their January Students of the Month. They are from left to right: Xander Bartley-Freshman, Emily Starr-Sophomore, Kobe Foor-Junior, and Peyton Adams-Senior.

### NEW \$1.1 MILLION PROJECT TO FUND PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS PROGRAM AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Public health, community outreach, and youth engagement at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) are getting a boost with the announcement of a \$1.1 million investment from AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, to fund a new Public Health AmeriCorps program.

The five-year grant, which was awarded to Ohio State University Extension, will fund up to 74 AmeriCorps members to address the public health needs of communities across Ohio and help rebuild the state's public health sector, said Pat Bebo, assistant director, family and consumer sciences, OSU Extension. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of CFAES.

"The grant will enhance OSU Extension's presence across Ohio through the creation of an Extension Public Health AmeriCorps (E-PHAC) that supports underserved families through the creation of a public health ecosystem, in tandem with the community, focused on public health issues to positively benefit the community," Bebo said.

AmeriCorps and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched the Public Health AmeriCorps program nationwide to support the recruitment, training, and development of the next generation of public

health leaders who will be ready to respond to the nation's public health needs.

In Ohio, the E-PHAC program is a collaboration between OSU Extension and two other Ohio State colleges and departments including the College of Public Health and the Department of Human Sciences in the College of Education and Human Ecology (EHE), as well as the Citizenship Health Institute, a Cleveland-based nonprofit that addresses social determinants of health in communities by preparing and supporting youth leaders.

"As a land-grant university, we are part of a cooperative structure dedicated to improving the quality of people's lives," said Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State's vice president for agricultural administration and dean of CFAES. "We have a commitment to serving our state in addition to the country and world."

The E-PHAC will amount to a community-based effort to compose a health care workforce for and from underserved communities, said Erik Porfeli, chair of the EHE Department of Human Sciences.

"We will partner with youth to identify and tackle pressing health concerns as we support their journey into career pathways leading to health and wellness jobs in underserved communities," he said.

E-PHAC members will engage youth in communities in service-learning public health projects to determine through input and assessment a public health-oriented issue that impacts the whole community and

work with a team of youth to plan, implement, and report on the service project.

The service projects will include:

- addressing the public health needs of local communities by providing support in state and local public health settings.
- advancing more equitable health outcomes for underserved communities.
- creating pathways for youth to public health-related careers through onsite experience and training, with a focus on recruiting AmeriCorps members who reflect the communities in which they will serve.

"The goal is to support underserved communities to compose their health care workforce from their residents in partnership with CFAES, EHE, public health, and a growing alliance of partners within their community and across the state," said Andy Wapner, director of Ohio State's Center for Public Health Practice.

With this new funding, the project will use Cooperative Extension's Framework for Health Equity and Wellness as the guiding document that the national Cooperative Extension has adopted to promote health equity in all Extension programs nationwide.

"The E-PHAC program holds the promise of advancing our college pillars and values and affirms our land-grant mission by offering educational opportunities that rally our youth to address pressing health needs in our community while supporting them to pursue health care careers in communities facing health workforce shortages," said Don Pope Davis, dean of the College of Education and Human Ecology.

Those interested in applying to serve as an E-PHAC can apply at jobs@osu.edu, R68573.

### INCREASING SOYBEAN YIELDS

There are an estimated 275,000 different plant species on earth. Each contain thousands of unique chemical compounds, however, each individual plant with its own unique genetic background can also produce their own unique variations to these compounds. A plant with one thousand plant chemicals can literally combine them a million different ways. When you add diversity to a plant and soil microbial community, you can get significant changes to both the soil and the plant response with only minute changes. The changes can be dramatic.

Many companies are now experimenting with using biologicals (microbes, plant extracts, etc) to stimulate plant growth and yield. At the National No-till on the Plains conference, Wichita Kansas, a researcher (Chris Teachout) described a process he was investigating to promote higher soybean yields. Chris was using a liquid compost worm extract that he applied directly to the soybean seed. This extract is extremely high in beneficial bacteria and some plant nutrients. He also added some kelp and fish emulsion. Sea kelp adds some micronutrients and the fish emulsion stimulates beneficial fungus. Chris no-

## DOE-C-DOE 4H DONATE TO CECIL FOOD PANTRY



The Doe-C-DoE 4H Group started to bring in food and hygiene products for the Antwerp Food Pantry.

tilled soybeans into a green cover of mostly cereal rye but he also had a small plot with hairy vetch mixed in with the cereal rye. Two different plant species add diversity to the microbial mix.

What impact did this mixture have on soybean yields? In the cereal rye alone plots, he got some good results. Soybean pods ranged from 100 to 200 pods per plant. Average yields were 80 to 120 bushel. On the cereal rye plus hairy vetch plots, pods counts were as high 1000 pods per plant where the hairy vetch was the thickest. It's thought that the hairy vetch somehow stimulated higher pod counts by either adding more beneficial microbes, possibly turning on a soybean gene for higher yield, or a combination of both. More than likely, a combination of beneficial microbes with good fertility (especially micronutrients) stimulated the soybean plant to produce more pods. Soybean roots on those plants were completely full of soybean nodules which generally translates into higher pod counts and more soybeans.

The soil environment also played a major factor. This soil was full of soil aggregates (good soil tilth) and was well aerated. Soils that are compacted or have poor soil structure limit not only water infiltration and water storage, they also limit gas exchange. Good soil structure allows atmospheric nitrogen and oxygen to get into the soil. Soybean nodules convert the atmospheric nitrogen into protein in the nodules with the helps of Rhizobium bacteria. Plant roots also use the oxygen for respiration, just like humans, to breakdown organic substances as a food source to accelerate plant growth and yield. Adequate soil oxygen is needed to decay the existing soil humus and to weather rocks to release plant nutrients. The optimal soil oxygen content needs to be between 15 to 25 percent. With too much oxygen, the soil microbes burn up SOM and many nutrients can be lost.

Some plant nutrients are extremely mobile in plant cells. Plant mobile nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium (N-P-K) can move easily from roots to stem, leaves and pods. Other nutrients like magnesium and micronutrients like molybdenum and sodium are also quite mobile.

When plants have a defi-

ciency of mobile nutrients, generally the deficiency symptoms show up in the older leaves. As a plant ages, often nutrients are mobilized to the newer growth, so deficiency signs show up first in mobile plant nutrients in the older leaves.

Many nutrients, however, are relatively immobile in plants. Deficiency signs generally show up first in the newer leaves. Elements like calcium, which is part of the cell wall structure, and boron which is needed to move calcium into the plant often are common plant deficiencies. Boron is a micronutrient that helps move plant sugars in the plant, is often lacking, and can easily be supplemented to improve plant health. Without adequate plant sugar, the plant roots have difficulty feeding the soil microbes which supply many other nutrients.

Other plant immobile elements include iron, manganese, zinc, and copper. All these elements are needed to activate certain plant enzymes. Iron is often lacking in cold wet soils in early spring. Iron is used to activate the enzyme that makes

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encourage business looking for help to contact us for more information about attending this year's event," noted Paulding County Economic Development Office Manager, Kristen Schilt.



The Doe-C-DoE rewarded their first member of the month, Braelyn Putnam.

chlorophyll for photosynthesis and also nitrogen synthesis. Manganese is needed to increase photosynthesis and to split the water molecule (H<sup>+</sup>, OH<sup>-</sup>) to make larger plant molecules. Zinc activates 300 enzymes that improve plant growth. Copper is needed for nitrogen synthesis and to increase stalk strength. Keeping a soil healthy increases the availability of plant nutrients and optimizes plant growth and yield.

James J. Hoorman  
Hoorman Soil Health Services

You can find out more about Paulding County Economic Development events and programs online at www.pced.net; on Facebook at Paulding County Economic Development; or email Kristen Schilt, Office Manager at office@pced.net.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Recently, the U.S.A. has experienced deliberate attacks on electrical substations and even in our own area an act of "eco terrorism" at the milk farm has occurred.

How can you help? Every time you pass a substation, cell tower, natural gas piping, etc. look at it. After you have done this several times, one day you may notice something out of place. That is the time to "make the call".

This area is your home, where your friends and family live. Maybe your job or business is here. It's worth "taking a look".

