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Cooper Farms celebrates 85 years as a family owned and operated farm and food company in 2023. It has grown from a small turkey hatchery started in 1938 to a diversified, vertically integrated turkey, hog and egg company that has stood the test of time in an ever-changing industry. Cooper Farms prides itself on forming lasting customer relationships and producing the highest quality meat and egg products for private label retail

WAYNE TRACE PERFORMING ARTS ASSOC. PRESENTS THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL



Poster creation by Nicole Morehead Photography LLC.

The students and staff of Wayne Trace Performing Arts Assoc. is set to present The SpongeBob Musical this weekend, March 10-12, 2023 at the Payne Elementary auditorium. Friday and Saturday's performances will be at 7:30

p.m. and Sunday's performance is at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at bit.ly/WayneTraceSpongeBobTickets.

Citizens of Bikini Bottom are shook when they find out that a volcano will erupt soon

and eradicate their homes. It's SpongeBob and his friends to the rescue to plan how to save their home under the sea.

Make plans to celebrate this talented cast and dive under the sea to see The SpongeBob Musical this weekend!

RANDY PRICE SELECTED BY PPEC BOARD AS NEXT CEO



The Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees is proud to announce the selection of Randy Price as CEO, effective April 3, 2023.

Price has most recently been a regional vice president for Cooperative Building Solutions, based in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to his current position, he served as CEO of

Carroll White REMC in Monticello, Indiana.

Price started his career in 1988 as a lineworker at White County REMC, serving in various operational and management roles until becoming its CEO in 2007. In 2012, he was hired as the first CEO of Carroll White REMC, a newly formed co-op created when White County REMC and Carroll County REMC consolidated.

PPEC's current president and CEO, George Carter, will retire in April after 35 years in the electric cooperative industry, including 18 as PPEC's CEO. Carter and his wife, Debra, plan to continue living in rural Paulding.

The PPEC Board of Trustees utilized Leigh Taylor of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Executive Search to facilitate the hiring process. Applications were received from coast to coast. The search took about

10 months, as the board worked diligently to maintain

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- March 8**
- TechCred Workshop @ Paulding Eagles, 8:30-10:30a
 - Comm. Lenten Lunches @ 1st Pres Church, Paulding, 12pm
- March 10-12**
- The Spongebob Musical @ Wayne Trace HS,
- March 14**
- Hands of Hope Pulled Pork Fundraiser @ OSU Ext. Bldg, 5-6:30pm
 - Antwerp Winter Sports Awards, auditoria, 7pm
- March 14 & 16**
- Chocolate Extravaganza, Oakwood Library

- March 15**
- Comm. Lenten Lunches @ 1st Pres Church, Paulding, 12pm
 - Hoops for Heart @ Antwerp School, all day
- March 16**
- Guided History Tour @ Swinney House, FW, 9a-2p
 - Comm. Lenten Svsc @ Auglaize Chapel, 7pm

- March 17**
- Hicksville KofC, Fish Fry @ St. Michaels, 4:30pm
- March 17-19**
- Antwerp HS Spring Musical *Freaky Friday*, 7p; 2p (3/19)

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OBITUARIES

PAYNE, OH:
Arthur Leman Saylor, 83, of Payne, Ohio passed away Friday, February 24, 2023 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. ARR BY DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 5761 SR 500, PAYNE, OHIO.



ANTWERP, OH:
Ruth Mary York, 89, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away at home on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Ruth was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on February 26, 1933, a daughter of the late Bertha (Hemenover) and Donald Hallock.

She was a waitress at Bob's Restaurant in Woodburn, Indiana. Ruth was a member of the Eastern Star and lifetime member of the Antwerp United Methodist Church. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Ruth was full of life and loved to spend time with others. She looked forward to the noise and chaos of family events, where everyone enjoyed her specialties like sugar cookies and homemade applesauce. She was known to cheer for the Chicago Bulls, Green Bay Packers and all of her grandchildren at their sporting events. Ruth loved traveling with her husband, Jerry, especially to the beach. (Suffice it to say, Ruth thoroughly enjoyed life!)

Ruth will be sadly missed by her husband Jerry York, children, Kim Schnelker, Lisa (Marty) Minna, David (Kim) Savage, Joan (Ray) Garbaciak, Angela (Phil) Kelley and Chad York; 15 grandchildren & 14 great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Barbara (Frank) Leinard.

Her family will hold a celebration of life on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 2 pm to 5 pm at 13426 Road 27C, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

WAYNE TRACE REACH DISTRICT FINALS; STOLLER REACHES 1000 POINTS



WT Junior Brooks Laukhuf goes up for a jump shot in the District Finals on Marth 1st at Napoleon. Photo by Seth Yenser.

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

In a mild upset fourth seed Wayne Trace secured a spot in the Division III District finals with a 41-29 win over second seed Swanton in the district semi. With the win the Raiders improve their record to 19-6 and will play top seed Emmanuel Christian who sits at 22-3 for the district title and the opportunity to move on to the Regional.

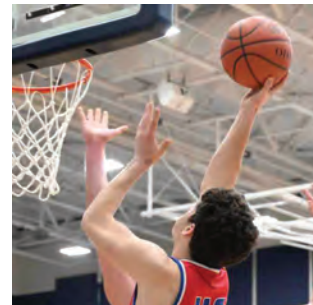
The highlight in the contest came in the third period when Raider junior Kyle Stoller produced his 1,000 point. He and teammate Brooks Laukhuf are the first classmates to reach this milestone as well as the first time two players have done it in the same season. Laukhuf finished the night with 21 while Stoller added 15 to bring his

career total to 1,006. Stoller also had his way in the paint with a game high 18 rebounds.

Also scoring for the Raiders in the low scoring contest ws Tanner Laukhuf and Tyler Davis each with two and one point from Cale Winans.

The Raiders held a slim 6-5 lead after one quarter of play but managed to widen their margin in the second quarter to lead 21-9 at the midway point. Swanton fought back in the third period, outscoring the red, white, and blue 14-7. The fourth quarter started with the Raiders on top 28-23. Wayne Trace continued to build their advantage throughout the final eight minutes of play, outscoring their opponent 13-6 to come away with the 12 point win.

Swanton placed six players in the scoring column, led by the seven points from Luc Borojevich. Charlie Wood added six, Drew Smigelski and Hayden Callicotte each with five, Cole Mitchey adding four and Keyon Johnson with two. Swanton closes out the 2022-23 campaign at 18-6.



WT Junior Kyle Stoller reached the 1,000 point mark for his career with a basket at the 7:35 mark of the third quarter. He is the 11th player in Wayne Trace boys basketball history to reach the milestone and joins teammate Brooks Laukhuf in breaking the 1,000 point mark this season. They are the first classmates to reach the milestone and it is the first time two boys basketball players have done it in the same season. Photo by Seth Yenser

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
 Can you give me an explanation concerning the animals mentioned in Leviticus 1:8 that were not to be eaten?*

From the time of creation until the flood, everyone was a vegetarian (Gen. 1:29-30). Around 1490 BC the Lord gave Moses special instructions specifically for the Jewish people, primarily to set them apart from the Gentiles. God permitted everything that moved to be eaten in Genesis 9:2-4. According to Colossians 2:14-17, these laws were a "shadow" (picture) of Christ. The unclean animals were associated with things like bringing forth death, having filthy habits, feasting on dead, rotting and diseased animals, etc. They were a good picture of both sin and sinners. These animals included all kinds of vultures, parasites, slimy scale less fish, serpents, pigs, swarming creatures and many others. The clean animals had better habits and were less destructive, such as cows, sheep and goats. Once that picture had fulfilled its purpose when Christ died on the cross, the necessity for keeping it was done away (Colossians 2:13-17). Read Acts 10:9-15 and 28).

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES @AUGLAIZE CHAPEL

Journey to the Cross at Auglaize Chapel Church, 22652 Road 60, Oakwood, OH 45873

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Everyone is welcome!

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AND OHIO TURNPIKE ANNOUNCE 2023 SAFETY INITIATIVES

The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) and the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) are collaborating in an effort to reduce fatal crashes and unsafe driving behaviors on the Ohio Turnpike statewide.

The OSHP and the OTIC announced safety initiatives slated for 2023 aimed to improve roadway safety along the 241-mile Ohio Turnpike (Interstate 80, I-90 and I-76), which traverses through 13 counties across northern Ohio.

These initiatives include plans for increased aerial speed enforcement, distracted driving enforcement zones, increased patrols of work zones and educational programs. The purpose of these initiatives is to continue to educate drivers on the importance of following traffic laws and eliminating dangerous driving behaviors.

"Critical injuries and deaths continue to occur when drivers are speeding and/or distracted," said Staff Lieutenant Richard Reeder, OSHP Turnpike Liaison. "Through this collaboration, we can collectively focus on our shared mission of reducing traffic fatalities and improving the overall safety of the Ohio Turnpike."

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Scripture of the Week

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

— Isaiah 55:8-9

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER SUCCESS OFFERS MORE SUCCESS



The Small Business Innovation Center (SBIC) located, between the Paulding Area Foundation building and the Board of Elections, currently has multiple office spaces available for rent.

Managed by the Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office, the SBIC was established in 2015 to offer an economical business office setting to young, growing businesses or established businesses located outside of the immediate area. With a prime location "on the square," these businesses have the opportunity to gauge community support and maximize their visibility to determine if opening their own storefront would be viable or beneficial. Ideally, these businesses would flourish and eventually require their own permanent spaces from vacant storefronts in Paulding County or those in need of refurbishment.

AgCredit, a member-owned farm credit lending firm from northwest Ohio, was the first business to take advantage of the SBIC opportunity and turn it into a success. After establishing a temporary office in the SBIC,

AgCredit made their move in the fall of 2020 into a re-vamped retail space at 839 N. Williams St and added more members to their team.

Other businesses have taken up residence in the SBIC temporarily while their future locations were either under construction or yet to be established. Paulding's probate court temporarily occupied one of the SBIC's office suites before moving to its permanent location on McDonald Pike. In 2020, The Union Bank expanded into Paulding by utilizing the SBIC reception area and office suite while their future location on Main St in Paulding was under renovation. The original Red Angel Pizza owners finished out their careers with their home office in the SBIC.

PCED Director Tim Copesey noted, "The SBIC has been instrumental in establishing office space for many new and existing businesses in Paulding County. We look forward to what the future brings for the next businesses in occupying this open space."

What the SBIC offers The SBIC consists of two levels of rentable office spaces.

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A FORGOTTEN BATTLE

Penny For Your Thought
By: Nancy Whitaker

I was talking to my friend, Denny, the other night about History and he asked me, "Have you ever heard of the battle of St. Clair?" "It was fought in Ohio and very close to Mercer County." (Now, Denny and I like to challenge each other on history trivia and let me say this, "Denny can tell you almost everything about the wars we have been engaged in.") (Shhhh, don't tell him I said that he can beat me at trivia.)

I replied, "No. But, I have heard of Custers last stand."

"Nope, nope, he said. "Google it." So I did. Even though I studied Ohio History in school, I guess I did not focus too much on one of the biggest Indian battles of all times fought pretty close to here.

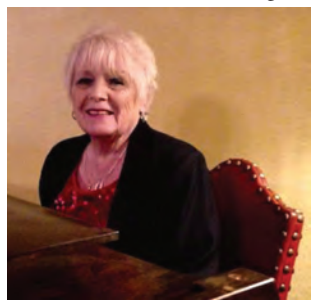
I have heard and read many stories about General Custer and his battle with the Sioux that cost him his life, but never read much on Mr. St. Clair's bloody battle. St. Clair's defeat, which also is called the Battle of the Wabash, was the greatest defeat of an American army by a confederation of American Indians in our country's history. Yet it never gets mentioned. The story to me is fascinating.

In case you are a history buff, in 1791 a group of soldiers and their followers left another post in Pennsylvania to go fight a group of Indians. The troops were led by Arthur St. Clair, who had also fought in the Revolutionary War.

The Army, marched along the western edge of Ohio into what is now Mercer County (Fort Recovery). The Governor of the Northwest Territory, Major General Arthur St. Clair, a veteran general of the

American Revolution, commanded an Army of militia which included six-month volunteers and regulars. They had hoped for a force of 4,000, but only could muster 2,000 able bodies. To increase his firepower, St. Clair had an assortment of eight medium- and light field artillery pieces.

But the campaign was delayed and the soldiers got restless. One reason was that St. Clair had a bout with the gout



and it was so painful, he could not get up on his horse.

The soldiers that had enlisted for 6 months were getting tired of waiting around and when the group did begin their march, they could only travel a few miles through the dense wilderness. So, many soldiers just left and some just got plain tired and deserted.

On the evening of Nov. 3, the Army made their encampment alongside the Wabash River (located in present day Ohio) deep in enemy territory on about 7 acres of wilderness. Can you imagine what all the soldiers had in their encampment? Well, whatever it was, they were not prepared for the large force of Indians they encountered the next fateful day. The men were tired, cold, hungry and was looking forward to some sleep.

Major Butler second in command, observed some natives milling around outside their camp, but after observing them, thought they would surely attack in the morning and not that evening. St. Clair had went to bed and Butler forgot to inform him about the approaching morning attack.

Who were all the tribes in the battle? There were various tribes all fighting together such as, Shawnee, Delaware, Wyandot and Miami. Leading

the Miami warriors was Little Turtle, whom they say was the greatest military leader and he was never defeated in a battle. This day was no different.

The dreary morning of Nov. 4, 1791 was a cold rainy day and occasionally snow flakes would float across the ground. Some one played the Reveille to wake people up around day light and here came the Indians ready to fight, defend and claim their land.

The soldiers watching the artillery got killed right off the bat and approximately 300 more fled for their lives. After two hours St. Clair ordered a retreat with the Americans casualty rate, among the soldiers, was 97.4 percent, including 632 of 920 killed (69%) and 264 wounded. Nearly all of the 200 camp followers were slaughtered, for a total of 832 Americans killed. Approximately one-quarter of the entire U.S. Army had been wiped out. There were more American soldiers lost at this

battle than the Sioux killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn. Indian casualties were about 61, with at least 21 killed.

One interesting fact is that the Indians did not chase the deserters, but chose to plunder in that encampment. I wonder what they found?

Another interesting bit of information was that St. Clair had his horse shot from underneath him 2 times during the battle. After the smoke cleared, the soldiers fled for their lives. When President George Washington heard of the disaster, he replaced Arthur St. Claire as commander.

It is hard to imagine the history that has taken place right here in Ohio and close to us. There was even a song written about Commander St. Clair. You will have to "Google" it, learn the words and the tune. If you do, I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

The main entrance opens to the reception area with approximately 240 sq ft and plenty of workspace with two seating areas.

Between the reception area and community office area are four, 10' x 12' office suites. The community area is equipped with a workspace, file storage, restrooms and a full kitchenette including a microwave, sink and refrigerator. Three of the suites are currently occupied by PC Waste Management, Maid to Achieve, and new to the county, United Edge Real Estate and Auction.

At the far end of the lower level is a community boardroom that seats up to 12 people. All of the spaces are powered and equipped with wifi.

Upstairs, there is a total of five rentable office spaces, four of which are currently occupied. There are two conference rooms available to rent by the hour. Northwest State Community College holds classes in this space and Paulding Entrepreneurial Network (PEN) holds meetings there twice a month.

Businesses that currently occupy the upper-level offices include Habitat for Humanity, Family First Bail Bondsman, Papin Photography and Northwest Ohio Wind.

For more information about the SBIC, or for a tour of these spaces, contact Office Manager Kristen Schilt at 419-399-8295, or office@pced.net.

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leadership continuity, keeping the organization's mission statement at the forefront.

"Randy has proven to be an effective and principled leader in his 30-plus years in the electric cooperative system," said board Chairman Steve McMichael. "We are excited to work with Randy as PPEC continues to safely provide our member-owners and our communities with quality electric service, sustainable energy solutions, and superior customer service at fair and reasonable prices."

"I met Randy shortly after becoming a trustee on the PPEC board 10 years ago," McMichael said. "I've known Randy to be a person of great integrity and one who lives the Seven Cooperative Principles. I am excited about the future at PPEC as we face new challenges in a changing energy environment."

Carter said he supports the board's selection. "I have known Randy for many years and consider him not only a colleague but a personal friend," he said. "I am confident in the board's decision and look forward to working with Randy on the transition."

Price, meanwhile, expressed his readiness to join the PPEC leadership team.

"Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is a co-op that strives to serve its member-owners, and I'm grateful to join an organization with strong values and integrity," he said. "I've admired the leadership and the co-op for years and now look forward to working with the trustees and staff to serve the members and communities where they live and work."

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative serves nearly 13,000 members in Ohio and Indiana. Its territory includes Allen and Adams counties in Indiana and Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Defiance, and Allen counties in Ohio.

"2023 will bring a new era to Paulding Putnam as Mr. Price becomes the cooperative's fifth CEO in its rich 87-year history," McMichael said. "Mr. Carter has contributed greatly to the cooperative and the community during his 18-year tenure. His leadership will be missed. As he retires, George is leaving PPEC in a very strong financial and operational position. The board appreciates George's service and leadership since 2005."

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Joseph Olney Gorrell was born January 24, 1896 in Payne, Ohio. The son of Don Corlis and Amy C. (Roe) Gorrell. Don C. was born in Indiana February of 1869. Amy was born in Indiana, January of 1872. Don and Amy were married, September 11, 1892 in Grant County, Indiana.

By 1900, the Gorrell's along with three children, Joseph was the second child, were living in Payne, Don was a dentist. By 1910, the Gorrell's added a daughter to the family. The family had moved to Paulding living on Harrison Street.

Don had opened his dentist trade also in Paulding. Joseph was in school learning for that future education that was to come. Joseph was going to college at Ohio State University for Pharaceutical and Chemical Medicine. By 1917, Joseph was in Graduate Officers Reserve Training School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indiana.

Joseph registered for the draft from Ft. Harrison on June 1, 1917. Single, medium build, medium height, brown eyes, brown hair. December 14, 1917, Joseph was in the regular army at Columbus Barracks in Columbus, Ohio. He was assigned to 239th Aerial Squadron serving until April 19, 1918. Served with the 241st Aerial Squadron until June 26, 1918.

May 11, 1918, he was sent

to Central Officers Training Camp, Camp Taylor, Kentucky. Promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Honorably Discharged, November 26, 1918 to accept a commission. No active service as an officer during the war.

Joseph returned home to his parents' house. They were living on Oak Street in Payne. But there is a gal in the picture, Miss Clara J. Lehman, a school teacher, born 1896, the daughter of William E. and Elnora Amy (White) Lehman. On September 21, 1921, Joseph and Clara were married in Paulding by the Rev. Sherman Aldrick. By 1924, Joseph and Clara were living at 1806 Goodyear Boulevard in Akron, Ohio. Joseph was the manager of his brother's drug store. His brother Wal-



lace was a druggist along with his wife, Ester, and ran the pharmacy, Gorrell Pharmacies, it was located at 409 West Thorton Street in Akron. On April 16, 1925 in Summit County, Akron, Ohio, Joseph O. Gorrell suddenly passed away.