—Phillip Piersma  
Antwerp, OH

**PAULDING COUNTY LEPC MEETS**

The LEPC Meeting met on February 8, 2023 at the new MPO building for the purpose of discussing the emergency county business. Ed Bohn opened the meeting with approving the minutes. There are two new members - Ashley McDougall and Lisa McClure. The minutes were approved with a motion by Bill and Jay.

**Financial Report:**  
The new EOC room is nearly complete and is already being approved for usage. If someone needs to use the new room, Heather can be contacted at the Commissioners office for scheduling. Ed had new TV's and computers installed with a white board for emergency events as a central command.

There will be two exercises in the room for the Solar eclipse and LEPC fall HAZMAT event.

A grant for \$14,012 was received for HAZMAT training. A training for dispatchers is available and Ed talked to Matt about scheduling with his team. A traffic study that is also coming up and required every five years, but it was delayed because of the pandemic. Whatever funds are left will be for firefighter training.

There is a Mitigation Plan that many of the villages have participated in (all but

Melrose and Scott). Villages must participate in order to receive funds. Upgrades can be paid for by the funds that could be received.

The training facility has received a generous donation from Mercer Landmark as a mobile home and will be a search and rescue maze. Leipsic Fire Dept. likes the new facility and wants to use it 4 times this year.

The Mitigation Plan needs an update and that is taking place now and being prepared by Sandi Hoover. Financial status and other questions, answers are being obtained. The Plan is to be submitted in April so if there are any problems we can submit to FEMA by the end of June. Applying for funds can be done then in August. Four of the county sirens don't work and need replaced. Funding will go to this kind of equipment replacement.

The total solar eclipse meeting took place last week. These meetings will be at the end of every other month. The next meeting will be at the end of March. The state of Ohio has asked the county to have a plan in place for the solar event on April 8, 2024 at 3:08 p.m. People will be coming in Friday, Saturday, Sunday and the population could double in the county. The concern will be more with traffic.

Homeland Security grant was received of \$12,568. There will be four new gas meters purchased with automatic calibration. Some of the existing meters are 8+ years old and some don't have complete function anymore. Functional exercise will be at the Training Facility with a girls softball team colliding into a tanker with fumes.

Jason Landers has a new app that he would like everyone to download and make use of that can help with local law enforcement and the inmates. There are many applications that can be filled out at this time, including job and deer kill. The most recent is adding the NIXEL alerts. The top clicks are on the weather button and the second is the inmate information.

Around the table began with updates from people around the county about what is going on. Fred said they are working on training with the backup radios. He said the numbers have increased in recent times and have about 15 active members. Mark is hopeful that

637 and 613 intersection will soon have safety lights put up. Ashley has said they are working on coordinating with the local EMS coordinators. Fireman can also make runs with the EMS now with the law change. Matt said the new generation of 911 will have a new plan. Right now the many 911 calls route halfway across the country before they go to where they need to go. The plan may be to begin going direct to where needed, Matt wasn't quite sure how it works. Guy mentioned how Flat Rock Festival needs to get some stuff through the Health Dept issues. Bill gave his report about the flu report over the last several years. Chris gave the CERT report. Julie stated that Friday is the new CT scan event day at PCH.

Ed stated there will be a formal date for the EOC but the state has to give their blessing on a date.

**WARRIORS SPRINT PAST PANTHERS**

Visiting Woodlan scored at least 18 points in each quarter and the Warriors ran away from host Lakewood Park for an 81-44 victory in non-league boys basketball action Monday evening.

The Warriors jumped out to a 24-11 advantage at the end of one quarter and that was just a preview of the rest of the contest. Woodlan expanded the margin to 43-21 at the intermission before widening the gap to 63-33 entering the final quarter.

Trey Yoder led a dozen players that scored for Woodlan with 17 points while Alex Miller added a dozen markers. DeJay Gerig chipped in 11 points for the Warriors and Braden Smith also reached twin digits with ten points.

Other scorers for Woodlan included Ethan Klepper (eight), Mason Moore (five), Luke Meyer (five), Oliver Adams (four), Drew Fleek (four), Dawson Lichty (two), Lincoln Sparks (two) and Zach Scheiderer (one).

Mason Posey topped Lakewood Park with 25 points while Logan Parrett recorded seven and Cameron Hindle finished with six. Mason Joloff recorded four markers for the Panthers and Corbin White had two.

**ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS CELEBRATE NATIONAL PIZZA DAY!**



Shown here clockwise from the front, Baxlyn Schweinsberg, Mateo Ash, Mrs. Brandenburg, Van Snyder, Mrs. Wann, Brynleigh Adams and Nathan Sizemore.

The children in the Tuesday/Thursday class at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool recently celebrated National Pizza Day by making their very own fruit pizzas! They were skeptical at first that there was no pepperoni, but

everyone LOVED it! Registration for summer daycare is open! Give us a call at 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more information or visit our website at www.annsbrightbeginnings.com.

Yoder and Gerig both grabbed seven boards to lead the Warriors while Scheiderer finished with four rebounds. Smith, Yoder and Moore dished out five, four and three assists, respectively, for Woodlan with Smith and Moore each picking up two steals. Fleek and Jayse Kuntz also had two assists each for the Warriors.

Joloff and Hindle topped Lakewood Park with seven rebounds apiece and Hindle added four assists.

**JEWELL LIFTS ARCHERS TO WIN OVER PILOTS**

Hayleigh Jewell hit the second of two free throws with 8.4 seconds remaining to propel the Antwerp Lady Archers to a 50-49 victory over Ayersville Monday night in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball action.

The two squads were tied at 7-7 at the end of one period before Antwerp jumped in front 27-21 at the inter-

mission. Ayersville outscored the blue and white 15-10 in the third quarter to trim the deficit to 37-36 entering the final stanza before Jewell's heroics to win the contest.

Aewyn McMichael topped all scorers with 16 points for Antwerp with Jewell finishing the night with 15 markers.

Caroline Rohrs chipped in nine points followed by Emma Townley added eight. Lydia Krouse also picked up a basket for the Lady Archers.

Ayersville was paced by Ally Schindler with 16 points and Neva Sheets recorded 14.

Other scorers for the Lady Pilots were Kaylee Dockery (eight), Rylan Becher (three), Kiersten Manon (three), Zariya Young (three) and Mabel McGwire (two).

Antwerp improves to 10-8 overall and 2-3 in the Green Meadows Conference with the victory while Ayersville drops to 13-4 in all games and 4-1 in the league.

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

**Antwerp:** Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows  
**Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General  
**Cecil:** 127 Maramart  
**Charloe:** Charloe Store  
**Chantrel:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware  
**Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid  
**Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)  
**Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library  
**Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center  
**Ney:** Marathon  
**Oakwood:** Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip  
**Paulding:** Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County

Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library  
**Payne:** Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library  
**Sherwood:** Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank  
**Scott:** Scott Post Office  
**Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

**Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living  
**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales  
**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank  
**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub  
**Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain  
**Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General  
**New Haven:** ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's  
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# ARCHERS GET GMC WIN OVER ACES



Junior Carson Altimus is fouled and sent to the line picking up another pair of points. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Hicksville Senior Alex Gordon is tall enough at 6'5" to reach over the defense and scores a couple of points for the Aces. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Landon Brewer led a trio of Antwerp players in twin digits with 24 points as the Archers recorded a 59-48 win over Hicksville in Green Meadows Conference boys basketball action Friday night.

The blue and white led 21-13 at the end of one period before expanding the margin to 30-20 at the midway point of the contest.

Hicksville did pull to within 42-35 going to the final period but the Archers outscored the Aces 17-13 in the final stanza to seal the 59-48 victory.

Zaine McMichael and Carson Altimus also reached double figures for the Archers with 13 and 11 points, respectively, while Reid Lichty posted nine points. Parker Moore had the remaining

## ARCHERS ROUT BOMBERS

The Antwerp defense held Edon to one point in the first quarter and the Archers pulled away from there to rout the visiting Bombers 54-20 Saturday night in non-league boys basketball action.

The blue and white held a commanding 19-1 lead at the end of one period before extending the margin to 33-6 at the intermission. Antwerp took a 49-14 advantage into the final stanza.

Landon Brewer topped

the blue and white effort with 25 points on the night, including five three-point field goals. Reid Lichty chipped in eight markers while Zaine McMichael and Carson Altimus posted seven for Antwerp. Parker Moore (five) and Cohen Hitzeman (two) recorded the remaining Archer markers.

Edon was paced by Carter Kiess with nine points and Max Radabaugh totaled five markers. Cohen Hulbert, Kendal Brigle and Peyton Trausch all finished with two markers for the Bombers.

## PANTHER WRESTLING HOSTS PARKWAY & EDGERTON



Senior Cayden Breier attempts to pin his Parkway opponent and wins his match! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Varsity and Junior high hosted Parkway and Edgerton on Monday, February 6, 2023. This was also senior night for the Paulding senior wrestlers.

"It was a good tune up, leading into tournaments. You can tell that we hadn't wrestled in a meet in almost 2 weeks. Both teams were a little rusty, but overall we did OK. As far as team points go, it's

hard when you give up a lot of forfeit points but certain wrestlers on both teams looked good!" Coach Jimenez.

- Top performers  
 Varsity  
 Dawson Lamb 2-0  
 Cayden Breier 2-0  
 Kobe Foor 2-0  
 Jr. High  
 Civil Pumphery 2-0  
 Landon Dasher 2-0

## ANTWERP COASTS TO VICTORY

The Antwerp girls basketball team dominated visiting Toledo Emmanuel Christian in the first three quarters as the Lady Archers rolled to a 63-17 win Saturday afternoon in non-conference play.

Antwerp led 22-4 at the end of eight minutes of action and expanded the margin to 40-14 at the intermission. The blue and white then pushed the lead to 57-15 entering the final eight minutes of action.

Sydney Miller paced Toledo Emmanuel Christian with nine markers while Shelly Shepherd and Ella Holloway both recorded three points. Paris Foster added a basket for Toledo Emmanuel Christian.

Antwerp was paced by

Antwerp basket.

Jayden Rosalez and Alex Gordon both scored 18 markers to lead the Aces with Aaron Klima and Brody Balsler contributing six points each.

Aewyn McMichael with 30 points while Caroline Rohrs chipped in 13 markers.

Other scorers for the Lady Archers were Faith Clem (six), Emma Townley (four), Hayleigh Jewell (four), Maddy Peters (four) and Lydia Krouse (two).

## PANTHERS, RAIDERS GET OPENING WINS

The Green Meadows Conference eighth grade boys basketball tournament took place at Wayne Trace High School Saturday with squads from both Paulding and Wayne Trace posting victories.

Paulding won the opening game of the day 50-25 over Edgerton as Max Daeger, Jalen Manz and Gannon Parrett all scored 11 points. Jose Gonzales added nine followed by Achilles Mead (four), Bryce Spear (two) and Landon Grinnell (two).

Wayne Trace was also victorious as the Raiders defeated Hicksville 26-16.

Zach Stoller paced the red, white and blue with ten markers and Benjamin Gurney chipped in seven points. Carter Baumle (six), Blake Noggle (two) and Alex Doster (one) scored the remaining points for Wayne Trace.

Antwerp dropped a 41-21 decision to Fairview to wrap up county squads in the tournament.

Michael Rohrs had seven markers for the Archers with Keegan Gray-Wyckoff picked up five points.

Rounding out the blue and white scorers were Weston Rhonehouse (four), Ethan Marlin (two), Lincoln Lucas (two) and Gage Clevinger (one).

In the final quarterfinal

## KELHAM'S FT'S ENDS WARRIOR SEASON



Time is running out, senior Kaitlyn Crosby receives the ball, launches and scores 3 points on the last second of the 3rd quarter. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Bailey Kelham hit two free throws in the final seconds to lift the Garrett Railroaders to a 50-49 win over Woodlan in Class 3A girls basketball sectional final action Saturday night at Concordia High School.

It was a night that saw the Railroaders jump in front early, taking a 20-7 advantage at the end of one period.

Garrett expanded the lead to 28-10 at the halfway point of the contest before Woodlan cut into the deficit in the third quarter, outscoring the Railroaders 15-10 to close the gap to 38-25 entering the final period.

The Lady Warriors came all the way, taking a 49-48 lead with 20 seconds remaining on a basket by Avah Smith.

However, Kelham's last second heroics proved to be the deciding points and advance Garrett down the tournament trail.

Kelham led the way for the Lady Railroaders with 22 points and five rebounds while Aida Haynes chipped in 13 markers and a pair of boards.

Maddy Schenkel aided the Garrett cause with seven points and seven assists followed by Kelsey Bergman (four points, five rebounds), Emma LaPato (three points, seven rebounds, two assists) and Delaeni Hixson (one point, 13 rebounds).

The contest brought an end to the Woodlan career of seven seniors including Gabi Klopfenstein, Briana Roney, Zoe Eager, Avah Smith, Kaitlyn Crosby, Addie Goheen and Kate Spangler.

Goheen led the way for the Lady Warriors with 18 points, five rebounds and six assists with Smith adding 13 markers, six rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Taylor Kneubuhler chipped in nine points and five boards for Woodlan while Roney posted four points and two rebounds. Crosby (three points, two rebounds), Brooke Kneubuhler (two points, two rebounds, four assists) and Klopfenstein (three rebounds, two steals) also contributed for the Lady Warriors, who close the season with a record of 20-5.

game of the day, Tinora advanced with a 40-28 win over Ayersville.

## WARRIORS IMPROVE TO 16-4 WITH WIN OVER SA

The Woodlan Warriors improved their record to 16-4 overall with a 65-53 win over South Adams in ACAC boys basketball action Thursday night.

Trey Yoder led the way for the local squad, posting a double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds while adding a pair of assists.

Dejay Gerig added ten markers for Woodlan to go along with three rebounds, three assists and two steals and Braden Smith contributed eight points and three assists.

Drew Fleek chipped in seven points, three rebounds

and two steals for the Warriors and Luke Meyer picked up six markers.

Dawson Lichty (five), Alex Miller (five), Zach Scheiderer (two) and Lincoln Sparks (two) also scored for Woodlan.

Miller also hauled down three rebounds for Woodlan and Sparks picked up two boards while both Sparks and Miller dished out five assists.



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# PANTHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER LANCERS



The Panthers hosted the Lancers in Saturday night's game. Senior Peyton Adams is shown here scoring after picking up a loose ball on the Lincolnview side and running to the basket! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding opened a seven-point lead at the end of one period and cruised the rest of the way to a 72-49 victory over visiting Lincolnview Saturday night in boys basketball action at the 'Jungle.'

Peyton Adams led a quartet of Paulding players in double figures with 18 markers while teammates Luke Zartman and Ethan Foltz chipped in 15 points apiece. Casey Agler also had ten points for the Panthers.

Other scorers for the maroon and white included Nick Manz (four), Blake Rhonehouse (two), Isaac Reeb (two), Vincente Cantu (two),

Brandon Schroeder (two) and Jacob Martinez (two).

Austin Bockrath had 16 markers to lead the way for Lincolnview with Cal Evans recording 13 markers and Kreston Tow posted 11 points.

Kohen Cox finished with four points for the blue and gold while Chayse Overholt finished with three and Wyatt Friedrich had two points.

Paulding led 12-5 at the end of one period and extended the margin to 30-15 at the intermission. The Panthers extended the lead to 54-27 going to the final stanza.

# RAIDERS ROMP PAST FAIRVIEW BY 32

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

On the road the Wayne Trace Raiders had an easy time picking up a GMC win at Fairview. The red, white, and blue improve their season mark to 13-5 and 4-2 in the league with a 70-38 win over the Apaches.

Wayne Trace jumped out early and was never seriously threatened. The Raiders held a 16-11 lead after one quarter and managed to double-up the score at the break, outscoring the Apaches 28-11 to take a 44-22 advantage to the locker room at the midway point.

The third quarter saw no let-up for Wayne Trace who collected 20 third quarter points while holding Fairview to just 11. Wayne Trace entered the final eight minutes of play in control, leading 64-33, however the Apaches managed to outscore the Raiders in the final period 9-6. Fairview falls to 3-15 overall and 0-6 in the GMC.