He was brought back home to Paulding County, and buried in Lehman Cemetery, Payne, Ohio. His wife, Clara, never remarried. On April 22, 1976 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, she passed away. She was buried beside Joseph in Lehman Cemetery. They never had children.

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Shown here from the left are: Holland Witkouski, Johanna Federighi, Mylann Good, Ellie Kowalski and Lyrik Longstreth.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers recently made a kite project on letter "Kk" day. We had fun cutting and selecting colorful kites for our cre-

ations. Registration is open for fall preschool and summer care! Give us a call at 419-399-KIDS (5437).

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and foodservice companies. "Our company was founded on a handshake mentality, with a focus on doing the right thing all the time," said Jim Cooper, CEO. "It's humbling to see the growth of Cooper Farms and all that we've accomplished, with the help of great partners, leaders and team members. I am pleased to see these next generations, both Cooper family and team members, stepping up to leadership roles and seeing us through these next phases of growth."

Cooper Farms started in 1938 with 300 turkeys in Oakwood, Ohio when Virgil Cooper took over the farm, after his mother's passing. By 1948, a hatchery had been

built where the Cooper Farms Corporate Office now resides.

In 1974, Virgil and Virginia Cooper's sons, Jim and Gary Cooper returned to the farm to work with their dad full-time.

"When I came back we had maybe 30 team members," said Jim Cooper, CEO. "Today we have about 2,400 team members, plus the 375 family farmers who help us raise our turkeys, hogs and chickens."

The Cooper family recognizes they have advanced as a company thanks to team members who make up Cooper Farms and the communities all around them.

"We're proud to maintain a culture rooted in family values where every team member is treated like family," said Dianne Cooper, Corporate

Secretary. "My parents always made sure to treat their team right and give back to the community."

Through the company's continued growth, Cooper Farms gives back to the communities that surround the company through the Cooper Family Foundation. Through the foundation, Cooper Farms provided \$2.4 million in donations to local organizations in the past five years.

"We try to keep the money in the local communities," said Greg Cooper, General Manager. "We make a point to support the township trustees, fire departments, EMS, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sheriff departments, libraries, schools and fairs. Anything that has a real value to a community."

Over the past several years the poultry and pork industries have faced several disease and food quality challenges. Cooper Farms' invested approach to vertical integration and biosecurity has helped them to navigate these

challenges along the way.

"We know there's always room for improvement and continue to focus on biosecurity, animal care and food safety. We also feel strongly that vertical integration as a company has been integral," said Gary Cooper, COO. "We are able to have confidence that quality and biosecurity procedures are maintained at every step of the process, from the feed mills and farms to the ready-to-eat products."

Over the past 85 years, Cooper Farms has maintained a "never sit idle" mentality, pushing themselves to consistently look for ways to improve processes, quality, safety and animal care.

"Being innovative in the way we do things, always looking to improve our processes, is part of the reason our company has been successful," said Gary Cooper. "We were founded on a can-do attitude and we will continue to have that mindset in the way we do business moving forward."

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From 2018 through 2022, there were 11,038 crashes on the Ohio Turnpike. Of those crashes, 2,152 were injury crashes and 48 were fatal crashes. Speed was attributed to nearly 4,000 crashes during that time period, while distracted driving attributed to 349 of those crashes.

"Despite all the recent advances in vehicle technology designed to improve motorist and roadway safety, dangerous driving behaviors alone cause about 94% of fatal crashes each year nationwide," said Chris Matta, OTIC chief engineer, in remarks today at the Cleveland Auto Show. "The top-five deadly driving risky behaviors include speeding/aggressive driving, distracted driving, impaired driving, not wearing seatbelts, and drowsy driving."

The OTIC also highlighted a few of its year-round safety campaigns, which include Don't Crowd the Plow; Move Over, Slow Down; and Work Zone Awareness.

"Motorists should take every precaution to avoid passing snowplow trucks and allow extra space for our maintenance crews to clear the road," Matta added. "The safest place to be on the road is behind a snowplow truck."

To remind motorists of Ohio's Move Over Law, the OTIC has installed permanent roadway signs, "Move Over Slow Down for All Vehicles with Flashing Lights," on the ramps at all 14 service plazas along the Ohio Turnpike.

"The law requires drivers to 'move over and slow down' for all stationary vehicles with flashing lights on the side of all roadways and highways in the state and elsewhere," Matta added. "These stationary vehicles include roadway construction and maintenance vehicles, law enforcement vehicles and tow trucks."

Matta added that dangerous driving behaviors on the highway also put maintenance and roadway workers at severe risk in construction work zones.

"We're urging all motorists to be attentive when driving through work zones and move over and slow down for all vehicles with flashing lights so that everyone returns home to their loved ones safe and sound at the end of the day," he said. "By eliminating dangerous driving behaviors, most vehicle crashes are preventable."

You can help contribute to roadway safety by calling #677 when you see unsafe motorists driving on Ohio roads.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY BAND STUDENTS PERFORM FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS



The Oakwood Elementary band under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp put on a concert for the students during the school day and for their parents and the community on Thursday evening February 23rd. Shown are the students as they are ready to take the stage to perform.

FORT WAYNE COLLEGE FAIR TO RETURN MARCH 16 ON PURDUE FORT WAYNE CAMPUS



After a multiyear hiatus, the Fort Wayne College Fair will return March 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Health Fieldhouse on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne. This news comes as a relief to many partner institutions who describe a high demand for this type of large-scale event.

"We're pleased to be filling a major need," said Ryan Wooley, associate vice chancellor for enrollment management and director of undergraduate recruitment at Purdue Fort Wayne. "It will be a great opportunity for students to ask questions about specific programs, campus life, and other areas of interest to them."

The 2023 Fort Wayne College Fair will feature representatives from more than 40 public and private colleges and universities. Its goal is to give high school students and their families an opportunity to explore their higher education options, gather informa-

tion about admissions requirements, learn about financial aid, and much more.

Some of the institutions scheduled to participate this year include the University of Alabama, Ball State University, Central Michigan University, the University of Cincinnati, Huntington University, Indiana University, Indiana University Fort Wayne, Indiana Tech, Ivy Tech Community College, Manchester University, the University of Northwestern Ohio, Purdue University, Purdue University Fort Wayne, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, the University of Saint Francis, Valparaiso University, Western Michigan University, the University of Wyoming, Xavier University, and others. View this news release in the PFW News Center for a complete list.

The fair is open to the public and free for college-seeking students and their families and influencers. This year's event is being hosted by the

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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

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

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- 3rd Weekend- Payne , (Paved lot east of Homier's)
- 4th Weekend- Antwerp , (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

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

For Questions Call : 419-399-3630 or Visit : www.pauldingcountywmea.com

Office of Admissions at Purdue Fort Wayne. View and download a map of the campus by visiting pfw.edu/campus-map.

For additional information, contact Geoff Thomas at geoff.thomas@pfw.edu or 260-437-7657 (mobile).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Way We Were in 1935

The meat of this letter was written by Violet Onstott of

Hicksville. My wife, Sandy, has Violet's original copy. I don't know if Violet originated all of it but when I read it I thought we need to share it.

Sandy was born in 1935 and I in 1936. I first met Violet at my grandparents' home when I was about 10 or 12. Sandy was luckier as she and Violet were cousins. Sandy and I both experienced most of what Violet wrote about because most everything took place during our youth. Sandy's granddaughter Heidi Hull admired Violet so much that she named her first daughter Ivielle Violet. My stepson, Brian Keegan, took Violet on her first motorcycle ride when she was 86. They went around a block in Hicksville. This was a lady who only wore skirts.

Years later when she was 98, he took her for another ride. This time they took a longer out into the country. Violet wanted the thrill of the wind in her face at a much faster speed. Still later, when Violet was 100, she climbed on the back of Brian's motorcycle for one last ride around the block. Violet was slowing down now and was 101 when she passed away.

I doubt if there was anyone who didn't like Violet. She didn't talk about people if she couldn't say something positive. She was a fixture at Mentzers 5 cents and 10 cents store in Hicksville for many, many years. Violet always walked and never drove. I feel positive that you would have loved her too.

Violet loved to write and once told me that she enjoyed my letters to the editor. Back then I didn't feel my nation was being attacked from

within and thus was free to mention God in 70-80% of my letters. On one of our visits to Violet's house, she asked me if I could write a letter based on a specific Bible verse in Hebrews. I did but you need to know this about me. I prefer writing about faith than about how today's democrats are destroying our America.

And now for Violet's writing. I don't know if she came up with the following or not. I do know it is her handwriting, as I said before I know these things are true because I was here. If you have someone up in their 80's-90's, let them read this or you read it to them. Here we go!

We were before television, before penicillin, the pill, polio shots, antibiotics and frisbees. Before frozen food, nylon, Dacron, Xerok, Kinsey. We were before fluorescent lights, radar, credit cards and ball point pens. For us "Time Sharing" meant togetherness. We had no computers. A chip meant a piece of wood; hardware and software wasn't even a word. In those days bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagons.

We were before Batman, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Snoopy. Before DDT and vitamin pills, Vodka (in the U.S.) and the white wine craze, disposable diapers, Jeeps and Jefferson nickles, before Scotch tape, M&M's, automatic shift nad Lincoln Continentals. Pizzas, Cherrios, frozen orange juice, instant coffee and McDonalds were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate before Lent.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was a soft drink and pot was something you cooked in. We got married first and then lived together and then had kids. How quaint can that be?

We were before coin vending machines, jet planes, helicopters and interstate highways. "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on an exam.