Wayne Trace placed eight players in the scoring column, led by Brooks Laukhuf with 22 on 10-16 shooting from the field. Kyle Stoller also finished in double-digits with 11 along with four assists. Rounding out the scoring for the victorious Raiders were Tyle Davis (nine), Tanner Laukhuf (eight), Brady Miller (six), Caden Sinn (six), Cale Winans (six), and Hudson Myers (two) along with four assists.

Scoring for Fairview: Kale Salyers 17, Brody Retcher (seven), Kasen Kauffman (six), Klayton Boland (four), Brett Grine (two), and Eli Shininger (two).

# RAIDERS FALL IN FINAL SECONDS AGAIN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Buzzer beaters are haunting the Wayne Trace Raiders. First it was Crestview then Kalida and now add to the list Tiffin Columbian. Last Saturday the Wayne Trace Raiders participated in the Winter Classic at Ottawa-Glandorf High School. The Raiders were matched up against Tiffin Columbian and when the final horn sounded it was the Tornadoes sporting a two-point win 58-56. Wayne Trace entered the final eight minutes trailing by eight 45-37 but managed to regain the lead 56-55 with a handful of seconds remaining. Unfortunately for the red, white, and blue, the lead was short lived when Tornadoes leading scorer Brady Gooding completed a three-point play with 3.2 seconds remaining to secure the win.

For the Raiders, Brooks Laukhuf led all scorers with 32 points on 13-23 shooting from the field. The Raiders got 12 points and eight rebounds from Kyle Stoller but the Raiders lacked balance scoring from the other team members. Tyler Davis added six with Tanner Laukhuf and Cale Winans each with three points.

The Tornadoes had balanced scoring with three in double-figures including Gooding with 16, Logan Beaton chipping in twelve and Zach Shawsberry adding twelve. Also scoring for the winners were Brayden Roggow with eight, Isaac Garcia seven and Bryce Roggow with

# LADY RAIDERS END REGULAR SEASON WITH WIN



Sophomore Brooklyn Schlatter is open to shoot. She scores 3 points for the lady Panthers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - Paulding and Wayne Trace completed their 2022-23 girl's basketball regular season with the Panthers visiting the Raiders. Wayne Trace took control early and coasted to a 49-21 win over their county and conference rival.

The Raiders held Paulding to less than ten points in each quarter with their best output being nine points in the third period. The Raiders led 10-3 after one quarter of play and 20-9 at the midway point. Wayne Trace entered the final eight minutes of play with a commanding 37-18 advantage.

Sophomore Harper Myers led all scorers with a personal season high of 22 points, Myers also added a

three. With the win the Tornadoes improve their season mark at 15-4 while the Raiders fall to 13-6.

# WAYNE TRACE BIDDY CLUB PARTICIPATES IN TINORA BIDDY CLUB

The Wayne Trace Biddy Club participated in the Tinora Biddy tournament on 02-05-2023. Placing 1st was Hyde Mullins, Wesslen Tucker, Sam Schabbing, Kohen Fore, Zoey Schnipke. Placing 2nd was Emersyn Showalter, Elisha Buehrer. Placing 3rd was Chase Wright, Peyton Osbun, Locklen Yenser, Chandler Richardson, Zander Lelonek, Blaize Karoff, Wyatt Gilbert, Reiley Richardson, Ashtyn Madden. Placing 4th Holden Mullins, Hank Mullins, Henry Childs and Bryn Wasserman,

# UF ANNOUNCES FALL 2022 DEAN'S LIST

The dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at the University of Findlay has been announced. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Local students include: Fletcher Cook, Paulding; Jagger Landers, Antwerp; Jaret Miller, Paulding; Faith Nestleroad, Antwerp; Joseph Reineck, Paulding; Blake Schuette, Antwerp.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for culti-



Raider sophomore Harper Myers gets under the basket and scores 2 points with Brianna Bermejo attempting to block the shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

game high 13 rebounds and a game high five steals. Also scoring for the Raiders: Gracie Shepherd ten, Lexi Moore five, Elise Miller, Carreen Winans and Kathleen Stoller each with three followed by Caroline Winans with two and Abby Manz adding one.

Paulding placed six in the scorebook with Addison Pease leading the Lady Panthers with eight. Brooklyn Bakle added four followed

by Brooklyn Schlatter with three. Brianna Bermejo, Lucy Breier and Carlea Kuckuck each with two.

The Raiders completed the regular season at 12-10 and the Panthers completing their regular season at 2-20. The final GMC standing: Fairview 7-0; Wayne Trace 5-2; Ayersville 4-3; Antwerp 4-3; Tinora 3-4; Edgerton 3-4; Paulding 25; Hicksville 0-7.

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# NEW HAVEN WRESTLING REGIONALS 2/4/23



Bulldog senior Easton Doster claimed 1st place at Regionals on Saturday, February 4, 2023 to move to Semi-State on February 11th.

New Haven wrestlers competed at Regionals on February 4, 2023. Four Bulldog wrestlers advanced to semi-state on 2/11/2023 at the Memorial Coliseum. They are

the following:  
113 - Karrington Cooper,  
120 - Timmy Rocha, 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
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# THE LEFT TURN



Rusty Schlenk Oakshade/Attica driver is in Tampa Fl with his Dirt Late Model. Stock photo by Charlie Orn.

**By: Ron Burt**

The 47th Annual Wieland Winter Nationals took place last week at East Bay Raceway in Tampa. The six nights of racing is part of the Lucas Oil Dirt Late Model Series. One of Oakshade and Attica Late Model top drivers Rusty Schlenk made the trip down. On his first night Rusty let his fans and Facebook followers know he qualified 14th out of the 29 other drivers in his group. He started 5th in his heat race, and as he made a pass by 3rd, got ran over, which bent the bumper and he couldn't steer. He finished 7th. In the B-main, he started 10th and worked his way up to 6th place but only the top two cars transferred to the A-main. Next week I will update how the rest of his week went.

Getting to Tampa was an adventure if you follow his Facebook page. Before they arrived at East Bay Raceway, they found out the merchandise trailer lights weren't working, no generator in the motor home along with no heat for 6 hours. The merchandise trailer came unhooked and the racecar came unhooked inside the hauler. The icing on the cake, they were pulled over for using the cell phone as a map. We're happy they made it safe and sound. Now it's time to get into victory lane!

Plymouth Motor Speedway, in Plymouth Indiana, will hold an Aprils Fools 200

lap Enduro, on Saturday April 1st. It will pay \$2000.00 to win. Pits will open at 11AM and the grandstand at 2PM and racing at 4PM. Plymouth Motor Speedway is a 3/8th mile asphalt track, twenty miles west of Fort Wayne. Saturday April 29th will be the first night of racing for 2023. Six classes of cars will compete on opening night. Outlaw Late Models, UMP Mods, Street Stocks, Front Wheel Drives, Hornets, and the new class, Crown Vic's.

Kokomo Speedway just released their 2023 schedule and it's a good one! All 15 dates will be action packed for race fans. The season starts April 21st and 22nd with USAC Midgets and Non-winged sprints. The USAC Midgets will see action 3 times in 2023. The USAC Non-winged Sprints will visit 4 times. Other classes visiting this historic track this summer will be Kokomo Sprints, The High Limit Sprint Series, Thunder Cars, XR Super Series Late Models, Late Models, UMP Modifieds, USAC Thunder Midgets and a few other classes on special nights. June 11th will be Indiana Midget Week and July 22nd is Indiana Sprint Week. August 24-26 is the Annual Sprint Car Smack Down and this year's winner will take home \$30,000.00 The Kokomo Klash XVII, will wrap up the season October 13th and 14th.

I'm still waiting on track schedules from Montpelier, Gas City I-69, and Oakshade Raceway. Until next week, keep your wheels down, Ron Out!

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# HOT-SHOOTING KNIGHTS RACE PAST RAIDERS

**By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer**

Highly regarded Crestview had little trouble dominating the Lady Raiders of Wayne Trace in a recent basketball contest. The 16-4 Knights powered past the 11-10 Raiders 51-18 - not allowing the Raiders to score more than five-points in any quarter. The 18-points are the fewest the Raiders have scored this season. The Knights took control early with an 18-5 advantage after the initial eight minutes of play. Wayne Trace continued to struggle in the second period allowing 20 points while scoring just four to trail at the half 38-9.

Crestview placed three in double figures led by Cali Gregory with a game high 18 followed by Kennedy Crider with 13 and 10 points coming from Ellie Kline. The trio shot the ball very well with a combined 10-13 from the two-point area and 6-10 behind the arc. Five other Lady Knights each scored two-points each including Haley Owsley, Macy Kulwicki, Laci McCoy, Haley McCoy and Josie Kulwicki.

Adding to the Raiders woes, the red, white, and blue placed just four in the scoring column with Gracie Shepherd leading the Raiders with eight points followed by four-points each by Lexi Moore and Abby Moore. Elise Miller added two-points to round out the scoring. Wayne Trace shot 7-27 from the floor including an 0-7 behind the arc. Crestview forced the Raiders into 18 turnovers while committing just seven. Rebounding was even with each squad grabbing 18.

# LADY RAIDERS FALL SHORT IN KEY GMC GAME

**By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer**

In a key Green Meadows Conference girl's basketball game the Fairview Apaches remain untouched in league play after slipping past Wayne Trace 47-31. The undefeated Apaches (5-0, 16-4 overall) now claims the GMC title while the Raiders sit tied for second along with Ayersville - both sporting 4-2 records.

Wayne Trace stayed close to the Apaches in the opening quarter and trailed by just one 12-11 after the first eight minutes of play. The visitors stretched their margin in the second period, outscoring the red, white, and blue 11-6 to take a 23-17 advantage to the locker room.

The Raiders struggled in the second half and could never match the play of the Apaches. Heading into the final frame the Raiders had fallen behind 34-25 but within striking distance. In the last quarter the Apaches had their largest point output with 13 while the Raiders could only manage five points.

Wayne Trace, who falls to 11-9 overall was led in scoring by freshman Caroline Winans who was the only Raider in double-digits with 11. Lexi Moore recorded eight points followed by Harper Myers with five, Gracie Shepherd adding four and Kathleen Sinn with three to round out the Raiders scoring.

The Lady Apaches placed five in the scorebook with three coming up with double-figure scoring. Kelly Crites led

# PANTHERS CLAIM OUTRIGHT GMC TITLE



At the final buzzer and the win over the Lancers on Saturday night's game (February 4th) Paulding was crowned the GMC champions. The Panthers advance to 11-6 and 6-0 in the GMC. First boys basketball conference championship in 24 years! Congrats to Coach Miller and the Team!

Paulding claimed the Green Meadows Conference boys basketball outright championship Friday night with a 51-28 win at Tinora to improve to 6-0 in the league.

The Panthers, with one game remaining, have a two-game lead over county rivals Antwerp and Wayne Trace to seal the championship.

Ethan Foltz and Casey Agler paced the maroon and

white in the victory with 13 markers apiece while Isaac Reeb added ten points.

Other scorers for the Panthers were Nick Manz (four), Peyton Adams (three), Kane Jones (three), Brandon Schroeder (three) and Luke Zartman (two).

Paulding took a commanding 16-1 lead at the end of eight minutes of action and held a 25-10 lead after two

quarters. The maroon and white widened the gap to 38-16 entering the final stanza.

Luke Harris topped the Tinora effort with 13 points and Owen Ackerman posted six markers. Eli Plassman (three), Cole Anders (three), Gavin Eckert (two) and Alex Homier (one) completed the Ram scorers.

the way with 16 markers followed by 14 points from Allison Rhodes and Carrie Zeedyk contributing 13. Alex Taylor finished with three and Bethany Singer added one.

# DEFENSIVE MINDED RAIDERS STOP CONTINENTAL

**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.

# ARCHERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER ACES

After playing to a tie through eight minutes of action, visiting Antwerp pulled away over the final three quarters as the Lady Archers cruised to a 41-24 win over host Hicksville Thursday night in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball

action.

Tied at 3-3 at the end of one period, the blue and white picked up ten second quarter points compared to seven for the Aces as Antwerp took a 13-10 halftime advantage.

The third quarter, though, saw the Lady Archers post 14 markers in the stanza while limiting Hicksville to eight in expanding the margin to 27-18 at the end of three quarters.

Antwerp put the game away with another 14-point quarter in the final eight minutes of action and kept Hicksville to just six points, settling on the 41-24 win.

Caroline Rohrs topped Antwerp with 21 points on the night and Aewyn McMichael chipped in 13 markers. Hayleigh Jewell added five for the blue and white with Faith Clem posting a basket as well.

Leah Seitz paced Hicksville with ten points with Hayden Neidhardt recording four markers. Kennedy Adams, Reyna Mazur, Victoria Perna,

Lindsay Bergman and Ashlyn Steury all finished with a bucket apiece as well for the Lady Aces.

# DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/9/23

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

Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; Sherry Carnahan, Finance Manager/Administrator; Stephanie Metz, Clerk; and Emily Meyer, Administrative Assistant.

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

Based on the recommendation of Defiance County Engineer Warren Schlatter, the bid for the 2023 Bituminous Materials was awarded to Asphalt Materials, Inc.

Also based on Mr. Schlatter's recommendation, the bid for the 2023 Crushed Aggregate was awarded to all of the bidders so that material can be obtained from the most geographically/economically advantageous supplier.

The Commissioners entered into contract with Speelman Electric, Inc. for the Defiance County MARCs Communications Tower Project in the amount bid by them of \$677,567.00.

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

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# PAULDING ELEMENTARY MINDSET MARVELS



Paulding Elementary December/January 2023 Mindset Marvels, from left to right: Front row: Declan Pittman, Allison Lawrence, Ilah Zimmerman, Dean Font, Cole Mangette, William Arend. Middle row: Emma Steingass, Harlow Kipfer, Briggs Stoller, Caroline Miller, Milo Workman, Kyson Howard, Landyn Harshman, Damarion Martinez-Rohdy. Back row: Zoey Manz, Trenit Valle, Victor Lechuga, Nahla Carlisle, Landyn Clark. Not Pictured: Eliza Montfette, Kendra Manz, Abisai Escobar

# THREE PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP TRUSTEES RE-ELECTED TO BOARD



Three Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative trustees have been re-elected to the board: Joe Kohnen, District 1; Dr. John Saxton, District 6; and Dr. Ron Black, District 9.

• District 1 includes members who reside in Marion, Madison, Monroe, Preble, and Union Townships in Allen and Adams Counties, Indiana.

• District 6 includes members living in Auglaize, Brown, Latty, and Washington Townships in Paulding County Ohio; Defiance and Highland Townships in Paulding County, Ohio.

• District 9 includes members who reside in Sugarcreek, Pleasant, Union, Ottawa, and Riley Townships in Putnam County, Ohio.

PPEC members will not be receiving official ballots for the 2023 Board of Trustee elections in the mail this Feb-

ruary, as no members submitted petitions to run against incumbent trustees. As stated in the co-op Code of Regulations, Article III, Section 2 (a): "in the event of only one nominating petition being submitted for a district from which a trustee is to be elected, that member (nominee) shall be considered elected by affirmation and no election shall be necessary." This saves the co-op and membership in election, printing, and postage costs for ballots.

Each trustee serves a three-year term. The PPEC board of trustees consists of nine co-op members who each represent one district within the territory. Trustees set the strategic direction of the co-op and are responsible for establishing, reviewing, and revising corporate policies to ensure that service to the PPEC membership is fore-

most in mind, while maintaining a stable yet competitive position in the industry by setting rate structures.

Stay tuned for PPEC's 2023 annual meeting broadcast, which will air at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Members will hear financial reports, co-op updates, and have the chance to win \$50 bill credits by commenting on the livestream. For more information 800-686-2357.