In our time 5 and 10 cent stores were where you could buy thinks for 5 and 10 cents. For just one nickle you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a coke, or buy enough stamps o mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600.00, but who could afford that in 1935? A pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

We were not before the

difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were before sex changes. We just made do with what we had.

And so it was in 1935. This is the "way we were" and we loved it.

I would like to add to her thoughts. We actually knew everyone on our block and many all over town. People even neighbored back then. Us kids were actually involved with physical out of doors play rather than taking drugs, with the only exercise being that of their fingers while their bodies got fatter.

Our downhill slide got its big push when Democrats forbid God in our youths training and life in general.

—Richard Mastin, Hicksville, OH

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH IN FULTON COUNTY

The Toledo Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating a fatal crash that occurred on County Road L near County Road 2 in Fulton Township, Fulton County, at approximately 5:43 P.M. on March 2, 2023.

A Chevrolet Impala operated by Erich Stasa, 50 years of age, of Swanton, was traveling west on County Road L when it ran off the south side of the roadway, where it struck a tree.

Mr. Stasa was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Mr. Stasa was wearing his seat belt when the crash occurred.

The crash remains under investigation at this time.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by Swanton Fire & EMS, Metamora-Amboy Fire & EMS and K & K Collision.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB FINISHES SEASON

The Antwerp wrestling club recently competed in the last tournament of the GMC series at Paulding High School on February 26, 2023.

After competing the tournament which had over 450 wrestlers, 7 young archers were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes.

Placing 4th on the day

were Graysyn Hermiller, Austin Fish, and Landyn Hermiller. Earning the lone 3rd place finish for the archers was Jameson Graham.

Finishing 2nd in the tournament were Sawyer Parisot, Ulrik Zijlstra, and Olivia Kosch.

Congratulations to all of Archer wrestlers for their outstanding season which saw 16 individual championships as well as 15 different wrestlers earning a t-shirt for wrestling in 5 of the 6 GMC tournaments.

The wrestling club coaches would also like to acknowledge the parents for their dedication this season. It takes special parents to be as committed as their wrestlers and spend 7 weekends in a row in crowded gyms all over the place to watch their child wrestle. We are truly thankful.

GO ARCHERS!!

MARCH GUIDED HISTORY TOUR

Guided History Tour and Brunch. Historic Swinney House, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd., and the Allen Co. Court House, with Settlers' Branch at the Swinney House.; March 16; 9 am-2 pm; age 14 and older; Transportation not included; reservation by March 9; (260)747-1501; Proceeds support the Homestead; www.settlersinc.org.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WELCOMED IN HICKSVILLE SCHOOLS



Pictured: Ms. Klaire Smith, Hicksville Schools Artist in Residence

Hicksville Schools will be welcoming an Artist in Residence thanks to a grant from The Ohio Arts Council. Ms. Klaire Smith will be partnering with the school art program and working directly with art teachers Mr. Chris Gaghan and Mr. Joey Stevenson. Ms. Smith will spend 20 days with students during art classes and will also spend time with 21st Century After-School Program students. Ms. Smith is from southern Ohio and graduated in 2016 from the University of Rio Grande with a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree. She is a multimedia artist who specializes in murals. Prior to her arrival and throughout her residency, Ms. Smith will be working on design aspects of a mural that will be ready for public viewing at the Spring Art Show.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows
Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart
Charloe: Charloe Store

Chantline: 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, Village offices

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

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living

Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General

New Haven: ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's

Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library, Willies Cafe II

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ALTIMUS PUSHES ARCHERS TO SECTIONAL TITLE



Antwerp earns the Sectional Championship at the Sectional championship game on February 24th. Photo by Harlee Moore.



Archer Junior Carson Altimus battles through 2 Pettisville opponents to go up for the shot. Photo by Harlee Moore.

Carson Altimus scored a team high 21 points to lead the Antwerp Archers to a Division IV sectional championship with a 48-39 win over Pettisville Friday night at Bryan High School.

Altimus connected on a trio of three-point field goals while hitting eight free throws and two buckets to lead the way for Antwerp, which im-

proved to 19-4 overall.

The Archers took control in the first quarter and never looked back, posting a 12-4 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action.

Antwerp expanded the margin to 21-12 at the midway point of the contest before Pettisville cut the deficit to 33-27 at the end of three periods. The blue and white

then bucketed 15 points in the final quarter while limiting the Blackbirds to a dozen to seal the victory.

Landon Brewer added 16 markers for Antwerp and Reid Lichty chipped in five points for the Archers. Parker Moore, Zaine McMichael and Camden Fuller all had two points apiece for the blue and white.

Cayden Jacoby topped Pettisville with 23 points and Jack Leppelmeier recorded ten markers. Sean Adkins had four points and Jaret Beck totaled two for the Blackbirds, who close their season with a record of 15-9 overall.

ANTWERP HS SENDS 2 TO DISTRICTS

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently competed in the Sectional tournament at Archbold High School on Saturday, February 25, 2023.

Of the 7 wrestlers competing, 2 were able to place in the top 4 of their respective weight classes, thus earning them a spot in the District tournament next weekend at Rossford High School.

Placing 4th at 132 pounds was sophomore Skyler Octaviano. Octaviano finished the day with a 2-2 record which included a 9-7 comeback win in a must win match to secure his first qualification into the District tournament.

Earning 3rd place on the day was senior Eli Reinhart at 157 pounds. Reinhart finished the day 3-1 with 1 major decision and 1 technical fall. This marks Reinhart's 3rd trip to the District tournament in his record-breaking career.

Both Archer wrestlers will be hoping to place in the top 4 at Districts to punch their ticket to the OHSAA State Tournament on March 10-12. Congratulations to all of the archer wrestlers for their hard work this season.

Good luck next week and hope to see you at state!! GO ARCHERS!!

WALTER & RUTH ROSS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP WILL AWARD \$1,000 RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIP TO ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Walter and Ruth Ross Family Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications for its \$1,000 renewable scholarship to students who are graduating seniors at Antwerp High School in Antwerp, Ohio.

William Ross, a 1964 graduate of Antwerp High School, established of the Fund in memory of his parents. The Fund will support Antwerp High School students in achieving their education goals.

The award is available to graduating seniors at Antwerp

High School in Antwerp, Ohio. Applicants must plan to enroll full time at an accredited, nonprofit, trade/technical school, two-year college, or four-year college or university in Ohio or in another state where the student will receive in-state tuition. Applicants must demonstrate unmet financial need as determined by standard methods of need analysis in practice at the time of selection.

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of essays that demonstrate a commitment to completing a degree or credential; extracurricular and community involvement, including work experience; transcript that demonstrates past successes and potential degree completion; and financial need.

Recipients of the Ross Family Scholarship may reapply for award consideration for a maximum of four years of undergraduate funding, provided they continue to make satisfactory progress toward a degree and continue to meet eligibility criteria.

Alexandra Lehman, a 2022 graduate of Antwerp Local Schools, was awarded the scholarship in its inaugural year. Lehman will receive a \$1,000 scholarship per year for four years.

The Walter and Ruth Ross Family Scholarship Fund is a component fund of the St. Louis Community Foundation, and the scholarship program is administered by the Foundation. The Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin, gender, age, color, sexual orientation, veteran status, physical or mental disability. Final decisions on eligibility, selection, and award amount will be determined by the St. Louis Community Foundation.

Application materials are due by midnight on April 15, 2023. For complete eligibility requirements and application materials, please visit <https://link.stlgives.org/RossFamilyScholarship>

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Dale E. Sulser Jr, Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence, Guilty, Defendant to pay \$397 in fines and costs, 180 jail days, 150 suspended, Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, No contact w/victims, Submit an evaluation, Mental health/anger management, Risk assessment, No unsupervised contact with any minor; Endanger child, Guilty, Defendant to pay \$200 fines and costs, Same conditions as Count A

Jasmine J. Allison, Melrose, OH; Failure to control, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Tykesse B. Hayes, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license (2 counts) Guilty; Defendant to pay \$444 in fines and costs; License may be released once paid in full

Joe E. Bonar Sr., Oakwood, OH; Theft, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Restitution hearing set, 180 jail days, 115 suspended, Placed on standard probation; Criminal damage (2 counts), Pled no contest, found guilty, 90 jail days suspended (each count), Same

WARRIORS DOMINATE RAILROADERS IN SECTIONAL PLAY



Woodlan Sophomore Trey Yoder gets the game moving early scoring 11 of the first quarter points and dominating Garrett. They continued this momentum and at the final buzzer, Warriors take a Sectional win, 66-40. More pictures at westbendnews.net

conditions as Count A

Ethan L. Egnor, Paulding, OH; Possession of schedule I/II drug; Preliminary hearing waived; Defendant maybe released on EMHA pending address verification; Drug test 2 times per week; PT services; No cause for arrest; Not to refuse any tests

Marsha K. Bennett, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony F. McKay, Farmington Hill, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sierra N. Schwartz, Paulding, OH; Failure to control, Guilty, Cased was waived by defendant, Defendant to pay \$165 fines and costs; Driver's license <6 months, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant, Defendant to pay \$70 in fines and costs

Chad J. Carper, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay \$380 in fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Isaac L. Swary, Payne, OH; Possession of drugs; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Jerry D. Morhart, Oakwood, OH; Rape; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Richard Emerling Jr, Antwerp, OH; Vandalism; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; O.R. bond; All conditions continued

Michael W. Garberson, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bobby M. Cook, Centralia, IL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mohammad Rahman, Hayward, CA; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Chad C. Bland, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kayla F. Sharrard, Grover Hill, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jake J. Paholski, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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RAIDERS TOP DELTA; RECORD 10th CONSECUTIVE SECTIONAL TITLE



Wayne Trace boys basketball claimed their 10th consecutive sectional title! Photo by Seth Yenser.



Raider Junior Hudson Myers looks for a clear pass during play at the Sectional Championship game against Delta on February 24th. Photo by Seth Yenser.

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The number four seed Wayne Trace Raiders took down the three seed Delta Panthers 63-40 to claim the Division III sectional title. The title would be the Raiders' tenth consecutive title and 29th title in school history. Played at Wauseon the Raiders leaned on the play of Kyle Stoller who got the Raiders rolling in the first quarter. The junior tallied 12 points in the first eight minutes of play and finished with 29 to lead the red, white, and blue.

Wayne Trace took an early lead and was in control

throughout the contest. After the first quarter of play the Raiders had a double-digit lead 20-8 and at the midway point enjoyed a 33-20 advantage. In the second half the Raiders kept the momentum on their side -- outscoring the Panthers 30-20 in the second half to secure the 23-point win.

Stoller was the man of the hour, recording a double-double. To go along with his game high 29 points, the junior recorded 14 rebounds, four assists and four steals. Stoller connected on 12-15 of his two-point field goals, 1-5 behind the arc and 5-6 from the foul line. Brooks Laukuf

added 19 points followed by Tanner Laukhuf with six, Hudson Myers four, Caden Sinn three and Tyler Davis with two.

For the Panthers, who finish their season with a 17-6 record, Nolan Risner and James Ruple each finished with 12. Bryar Knapp and Bryce Gillen added five apiece with Justin Ruple, Luke Reinhard and Jon Brasher each with two points to round out the scoring for Delta.

Wayne Trace junior Kyle Stoller reached the 1,000 point mark for his career with a basket at the 7:35 mark of the third quarter. He is the 11th player in Wayne Trace boys basketball history to reach the milestone and joins teammate Brooks Laukhuf in breaking the 1,000 point mark this season. They are the first classmates to reach the milestone and it is the first time two boys basketball players have done it in the same season. Stoller now has 1,006 points for his career after tonight.

IT IS WELL ...

In 1871 Horatio Stafford was on top of the world. He was a well-known lawyer in Chicago and had a brand new office in downtown Chicago. He had also amassed a small fortune in real estate, buying high-rise buildings on Michigan Avenue. He and his wife Anna had four daughters aged 11 years to two years. They owned a beautiful homestead on Lake Michigan, in Chicago's north suburbs. They were devout Christians, and Horatio was an elder in the large Presbyterian Church.

On October 8th 1871 he lost everything, except his home on Lake Michigan. Now he was deeply in debt, and had no office. Things were so difficult that he and Anna decided to take a vacation in England, and try to decide what to do. They were close friends with the evangelist DL Moody. Moody was holding evangelistic meetings in London. While they were there they could take in his meetings.

They booked passage on the French steamship Ville du Havre. At the last minute a zoning problem came up in one of Horatio's properties, and it became evident that he could not leave. He begged his family to go ahead and he would catch up with them in England. On November 21, 1873 Anna and her four daughters, left New York on a ship with 313 passengers. Four days into the crossing the Ville du Havre, collided with the iron hulled Scottish ship the Loch Earn.

The Spaffords gathered on deck and prayed that God would spare them. The ship went down and 226 passen-

gers perished including the four Stafford children. And Anna was found clinging to a piece of wreckage. She was picked up by another vessel and nine days later, she landed in Cardiff, Wales. There Anna set the well known telegraph, "Saved alone, what should I do?"

Mr Spafford booked passage on the next available ship. After the ship was 4 days out, the captain called him to the cabin, and said according to his reckoning they were over the exact spot where his daughters perished.

That night he penned the song:

"When peace like a river attendeth my way

When sorrows like sea billows roll

Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say

It is well, it is Well with My soul"

They returned to Chicago and eventually had two daughters and a son. Since he no longer was rich the Presbyterian Church took away his eldership. They said he is misfortune was caused by past sins. During this time their faith was sorely tried. They had become religious outsiders, so they began a church at their house, and were quite successful.

"Though Satan should buffet

Though trials should come"

The Spaffords decided to leave Chicago and move to Israel and work with the poor. In August of 1881 they left with a party of 13 adults and 30 children. They settled with a group of Swedish Christians, and called themselves "The Overcomers." They did philanthropic work with the Mus-

ANTWERP SQUEAKS PAST TOLEDO CHRISTIAN IN BB DISTRICT PLAY



Junior Camden Fuller gets an opening to shoot and scores for the Archers! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Tuesday night February 28th, Antwerp Archer boys basketball traveled to Defiance to take on Toledo Christian in the OHSAA District semi-finals. In a

nail-biter, Archers won 45-44 and advanced to district finals on Friday, March 3rd. Landon Brewer led the Archers in scoring with 25 points.

lims, Jews and Christians. They bought a large hotel, as a means of supporting themselves, and it is quite fitting that the "American Colony," is still working with the poor in Jerusalem today. The work has been carried on by their children, and succeeding generations..

It is also fitting that Hora-

tio Spafford is buried on Mount Zion.

"My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought My sin, not in part but the whole,

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the lord, praise the

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

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These containers can be seen at 500 South Bryan St Hicksville Ohio from 8am-3pm. Please direct all questions to the Village Administrator 419-542-8095, viladmin@defnet.com.

Bids will be opened March 17 @ 10am in the Municipal Building.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of Oakwood 2022 annual report is available to the public at the Village Town Hall located at 228 N. First St, Oakwood, Ohio.

Please call to schedule: **419-594-3352**

PUBLIC NOTICES

Village of Cecil regular council meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cecil Firehouse community room.

If you would like to be added to the agenda please contact the village of Cecil Clerk at 419-399-0520 or via email villageofcecil@yahoo.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

the 2022 Financial Statement for the Village of Hicksville is complete. A copy is available from the Fiscal Officer at 111 S. Main St., Hicksville OH 43526 or by request to hixcs@defnet.com

—Cheryl Smith
Hicksville Village
Fiscal Officer,

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HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2023-08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village Fiscal Officer has determined that it is necessary to transfer certain funds from the General Fund to the Fire/EMS Levy Fund, and

WHEREAS, Council must approve the transfer pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Village Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to transfer One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the General Fund to the Fire/EMS Levy Fund.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect, and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage and approval by the mayor.

Dated: 02/06/2023
Ronald Jones, Mayor
ATTEST:
Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer
passed 02/06/2023

The unaudited financial records for 2022 have been completed and are available for inspection by contacting Carlene Turner clerk for the village of Cecil at 419-399-0520 or via the village email villageofcecil@yahoo.com

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1169.10 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE, OHIO TO REVISE THE RULES REGARDING DISABLED VEHICLES AND MOTOR VEHICLE JUNK IN THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Hicksville, Ohio, has previously passed ordinances regulating the parking and storing of disabled vehicles in the Village and providing the Village certain remedies to deal with said issues; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Hicksville, Ohio has determined that there is significant problem with disabled vehicles and motor vehicle junk being stored on properties in the Village and Council desires to amend the regulations to further define disabled vehicles and motor vehicle junk and to more strictly regulate these matters in order to preserve the health and safety of the residents of the Village;

WHEREAS, the Council desires to amend Section 1169.10 of the Codified Ordinances to accomplish these goals while still providing appropriate notice to those people entitled to notice regarding the disabled vehicles and motor vehicle junk stored within the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio:

SECTION 1: Section 1169.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio is hereby amended to read as follows:

1169.10 PARKING OR STORAGE OF DISABLED VEHICLES AND MOTOR VEHICLE JUNK.

(a) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

(1) "Disabled motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is inoperative for any reason and is parked or stored upon land other than in a garage or similar structure, except where permitted to be parked or stored upon land in the open in connection with a permitted business thereon, for a period of more than fourteen days, with or without a current license plate thereon.

(2) "Motor vehicle junk" means any part of a motor vehicle, disassembled from the motor vehicle of which it was a part, which is stored upon land other than in a garage or similar structure, except where permitted upon land in the open in connection with a permitted business thereon, for a period of more than fourteen days.

(b) The fourteen day period set forth in subsection (a) hereof shall be deemed to start on the date the person is notified, in writing, by the Zoning Inspector or the Chief of Police, or their designee, that the vehicle is being stored in violation of this section.

(c) The parking or storage of any licensed or unlicensed disabled motor vehicle and the storage of any licensed or unlicensed motor vehicle junk are hereby declared to be nuisances.

(d) No person, being the owner of any land, shall cause or permit to be parked or stored any disabled motor vehicle, or cause or permit to be stored any motor vehicle junk, for a period of more than fourteen days, upon any lot or land within the Village or in any zoning district where such use is not permitted by the Zoning Code, unless the motor vehicle or motor vehicle junk is within a completely enclosed building or garage.

(e) Whoever fails to remove a disabled motor vehicle or motor vehicle junk within fourteen days of notice shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$150.00 plus court costs. A separate violation shall be deemed committed for each day after the fourteen day period that a violation continues.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

DATED: 02/21/23
RONALD JONES, MAYOR
CHARLIE MARTIN, ACTING MAYOR
ATTEST:
CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER
passed 02/21/2023

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2023-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 911.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE, OHIO TO REVISE THE RULES GOVERNING NOTICES TO BE GIVEN TO REMOVE LITTER.