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

**William J. Hale**, Cloverdale, OH; Zoning violation; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; 60 days jail - suspended; Maintain general good behavior; Continue to clean up the property

**Elijah J. Zamudio**, Elida, OH; Open container, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed

**Stephond L. Morgan**, Indianapolis, IN; Highway use tax, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Marked lanes, Case dismissed; Distracted

driving, Case dismissed  
**Matthew A. Schroeder**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct, Case dismissed per state, Without prejudice; Costs to be paid by the defendant

**Matthew J. Brubaker**, Defiance, OH; Burglary; Criminal damage; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Travis R. Eccard**, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, Placed on standard probation; Failure to control, Count B dismissed

**Timothy Thoemes**, Sabin, MN; Cross yellow line; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Stephanie Trausch**, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Debra A. Dillion**, Oakwood, OH; OVI/breath, dismissed

**Jeremy E. Shaffer**, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state; Costs paid by defendant

**Noah A. Smith**, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Orlando M. Scott**, Napoleon, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

**Shaliyah D. Morton**, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Dennis H. Bryant**, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Sabrina D. Ellison**, Van Wert, OH; Driving under suspension (failure to reinstate), Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Caitlin N. Pennington**, Payne, OH; Marked lanes, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Haven J. McAlexander**, Hicksville, OH; Failure to control, Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Orlando M. Scott**, Napoleon, OH; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Brookelynn A. Lee**, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

## OHIO TAKING FIRST STEP IN EXPANDING PASSENGER RAIL

Governor Mike DeWine has directed the Ohio Rail Development Commission to apply for the first phase of funding to study expanding passenger rail service in Ohio. The Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development program would assist the state in assessing potential intercity passenger rail corridors.

"This is the first step of many in this process. We have a lot of questions that need to be answered before we make any commitments," said DeWine. "The information we gather from this effort will help us make informed decisions about federal opportunities for passenger rail in Ohio."

The state has identified (Continued on Page 10)

## WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle "BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

- Across**
- The inventor of the longer lasting filament for the Edison light bulb and the evaporative air-conditioner
  - Civil rights leader who advocated for Black nationalism and self-reliance
  - Agricultural scientist and inventor who developed hundreds of products using peanuts, sweet potatoes, and soybeans
  - Poet, singer, and civil rights activist who wrote "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"
  - Jazz trumpeter and composer known for his virtuosity and musical innovations
  - Political and social activist who co-founded the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
  - Civil rights leader and politician who was one of the "Big Six" leaders of the civil rights movement
  - Writer and social critic known for his essays and novels exploring racial, sexual, and class identities
  - Jazz composer and pianist who led one of the greatest big bands in jazz history
  - King of Ragtime
- Down**
- Entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political and social activist who created a line of hair and beauty products
  - Novelist and essayist who wrote "Invisible Man"
  - Became the first African American to win an Oscar in 1940
  - Civil rights leader who helped found the Rainbow Coalition and ran for president in 1984 and 1988
  - Civil rights activist who refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama
  - First Black man to receive an Oscar, for his characterization of Uncle Remus in Song of the South.
  - First African American to play Major League Baseball in the modern era
  - Economist and social theorist known for his conservative views on race, economics, and education
  - Physician, researcher, and inventor who developed a blood storage method that saved countless lives during World War II
  - Civil rights leader who delivered the iconic "I Have a Dream" speech

*solution on page 11*

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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.

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5126.027, the Defiance County Commissioners, under authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 5126.022, are seeking an individual interested in an appointment to an unexpired term on the Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The volunteer, unpaid position is currently open, and the term expires December 31, 2025. Interested individuals must be Defiance County residents and, to the maximum extent possible, have professional training and experience in business management, finance, law, health care practice, personnel administration, or government service.

Application forms available at the Commissioners' Office, 500 Court Street, Suite A, Defiance, OH from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and at [www.defiance-county.com](http://www.defiance-county.com). Applications accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Submit completed application to:

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500 Court Street, Suite A  
Defiance, OH 43512**

**Defiance County Board of Commissioners**  
*David S. Kern, Dana Phipps, and Mick Pocratsky*

# REVOLUTIONARY WAR GARRISON COMING TO THE OLD FORT



Revolutionary War Garrison at the Old Fort, 1201 Spy Run Avenue on Saturday Only, February 25, 2023 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Event is free. Freewill donation.

Event Description: Winter in a fort on the Indiana frontier? Harsh temperatures and snow make daily life difficult during the winter months! Continental soldiers and militia will be performing daily duties and work details. Civilian refugees and local inhabitants will be plying their trades, cooking, sewing, and mending. Military drills and training will take place

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two corridors to advance for consideration: Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati and Cleveland-Toledo-Detroit.

If the application is successful, the Federal Railroad Administration would provide \$500,000 per corridor. These funds would allow Ohio to bring in a consultant to prepare a scope of work for a Service Development Plan. This would be a comprehensive plan that includes information about the track improvements, equipment, stations and other facilities, operating costs, ridership, and required state subsidy that are needed to start service.

“Under Governor DeWine’s direction, we have been talking with Amtrak for quite some time to explore options and gather information. Our work with Amtrak was necessary for a federal application but it is just the first step. The Governor has been very clear that for this to work for Ohio, it is not just a matter

weather dependent. There will also be ongoing demonstrations on timber framing and hewing timbers for interested woodworkers. Come warm yourself by the fire. Witness how an army survives the winter months on the frontier.

Always check facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne for any updates or schedule changes.

Please note: The bridge on Spy Run Avenue is undergoing construction. Parking is available in the lot across from the Old Fort on Spy Run Avenue. Please use extreme caution when crossing Spy Run Avenue.

of cost. It has to be done in a way that does not impede freight rail traffic in the state that is so important to our economy and our businesses,” said Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director of the Ohio Rail Development Commission.

The Corridor ID Program is a comprehensive intercity passenger rail planning and development program that will help guide intercity passenger rail development throughout the country and create a pipeline of intercity passenger rail projects ready for implementation.

## FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

### Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Antoinette Freet, assigned to Licking County, was dispatched to a residence in Lancaster on a report that a white-tailed deer was caught in a fence. Upon arrival, Officer Freet found a doe with her back foot stuck in the chain-

link fence. Officer Freet released the deer using bolt cutters. The doe ran off after the incident and will likely recover completely.

During the 2023 white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, responded to a complaint of hunting without permission at Deer Creek State Park. Officer Teders contacted a group of New York hunters. One individual was found to be hunting without the required hunter orange and was issued a summons. Officer Teders later discovered that the individual was under a hunting license revocation in Ohio and had created a fake customer ID to purchase a license. The individual had harvested a buck, failed to game-check the deer, and had written the wrong harvest date on the deer’s field tag. The individual was arrested and transported to the Pickaway County Jail. The offender was charged for not wearing orange during a deer gun season, with two counts of hunting under the wildlife violator compact for deer harvested during the 2021 and 2022 seasons, and for deterring a wildlife officer. An antlered deer was seized as evidence.

### Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Craig Barr, assigned to Allen County, checked waterfowl hunters for licenses and stamps during a recent patrol. Most hunters had harvested a few ducks or geese, including a group of three who were pulling their boat from Williams Reservoir. One of the individuals was found to have a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells without a device to limit the number of shells. He was issued a summons for Lima Municipal Court where he paid a fine and court costs totaling \$190 for the violation.

State Wildlife Investigator Brian Bury, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, and State Wildlife Officer Reid Van Cleve, assigned to Ottawa County, were patrolling Lake Erie when they spotted a red fox that was trapped on an ice floe. The ice was separated from the mainland and the fox was unable to get back to shore. The officers navigated through ice, caught the fox, and secured it in a carrier. Because of the distance from shore and the cold water, the fox would likely have drowned had the officers not been in the right place at the right time. The fox was taken to a local rehabilitator as a precaution and will be released back into the wild.

### Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the 2022 white-tailed deer gun hunting sea-

son, State Wildlife Officer Scott Cartwright, assigned to Carroll County, received a complaint of a hunter stealing a trail camera and hunting without permission. Officer Cartwright and State Wildlife Officer Nick Turner, assigned to Harrison County, identified a suspect. After an investigation, the individual was charged with hunting without permission and hunting deer without a permit. The trail camera was recovered. The individual was found guilty in Carroll County Municipal Court, was sentenced to 10 days in jail, received a one-year hunting license suspension, and was ordered to pay \$295 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Zach Hillman, assigned to Cuyahoga County, received a call from a resident who discovered an owl in her basement. At the residence, Officer Hillman quickly captured a barred owl that showed no signs of injury or trauma. It was subsequently released unharmed.

### Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During the 2022 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Jerrod Allison, assigned to Coshocton County, contacted two people who were deer hunting on Woodbury Wildlife Area. Officer Allison found that one individual was wearing blaze orange and carrying a shotgun, while the other was not wearing orange or carrying a firearm. Officer Allison learned that the individuals were sharing the gun while hunting. Both individuals were properly licensed, but Officer Allison found that the gun was loaded with five slugs. During the white-tailed deer gun hunting season, hunters cannot use more than three shells in the chamber and magazine combined, and they are required to wear a vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls that are either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange. One hunter was issued a summons for hunting with a gun that had more than three slugs, and the other hunter was issued a summons for not wearing orange during a deer gun season.

### Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

Assistant Wildlife Management Supervisor Ronnie Adams, State Wildlife Officer Gus Kiebel, assigned to Adams County, State Wildlife Officer Matt Roberts, assigned to Highland County, Field Supervisor Dave Warner, Law Operations Manager Eric Lamb, and District Manager Rick Rogers recently attended Sportsman’s Night Out. The event was hosted by Hillsboro Bible Baptist Church in Highland County and featured clinics, vendors, and refreshments. Attendance for this year’s event was around 1,500 individuals. Division of Wildlife staff answered questions from the public, and Buckeye Big Buck Club scored 121 white-tailed deer racks at the event.

State Wildlife Officer Houston Wireman, assigned to Shelby County, discovered three hunters from Michigan on a no-hunting nature preserve. Ohio law requires a person to obtain written permission before hunting on private lands or waters and to carry the written permission while hunting. All three hunters were issued a summons for hunting without permission.

## FARMERS, RANCHERS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL STUDY ABOUT BALANCING WORK AND CHILDREN



All parents know how challenging it is to balance children and work, especially when childcare options are limited. One group of parents in particular, farm and ranch parents, are being sought for a national study into their experiences.

Researchers at the National Farm Medicine Center and The Ohio State University are looking to better understand farm and ranch families operating in rural, urban, or suburban areas and their lived realities of balancing children and work.

“Childcare challenges (paid or unpaid) can have consequences for the farm business, the safety of children, and the well-being of the family as a whole,” said Shoshannah Inwood, rural sociologist and associate professor of community, food and economic development at Ohio State. “This is the first nationwide comprehensive survey focused on the realities of farmers and ranchers raising children.”

Because this is a Farm Bill year, the survey is especially timely, said Florence Becot, an associate research scientist at the National Farm Medicine Center and affiliate of the National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety. “Some farm organizations and policy makers are debating if affordable childcare in rural areas should become a priority,” she said.

The survey asks farmers not only about their childcare and schooling arrangements, but also about how their decisions are connected to farm safety, the economic viability of their farm business, and their household finances.

Anyone who plays a role in the operation of a farm or ranch and who is the primary caregiver of children currently under the age of 18, can complete the online survey. Being a primary caregiver can take many forms, including being biological, adoptive, foster, or stepparents, grandparents, aunts and/or uncles, etc. Primary caregiving of the children can be done alone or with a partner.

The survey, which should take 15-20 minutes to complete, can be found at [https://redcap.link/Survey1\\_FarmersRaisingChildren](https://redcap.link/Survey1_FarmersRaisingChildren). Survey

participants can also enter a raffle to win one of fifty \$50 checks. For questions or to request a paper survey, contact Florence Becot at 715-389-9379 or [becot.florence@marshfield-research.org](mailto:becot.florence@marshfield-research.org)

“We recognize that farmers often feel over-surveyed and have limited time and energy this time of year,” said Becot. “However, we also know that decisions are being made by local, state, and national policymakers without a good grounding in the realities faced by actual farm families.”

Over the years the U.S. Department of Agriculture has invested significant resources to recruit and retain the next generation of farmers, Inwood said. “Yet these programs and resources rarely consider or take into account the childcare needs of farm and ranch families, despite evidence of childcare challenges dating back to the 1980s.”

As one Ohio farm parent told Becot and Inwood during a focus group last year: “If America wants farmers, we need help with childcare.”

## SOIL HEALTH MANAGEMENT PLANS

USDA-NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) is promoting farmers to adopt a soil health management plan for their farms. NRCS defines soil health as “the continued capacity of a soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans.” There are several key concepts. First, soil is alive and teaming with soil microbes and other biological life (earthworms, mites, springtails, etc.). Second, soil has many functions that are critical to our life.

Key essential soil functions include: 1) regulating water, 2) sustaining plant and animal life, 3) filtering and buffering potential pollutants, 4) cycling soil nutrients and 5) providing physical stability and support. Soil microbes mediate about 90% of all soil functions. Microbes process all soil carbon and even breakdown rocks to make plant nutrients available. Also, soil microbes are the end-product of most soil organic matter (SOM). Dead microbes become the long-term SOM.

Soils help control (regulate) where rain, snow, and irrigation water end up; how it flows; and where and how much is stored in the soil. All plants, animals and humans rely on soil to survive, because that is where our food is produced. Soil also filters and buffers many potential pollutants (fertilizer, manure, pesticides, sludge) that are applied to it. Soil organic matter (SOM) is made of around 50-58% carbon which helps soils accomplish many of these functions.

Soil also stores and recycles soil nutrients to keep plants healthy. Soil also provides physical stability and

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support for tractors to farm it; or for people to build homes, businesses, highways etc. For farmers wanting government assistance for conservation projects, a soil health management plan may be required.

USDA-NRCS are concerned about what happens to soils when they are cultivated or tilled for long periods of time. First, the tillage causes a rise in carbon dioxide from the soil into the atmosphere and a loss of SOM. Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas which, from the government's perspective, leads to climate change. Tilled soils tend to have lower water infiltration, more nutrient runoff, tends to erode, have less biological life, and decreased biodiversity. Bare soil has higher soil temperatures, more soil compaction, less nutrient efficiency, and less resilience to bad weather and pests. In sum, bare soils tend to be described as being naked, run a fever (have a hotter soil temperature in summer, colder in winter), and are thirsty (soils crust, water runs off, soil holds less water for biological life).

Farmers often till the soil to control weeds and pests. However, tillage buries weed seed and preserves them. Tillage allows soils to dry out in the Spring, so the soil warms up. Every tillage pass loses 0.5-1.0 acre inch of water. However, tillage causes soils to stay wet due to soil compaction, so water can not drain away easily or on the reverse side, the loss in SOM means tilled soils hold less water in a dry summer. Well aerated, well aggregated soils with live roots allow cold winter water to drain away while holding more soil water for a dry summer. Tillage allows good seed-to-soil contact but well aggregated soils high in SOM do the same.

In the next few years, there are going to be many advances in biologicals to promote and maintain higher crop yields. Many companies are now re-searching and promoting microbial products that improve soil functions. Some biologicals make nitrogen and phosphorus more available and increase nutrient cycling and nutrient efficiency. Others add soil carbon (SOM) which improves soil aggregation (good soil tilth) for improved water control (less runoff,

higher water infiltration, more soil water storage). Keeping carbon in the soil, helps reduce the impacts of climate change and allows soils to filter and buffer potential pollutants. Biologicals are also being developed to speed up residue decomposition. Ideally, 80% of the crop residue should be decomposed by next spring if your soil is healthy.

In a soil health management plan, USDA-NRCS emphasize four main core soil health principles. First, minimize disturbance as much as possible. That includes reducing or eliminating tillage, preventing over grazing on grazed land, and over applying nutrients and pesticides. Second maximize a living cover, whether that be surface residue or live plants to protect the soil from wind and water erosion. Third, maximize live roots by keeping the soil covered with live plants year-round. Either plant cover crops after the main crop or plant perennials (hay, pasture, etc). The fourth principle is to maximize biodiversity. Increase or lengthen your crop rotation to add more crops or even add livestock to improve soil biodiversity. Creating a soil health management plan is not only profitable, its good for the environment.

—James J. Hoorman  
Hoorman Soil Health Services

### U.S. FARM BILL POLLS

The US Farm Bill talks are now starting and a recent poll by Morning Consult (Walton Family Foundation) shows that voters support sustainable farming practices. Most Americans understand that keeping farming profitable is important for our national security but they also want healthy food and water and they support farming practices that make agriculture sustainable.

Key summary points from this poll:

“Nearly 90% of Americans believe that it is important to update and encourage sustainable farming practices that support clean water and healthy, productive soil.”

“Roughly 80% of Americans also support modernizing the Farm Bill to support farmers as they implement

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more sustainable farming practices.”

A key Walton Foundation Conclusion of this poll was: “Supporting farmers to grow food more sustainably is a way to protect people and nature together. This should be a priority in the Farm Bill, and also a call to action to the food industry – people are hungry for sustainable options.”