WHEREAS, the Village of Hicksville, Ohio, has previously passed ordinances regulating litter being deposited in the Village and providing the Village certain remedies to deal with litter deposited in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Hicksville, Ohio has determined that it would be appropriate to amend some of the regulations regarding the notice to be given and the manner that it may be given to people who are responsible to remove litter being improperly deposited in the Village in order to expedite the process and to make it more efficient for the Village to deal with litter in a timely and cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to amend Section 911.03 of the Codified Ordinances to accomplish these goals while still providing appropriate notice to those people entitled to notice regarding the improper depositing of litter within the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio:

SECTION 1: Section 911.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio is hereby amended to read as follows:

911.03 SERVICE OF NOTICE TO REMOVE LITTER.

Notice shall be served in person by a law enforcement officer or the Village Zoning Inspector or his or her designee upon the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of said lands where the litter is located or by notice of a placard conspicuously posted on the property which contains the following information:

The address of the property, the date of the notice, the address and telephone number of the Village Zoning Inspector and a warning that describes the conditions that constitute a public nuisance and that if the items constituting the nuisance are not removed within three (3) days after posting the notice, the Village may issue a citation and/or abate the nuisance and seek recovery of the actual cost involved in the removal of the nuisance through billing and collection procedures. Additionally, each placard shall contain a statement that it is unlawful for any person to destroy, deface, remove or alter any notice placard placed hereunder, except by permission of the Village Zoning Inspector.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

DATED: 02/21/23
RONALD JONES, MAYOR
CHARLIE MARTIN, ACTING MAYOR
ATTEST:
CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER
passed 02/21/2023

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2023-03

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SECTION 521.13 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE, OHIO TO REGULATE OUTDOOR FURNITURE.

WHEREAS, there have been ongoing issues in the Village regarding indoor furniture and other items not intended to be used as furniture being used as outdoor furniture in the Village which poses a danger to the health and welfare of the residents of the Village as well; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Hicksville, Ohio has determined that it would be appropriate to regulate outdoor furniture for the health and safety of the residents of the Village as well as to improve the cleanliness and image of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to adopt Section 521.13 of the Codified Ordinances to regulate outdoor furniture in the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio:

SECTION 1: Section 521.13 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio is hereby adopted and shall read as follows:

521.13 OUTDOOR FURNITURE RESTRICTION.

(a) No person, including the owner of real property, lessee or tenant in possession of real property shall place, use, keep, store, maintain or allow to remain any upholstered or other furniture designed or manufactured primarily for indoor use in the following places:

(1) On unenclosed exterior porches or balconies.

(2) On any exposed open yard or area of private property.

(b) The following items are specifically excepted from this restriction: Furniture constructed completely out of wood, metal or plastic and outdoor patio furniture with weather resistant cushions.

(c) No person, including the owner of real property, lessee or tenant in possession of real property shall place, use, keep, store, maintain or allow to remain construction materials such as saw horses, tubes, pipes or other rigid materials suspended between two supports so as to be used as a table in any exposed open yard or area of private property or on unenclosed exterior porches or balconies.

(d) The following uses shall be considered an affirmative defense to alleged violations of this Section:

(1) Such furniture was placed in an outside location designated for the collection of garbage, refuse and recycling service in accordance with the Village refuse service for the purpose of having said furniture removed and said placement at said location is not more than 24 hours before the designated collection time.

(2) Such furniture was temporarily placed in an outside location in order to allow it to be moved during a move of a resident so long as its not placed in the outside location more than 24 hours before the scheduled move.

(3) Such furniture was temporarily placed in an outside location in order for it to be offered for sale at a yard sale or garage sale permitted by the Village, or at an auction so long as said furniture is not placed in the outside location more than 24 hours before the scheduled auction or sale.

(4) The construction materials, boards, saw horses, tubes, pipes or other rigid materials are actively being used as part of the construction process.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense, and each subsequent offense shall render such person guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Any day that a violation of this section continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

DATED: 02/21/23
RONALD JONES, MAYOR
CHARLIE MARTIN, ACTING MAYOR
ATTEST:
CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER
passed 02/21/2023

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2023-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 905 "TREES, WEEDS AND GRASS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE, OHIO PROVIDING REGULATIONS REGARDING TREES, WEEDS AND GRASS IN THE VILLAGE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Hicksville, Ohio, has previously passed ordinances establishing rules and regulations regarding the maintenance and upkeep of trees, weeds and grass in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance Committee, in consultation with other Village employees, has reviewed Chapter 905 and recommends the Village adopt several amendments to existing provisions in Chapter 905 as well as adopting some additional regulations to address current issues present within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to approve said recommendations and adopt the revisions and additions to Chapter 905 as recommended by the Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That Council does hereby approve and adopt the revised edition of Chapter 905 of the Village Ordinances, which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and made a part hereof. All regulations or parts of regulations in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

DATED: 02/21/23
RONALD JONES, MAYOR
CHARLIE MARTIN, ACTING MAYOR
ATTEST:
CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER

- "EXHIBIT A"**
CHAPTER 905
- Trees, Weeds and Grass
- 905.01 Declaration of nuisance.
- 905.02 Trimming of trees and shrubs required.
- 905.03 Removal of dangerous trees.
- 905.04 Planting of trees and shrubs regulated.
- 905.05 Notice to cut noxious weeds, grass or rank vegetation.
- 905.051 Defacing Placard Notice
- 905.06 Failure to comply; remedy of Municipality.
- 905.07 Fees charged by Municipality.
- 905.08 Payment of fees.
- 905.09 Placement of leaves and grass clippings in roadway.
- 905.99 Penalty.
- 905.01 DECLARATION OF NUISANCE.**
- (a) It is hereby determined that weeds, grass and/or rank vegetation growing at a height of eight inches or higher after the first day of May of each year are hereby declared a public nuisance.
- (b) Two weeks prior to the first day of May of each year, the Fiscal Officer shall publish this determination in a newspaper of general circulation and shall make demand that all property owners regularly cut the weeds, grass and rank vegetation upon their properties during the ensuing months of the year.
- 905.02 TRIMMING OF TREES AND SHRUBS REQUIRED.**
- The owner or agent of the owner of any lot or parcel of land fronting on any street, alley, avenue or public grounds in the Municipality, in which shade trees are planted and growing, shall trim or cause to be trimmed, all shade trees or shrubbery in front of the respective lots or lands when so ordered or directed by the Village Administrator or other responsible Village official. All trees shall be trimmed so as to have a clear height of ten feet above the surface of sidewalks and twelve feet above the surface of the street or roadway. The branches of all trees in front and along lots or lands near which public lamps are placed shall be trimmed so as not to obstruct the free passage of light from the lamps to the street and sidewalks.
- 905.03 REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS TREES.**
- The Village Administrator or other responsible Village official is hereby authorized to remove trees within the limits of the Municipal streets that have been determined to be dangerous to the public.
- 905.04 PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS REGULATED.**
- No person, group of persons, firm or corporation shall plant or cause to be planted any tree, bush or shrub in or upon any street, alley, right of way or any other land owned by the Municipality except in accordance with a beautification plan to be approved by resolution of Council and placed on file with the Village Administrator or other responsible Village official.
- 905.05 NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS, GRASS OR RANK VEGETATION.**
- (a) Upon written information that noxious weeds, untrimmed grass and/or rank vegetation growing on lands within the Village has reached eight (8) inches of height, or noxious weeds are about to spread or mature seeds, the Village Zoning Inspector shall cause a written notice to be served upon the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of such lands, notifying him or her that such weeds, grass or rank vegetation must be cut and/or destroyed within three (3) calendar days after service of such notice.
- (b) Notice shall be served in person by the Village Zoning Inspector, or his or her designee, upon the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of said lands or by notice provided on a placard conspicuously posted on the property which shall contain the following information:
- The address of the property, the date of the notice, the address and telephone number of the Village Zoning Inspector and a warning

that if the public nuisance is not removed within three (3) calendar days after posting, the Village may issue a citation or the Village will abate the nuisance and seek recovery of the actual cost involved in the removal of the nuisance through billing and collection procedures or seek recovery pursuant to Section 905.06. Additionally, each placard shall contain a statement that it is unlawful for any person to destroy, deface, remove or alter any notice placard placed hereunder, except by permission of the Village Zoning Inspector.

905.051 DEFACING PLACARD NOTICE

It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, deface, remove or alter any notice placard placed as notice under Section 905.05, except by express permission of the Village Zoning Inspector. This provision shall be conspicuously stated on every notice placard. Violations of this section shall be punished under Section 905.99. In addition to any penalties set forth in Section 905.99, any person destroying, defacing, altering or failing to return any notice placard to the Village shall pay the Village the sum of \$30.00 for replacement of said placard.

905.06 FAILURE TO COMPLY; REMEDY OF MUNICIPALITY.

(a) If the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of the lands herein fails to comply with the notice provided for in Section 905.05, such owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of said lands shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 905.99. In addition, the Village Zoning Inspector may cause the noxious weeds, grass, or rank vegetation to be cut and destroyed and all expenses and labor incurred in such operation shall be paid out of the Village's funds not otherwise appropriated. The Village reserves the right to abate any nuisances which occur under this Chapter.

(b) Any expense of cutting shall be billed to the property owner by certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon the property owner's failure to reimburse the Fiscal Officer for the expenses of cutting the weeds, grass or rank vegetation, within ten days thereafter, the Fiscal Officer shall make written return to the County Auditor of the actions taken, with a written statement of the charges for the services, the amount paid for the labor, the fees for the service of notices and return and a proper description of the premises. Such amounts, when allowed, shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and be a lien upon such lands from and after the date of the entry and be collected as other taxes and be returned to the Village according to law.

905.07 FEES CHARGED BY MUNICIPALITY.

When the Village Zoning Inspector or other responsible Village official causes weeds, grass, and other rank vegetation to be cut or trees or shrubs to be trimmed and the land cleaned of debris, as provided in Section 905.06, a statement of cost thereof shall be mailed to the owner of said lands of such land by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such statement of cost shall include the following costs to the Municipality:

(a) Administration and supervision.

(b) Transportation of equipment.

(c) Equipment rental.

(d) Equipment operator.

(e) Incidental labor.

The fee to be charged by the Village for labor for all actions taken pursuant to 905.06 shall be at a rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per hour billed in hourly increments so that any portion of an hour is billed for an entire hour of work.

905.08 PAYMENT OF FEES.

The owner shall pay such fees as are charged in accordance with this Chapter 905 of the Codified Ordinances to the Fiscal Officer within ten days after receipt of such statement of costs to avoid further cost or penalty. Any payments received shall be restored to the appropriation from which such cost was paid. If the fee is not paid when due, the Fiscal Officer shall certify to the County Auditor the proceedings taken under this Chapter, together with a statement of the charges for such services as listed in Section 905.07 and a legal description of the premises. Such amounts shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and shall be a lien on such lands from the date of entry and shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the General Fund as provided by Ohio R.C. 731.54.

905.09 PLACEMENT OF LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS IN ROADWAY.

(a) It shall be unlawful to rake, place, or mow fallen tree leaves, grass clippings and or yard and garden waste of any type onto the pavement or into the gutter of any public street unless directed by the Village of Hicksville.

(b) No person shall permit grass clippings from mower swaths to remain upon sidewalks, street pavements, gutters of any public street, or on abutting property not owned or occupied by said person.

(c) The owner and/or occupant of the property shall be responsible for any violation of provisions set forth in division (a) and (b) of this section even if said acts were committed by another performing work on their behalf.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and court costs per offense.

905.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day on which a violation occurs or continues.

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ELECTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024 TERM



The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees elected its 2023-2024 officers. Pictured L to R: Sandy Barber (Vice Chair), Scott Mull (Chair), and Katrina DeGroff (2nd Vice Chair).

The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, February 24. As part of the meeting, the Board held its annual election for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair. Scott Mull was elected to assume the duties of Chair, Sandy Barber was elected to serve as Vice Chair, and Katrina DeGroff was elected to serve as Second Vice Chair. All officers will serve in these positions for the period of February 2023 through February 2024. College administration congratulated the officers and thanked them for serving in these capacities.

ADJUSTED 2022-2023 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

As part of the regular meeting, the adjusted 2022-2023 fiscal budget was presented and approved. The revised budget total is just over \$30.3 million, with the following highlights: Revenue adjustments were -\$5.2 million, due to a \$6 million capital reduction. Expenses were highlighted by a reduction in personnel adjustments (-\$330k), an increase in operating adjustments (roughly \$1 million), and the (-\$5.92 million) capital adjustment. The capital reductions included the two planned renovation operations for the 'B' building on the Archbold Campus, as well as renovation on the E. Sycamore St. Campus in Van Wert. Those projects have begun; however, the majority of the capital expenditures will occur in the next fiscal year, so it was appropriate to remove them from the current fiscal year's budget.

In other Board action:

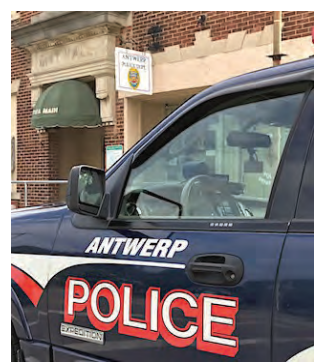
- Approved the employment of Cynthia Roehrig as Assistant-Student Accounts Receivable, Denise Pollard as Payroll Accountant, Samantha Thiel as Financial Accountant,

Joseph Golden as Manufacturing Training Manager, Diana Howey as Youth and Community Program Coordinator, Eliza Avers as Registrar Assistant, Matthew Kibler as Director of Business Development, Fredy Rodriguez as Faculty-Sociology/Social and Behavioral Science, Abby Calvin as Controller, Keira Christman as Admissions Recruiter, and Tom Kelly as Workforce Sales Coordinator.

- Approved the transition of Albert Lewis, Jr. to Chief of Staff/Executive Vice President
- Approved the promotion of Tori Atkinson to Executive Director-Client Services, Logan Badenhop to Operations Manager, Nicole Hand to Operations Coordinator, Tom Pierce to Training Manager-Commercial Driver's License (CDL), and Katrina Adams to Events Coordinator.
- Approved Duplicate Program Report for the Ohio Department of Education.
- Appointed Sandy Barber and John Bridenbaugh as delegate and alternate from the Board of Trustees to serve on the Governing Board of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC).
- Approved affirmation of textbook selection policy (from section 733.20 of HB 110).
- Approved "Testing Your Faith Act" (religious accommodations for students) policy (from section 3345.026 of Ohio Revised Code).
- Approved miscellaneous employment contracts.
- Approved one resignation and one retirement.

ANTWERP POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

2/28 - a resident called & explained that they had gotten into argument with fellow tenants, wanted to move out of home they rented to-



gether but were not being allowed to obtain things. Officer came to location & stood by as parties separated belongings.

2/28 - a resident of E River stated in the night someone had stolen tools & moved bikes in front of property.

2/27 - a county resident contacted Antwerp police that a family member had left home a day earlier to go fishing & not returned. The case was turned over to the Paulding County Sheriff.

2/27 - a resident reported a woman exited a car near the Post Office & placed bags of trash into village trash. Case was investigated & report was prepared.

2/25 - a resident of N Baltimore Ohio contacted the police department in reference to a phone call her elderly mother received that said they were Antwerp Police and was requesting bond money and that her granddaughter was incarcerated. Case was investigated & determined to be a scam & N Baltimore Police Department was contacted.

2/25 - an officer respond to a 911 call. Determined it was a false alarm.

2/24 - a resident contacted police department in reference to a registered sex offender in the village. Caller thought the individual was not allowed to be around children or Antwerp. It was investigated and found to be that Individual does not have any restrictions.

2/24 - Police department received an alarm at a downtown business. Officer responded and found that alarm was set off by accident.

2/23 - Police were contacted in reference to a motor vehicle accident in the school parking lot. Officer responded and report was prepared.

2/18 - a resident called & reported that his sister was involved in a domestic violence situation. Officer responded investigated & prepared a report for prosecutor's office.

2/15 - Police Department was contacted to assist Dept. of Human Services, during investigation, meth was discovered. Report prepared & forwarded to prosecutor & BCI crime lab.

2/17 - Police Department assisted Antwerp School resource officer with threats that had been made.

2/20 - a resident complained to police department about debris that neighbor set outside. Police Department contacted the person & the person is to set it out for the big trash day.

2/19 - a resident had stopped by a downtown business & found that door was unlocked. Police Department responded & secured business & contacted the owner.

2/18 - an officer was called to a domestic dispute on Canal St. When officer arrived, according to parties,

FIVE WRESTLERS ADVANCE TO DISTRICTS FOR WAYNE TRACE



Wayne Trace wrestling team take a moment before a match. Photo by Carrie Kimmel.

On February 25th, Wayne Trace competed in the Sectionals at Lima Central Catholic. Five wrestlers represented Wayne Trace at the Sectionals and all five will move forward to the Districts on March 3rd and 4th at Troy. The raiders finished the sectional meet with one placing in first place, three raiders in second place, and one in third place.

Corbin Kimmel is now a two-time sectional champion. Competing this year at the 120-pound weight class, Kimmel swept his competition. With a bye the first two rounds, Kimmel advanced to the semi-finals where he defeated Ethan Beam of Columbus Grove with a score of 11-2. Kimmel then won the finals match with a score of 8-1 over Tyler Overman of Coldwater.

In the 138-pound weight class, Jared Pierce confirmed his spot for districts with a third-place finish. Pierce also had a bye his first round and then lost to Riley Mueller of Delphos St. Johns with a close score of 11-9. Pierce then made quick work of pinning Drew Wagner of Parkway in just 24 seconds and then another pin in just 1:25 of Hayden Tobias from Crestview. Keeping this momentum going, Jared pinned Tanner Stammen of Coldwater in 30 seconds to advance to the placement matches and then defeated Cody Ricker of Lincolnview with a score of 14-10



WT wrestler Corbin Kimmel goes for a takedown. Kimmel earned his sectional championship on Feb. 25th. Photo by Carrie Kimmel.

to finish in third place.

Graiden Troth finished as the runner-up in the 150-pound weight class to advance to districts. Following Troth's first round bye, he defeated Wyatt Watt 8-6 in overtime. Graiden then faced Jacob Pinks of Allen East, winning 7-2 to move on to the finals. Troth fell in the finals to Sam Obringer of Coldwater 8-4, finishing in second place.

Sam Moore also finished runner-up in the 165-pound weight class. Moore followed his first round bye with a pin over Owen Arnett of Ada in just 1:13. Moore went on to pin Landen Schroeder of Columbus Grove in 4:52. In the finals match, Sam fell to Trenton Gatchell of Allen East

with a score of 9-4 to finish in second place, advancing to districts.

In the 175-pound weight class, Nate Osborn finished the day as the runner-up. Eddie Cervantes was pinned by Osborn in just 1:09 after Osborn's first round bye. Osborn then defeated Dylan Bowyer with a score of 17-9 to advance to the finals. Falling to Kyle Lathrop of Columbus Grove with a score of 7-2, Osborn ended the day in second place.

The Raiders will compete in Troy at the Hobart Arena March 3-4, 2023 for their chance at advancing to the State Tournament. Good Luck Wayne Trace Raiders!