Other key findings directly quoted from this poll include:

“A broad bipartisan coalition says it is at least an important priority for Congress to reauthorize the U.S. Farm Bill (88% of Democrats, 78% of Independents, and 78% of Republicans).” It appears that almost everyone agrees on this important point.

“Proposals in the Farm Bill reauthorization that move farming practices toward being more sustainable are popular among voters: 76% of voters support helping farmers to implement practices that protect our land, water, and health such as improving water quality, reducing soil erosion, and establishing buffers between farm land and waterways.”

“Voters want the federal government to encourage sustainable farming practices. When asked, 60% of voters agree that the federal government should use its power to encourage farmers to adopt more climate friendly practices.”

“Today’s inflation and

rising food costs shouldn't stop American agriculture from planning for the future. Most voters (84%) agree that we need to do more to maintain soil health and water quality so we can feed future generations. When asked to choose between the agriculture industry producing food in a sustainable way that ensures America will be able to produce healthy food for the future, or producing enough food to feed the American population now while keeping costs down, a majority of voters favor preparing for a sustainable future (57% to 44%).”

“Voters are more likely to vote for a candidate for political office in their state if they advocate for modernizing the Farm Bill to better help farmers address climate change (50% say that they are more likely).” You might have noticed, that as the poll progressed, the support starts to decline as the question become more polarized.

The poll was taken from July 6-8, 2002 and polled a sample of 1,988 registered voters. The poll was conducted online and the answers were “weighted to approximate a target sample of registered voters based on gender by age, educational attainment, race, marital status, home ownership, race by educational attainment, 2020 presidential vote, and region with a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.” (Morning

Consult Poll, 2023).

The issue of climate change will be one of the most debated topics. Farmers have to deal directly with warmer temperatures, droughts, flooding and weather extremes. There is a big push for the United States “to achieve net-zero greenhouse emissions by 2050, but the participation and transformation of the nation's agriculture sector will be needed to achieve that goal. US agricultural activities – which provide the food we eat, the fibers we wear, and the biofuels that run our cars – account for ~11% of national greenhouse gas emissions and up to 20% of national emissions when looking at the entire agri-food value chain.” According to the Walton Foundation, who supported this poll.

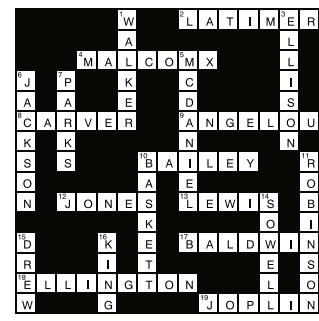
Several key environmental groups are pushing for the 50% reduction in agricultural greenhouse emissions. If no changes are made in the US Farm Bill “in a business-as-usual” scenario, emissions are likely to stay flat over the next 30 years. However, with coordinated effort by key actors across the agri-food value chain – including policy-makers, researchers, companies, farmer and ranchers, and consumers; a 50% reduction in net emissions by 2050 may be possible.” Says the Walton Foundation, 2023.

The current US Farm bill expires in 2023. The farm bill is a series of legislative packages that are put together every 5 years. It includes concerns and issues from farmers and the rural

community and combines legislation to address urban issues like SNAP (food stamps) and food security. This year, 2023, will be interesting as farmers and environmentalist debate how to put together a new US Farm Bill.

—James J. Hoorman  
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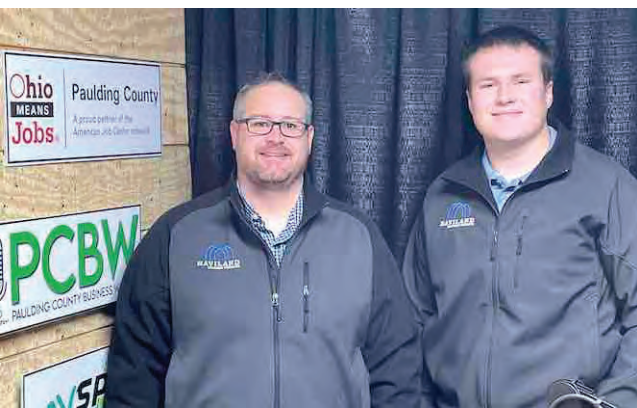
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To be considered for the Best Fleets to Drive For program, trucking companies must operate a minimum of 10 tractors and receive a nomination from one of their company drivers or independent contractors. Drivers are then asked to complete surveys with a va-

riety of questions spanning several different categories. All surveys are compiled and scored by TCA and CarriersEdge to determine the results. Companies must rank in the top tier of each category to receive recognition.

"This year we saw 165 fleets nominated by their drivers for this program and a record-breaking 95 finalists," said CarriersEdge Chief Executive Officer Jane Jazrawy. This year also holds significance in that it's the 15th anniversary of the program.

"The Best Fleets to Drive For has made a substantial impact on drivers and the carriers they work for," shared TCA President Jim Ward. Nominated fleets are evaluated on the following categories: compensation, benefits, human resources strategy, operational strategy, performance and recognition, development and career, and work/life balance.

"We are honored to be recognized as a Best Fleet to Drive For for the 6th year in a row. Drivers are the heart

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Grant Kemmerer has been a guest animal expert on nationally televised shows such as Anderson Cooper, CBS Early Show, Fox and Friends, Martha Stewart, and the Meredith Vieira Show. The Wild World Of Animals show

## HARVEYS WIN WEDNESDAY NIGHT WASHER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT



Congrats to The Harvey Boys! They are the 2022-23 CR Carpet Wednesday Night Washer League tournament CHAMPIONS! This is their first big tournament win! Dominic Harvey and Dakota Harvey - nice work coming out of the losers' bracket and launching the double dip on Zac Feasby and Jeff Hitzeman! 3rd place went to Jason Hornmann and David Gerig with

Robert Bragg and Sam Beregszazi rounding out the top 4. The tournament took place on Wednesday, February 9, 2023 at Hop's Place in Antwerp.

Season Awards were also handed out on this night. Dakota also took 1st place in singles. Sam Williamson defeated Kyle Proxmire in a one game showdown for 2nd place in singles! Dakota also set the

record of 42 points in a season!

Division winners were the following: Jason Gaisford, Derek Smalley, Colby Feasby and Scott Lichty.

Runners up in the divisions include the aforementioned Bobby and Sam after a dismal start to the season and Zac and Hitz also scored some envelopes! Great job everyone!

teaches the importance of ALL animals, the jobs they perform in nature, adaptations, some of the misconceptions surrounding certain species, and that wild animals ARE NOT pets. The animals are trained ambassadors that will put on a show to educate and excite the animal lover in everyone.

For information go to [vanwertlive.com](http://vanwertlive.com) or contact the Box Office Mon-Fri from 10A to 3P / 419-238-6722.

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## BRANDI SCHRADER SPEAKS TO KIWANIS GROUP



Pictured: Brandi Schrader (right) & Shannon Ruschel (left), Director, Paulding County Waste Management Education & Awareness)

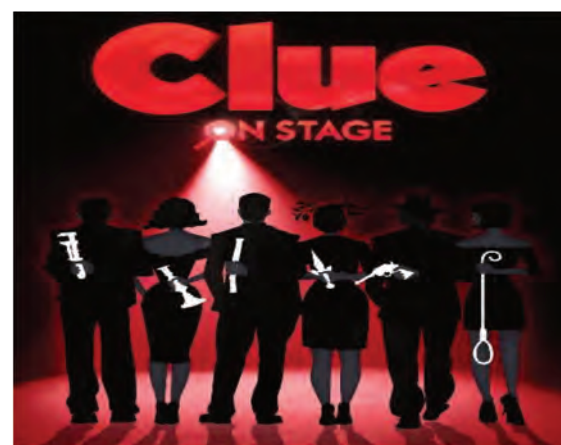
The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Brandi Schrader (Director of Environmental Health/Deputy Health Commissioner, Paulding County Health Department) as the guest speaker at the February 9, 2023, club meeting. Brandi

came at the invitation of Lisa McClure (Executive Director, Paulding County Area Foundation & Paulding County Commissioner). Brandi spoke to the Kiwanians about the current and future activities of the Paulding County Health Department.

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