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—James Neuhouser

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ARTIST EXPLORES THE HUMAN NEED TO ANTICIPATE THE FUTURE WITH A SERIES OF AI-GENERATED WORKS

at Lima. Regular gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The gallery will be closed March 13-16 for spring break. Both the show and the artist reception are free and open to the public.

For thousands of years, humans have sought ways to see into the future. Ancient predictive practices were highly elaborate, involving public reporting, official government channels, and oracles. A special eye was kept on "prodigies": unpredictable natural phenomena including plagues, eclipses, comets, and earthquakes. Prodigies were considered to be messages about the future delivered from the gods. Today, we continue to look everywhere for encoded messages hinting about events in our future. Although scientific methodologies can provide some insight, we often take for granted the guidance of religion, superstition, cultural narratives, and personal intuition in the face of the unknown and unpredictable.

Steven Pestana's exhibition Theater of Prodigies explores

campus will certainly further our mission of providing access to excellent and affordable education, training, and services that improve the lives of individuals and strengthen the communities in Paulding and Van Wert county.

"The adaptive reuse of the former office and manufacturing building is an amazing opportunity," says Tim Lehman, PE, Chief Executive Officer of Fanning Howey. "We look forward to collaborating with Northwest State to reimagine the 20th century facility for use as a 21st century learning environment."

For more information about the Van Wert Campus of Northwest State Community College and to follow the upcoming renovation process, please visit our website at <https://northweststate.edu/vanwert>. If you would like to learn more about Fanning Howey, you can visit their website at <https://fhai.com>. You may contact Dr. Tomlinson directly by emailing jtomlinson@northweststate.edu, or visiting our storefront at 122 N. Washington Street.

The Farmer Family Gallery welcomes the work of New York City-based, multidisciplinary artist Steven Pestana for the exhibition Theater of Prodigies, which runs through April 13. Pestana will be in the gallery for a closing reception from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, April 13, to discuss this AI-generated series of foreboding panoramas that capture the theatricality and drama of divination and catastrophe.

The Farmer Family Gallery is located in Reed Hall at The Ohio State University

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these tendencies in a series of ominous paintings. These foreboding panoramas capture the theatricality and drama of divination and catastrophe. To create them, Pestana provided written descriptions of imagined scenes to an artificial intelligence software. In turn, the AI generated images based on its interpretation of Pestana's description. They are oddly classical in nature, yet lack any historical specificity. Each painting also features an adjacent structure or object suggesting some sort of function, perhaps a type of scientific instrument or optical device. These components open the possibility of differing experiences and perspectives onto these scenes.

Prediction can be thought of as an essential human activity expressing the need to anticipate and thus retain control of those things necessary to survival. There is still much we don't know about AI, yet it is already performing important functions in everyday life. Many believe the coming AI revolution will change the world in unforeseeable ways as its presence accelerates. The debate surrounding image-generating technology is multi-faceted and contentious: its potential for positive or negative social impact, its quality, authenticity or lack of humanity, its environmental costs. Offering a view onto the kind of physical experience that AI can never replace, these works put a spotlight on our roles in framing this debate as they reflect on the past, present and future.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN MARCH

The Paulding County Carnegie Library still has free Covid test. Drop by any location and pick up yours today. The library is ready to jump into spring. The first day of Spring is March 20th. Check out the new Paulding County Yodel for all the county's activities, make sure to add the library to your favorites and never miss a program.

Main Branch: Adult section hosts "Coffee Talk" every Thursday at 1.

The Children's room has story time every Wednesday

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at 11 and 1:30, join our very own "Kooky Kirk" for fun and crafts. The children's room will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with "Lucky Week", March 13-17th. Join us on March 20 at 4:00 for a Book Buddy Program brought to you by the YWCA, register today. Our Annual Spring Party will be on Thursday March 30 at 5:30, the Easter Bunny will be here for our Easter Egg hunt! March is Craft Month, stop by and make a craft.

Antwerp Branch: Story time every Wednesday at 11. Book Club is on Monday, March 13th. Cookbook Club will be Cook, March 20th. Crafts for kids out all month long.

Grover Hill Branch: Munchkin Club story times for ages 6 and under will be instrumental in getting your motivation and volume pumped, story time will be the 13th and 27th at 10:30. Senior Bingo will be a Fifties dinner themed bingo sock hop with Jukebox music, coney dog, sundae and soda bar on Thursday March 9th at 1. Registration is required for this event. Cristelda and her crafts will return Monday March 20th at 5:30. Teens and adults can enjoy a "Record Making" kind of evening. GHBL Book club is getting groovy with their March pick, "Daisy Jones and the Six" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. The fictional account of a sixties singer songwriter band will strike a chord with readers. Look out for the tv series coming to Amazon prime video on March 3. Read the book first though. The club will meet March 29th at 4. The month will conclude with a musical finale of a collaboration with the Wayne Trace Performing Arts in an afterschool tween/teen activity on Thursday the 30th. Don't forget to sign up for the monthly drawing.

Oakwood Branch: Story time each Monday at 11. We offer hat making and community puzzle to work on all month long. March is Read across America month, in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday, stop in and press a button. Our Good Morning book club is Tuesday March 7, 11-12. Coffee Talk is Wednesday, March 8, 1-3. Stop in and

visit. Adult bingo is on March 9 at 11:30. Attention kids 6-11, March 11 we will be having cookbook club. Come in and start your salsa garden, take it home and watch it grow and come back this fall and learn to make and can salsa, registration is required. March 14 and 16 at 7 the Oakwood Library Association will be hosting their Chocolate Extravaganza. Make sure to get your ticket early, they sell out fast. March 14 the homeschool book club will be meeting from 1-3. March 20 starts our garden seed exchange. We will be hosting our Quilt block of the month March 21, 1-3 come in and learn to make a new quilt block. Adult cake decorating will be Wednesday, March 21 from 1-2, you must sign up. Kids Dr. Seuss bingo ages 6-12 will be March 23 from 5-6, must sign up. Saturday, March 25, 11-1 we will be hosting a teen machine embroidery class from 11-1 come in and make a shirt with us, sign up is required. Get ready for Easter and come in and make an Easter Bunny block March 30 from 5-7.

Payne Branch: On Thursday, March 16th a Cricket 101 class with Tiffany from 1-2. Monday, March 20 we will be hosting Kids Bingo from 1-3. Thursday March 23 will be a tween/teen craft from 1-3. Tuesday, March 21 we will have a guest story reader for Story time at 11. Thursday, March 30 is and Adult Spring Wreath class from 1-3, please call to register. Every Wednesday is Coffee Talk fro 1-2 come join us! Every Tuesday is Story time from 11-12.

Friends of PCCL: Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet Monday, March 13th at 6 in the south wing at Main. Everyone is welcome

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to attend. Membership are yearly. Consider volunteering at Buy the Book used bookstore in lieu of dues. Volunteer hours are also available for community service credit. Bookstore hours are Saturday 9 - noon, and Wednesdays 3:30 to 6:30. Check us out!
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MVPO FACILITATES ANTWERP COMMUNITY SWOT MEETING

The Antwerp community recently participated in a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis with public input from village officials and community organization partners and residents. 32 guests participated in the public event, held at the Antwerp

VFW community room. The collaborative event was hosted by the Paulding County Economic Development office and Antwerp Planning and Zoning Commission, and facilitated by Estee Miller with Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO).

Miller noted, "Conducting SWOT analyses allow us to gain an understanding of the needs of a community and how we (MVPO) can leverage

strengths and opportunities to meet those needs."

The Antwerp community is blessed with many organizations and groups that provide: government oversight, community fundraising and input, not-for-profit facilitation, and philanthropic input throughout the year. Several of the noted groups that participated included: Antwerp Village Council, Carryall Township, Antwerp Chamber

of Commerce, Antwerp Community Development Corporation (ACDC), Antwerp Rotary, Antwerp Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) and the Antwerp Planning and Zoning Commission.

Economic Development Director Tim Copsey set the stage, opening the meeting by explaining how the meeting came about: "While attending meetings with all of the Antwerp organizations, it was clear that each group has a goal or mission in mind to better the community. There just didn't seem to be a clear interweaving of information or definition that each group was aware, or understood the goals of the other groups. This sharing of communication allows for all groups and community residents to collectively participate, and share, what each believes would be the pertinent pieces for a SWOT analysis".

MVPO will take the data that was shared and gathered, and will develop a community survey. The survey data will guide MVPO, and the village, when future grants become available. Having data already collected saves time when grant application timelines are short.

This event follows similar

LORA LYONS W/UWPC SPEAKS TO THE KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Lora Lyons (Executive Director, United Way of Paulding County) as the guest speaker at the March 2, 2023, club meeting. Lora came at the invitation of Traci Koenig (Program Director, LifeWise Academy Paulding Exempted & Wayne Trace).

events held around Paulding County. MVPO facilitated a similar event recently in the

Lora spoke to the Kiwanians about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio. She said that the program is free for kids birth - 5 years old and that 630 kids are enrolled in the program from Paulding County. To sign up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library visit <https://ohioimaginationlibrary.org>

Village of Oakwood and the Village of Latty hosted their own independent analysis.

The Antwerp Planning and Zoning Commission also held a brief business meeting during the event and shared several zoning maps in hope of receiving feedback for future thoughts in regard to the traffic thoroughfare in the community.

Learn more about the Village of Antwerp www.villageofantwerp.com and for more information about Maumee Valley Planning Organization and their grant writing for Paulding, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, or Williams County contact them at 419-784-3882.

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The Community Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a Belles & Bowties Scholarship Fundraiser at the Hicksville on Friday, March 10.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with a catered meal being served at 6:00 p.m. Purse bingo will begin at 7:00 p.m. with purses, sports tickets and other men's and women's prizes being drawn/raffled throughout the evening.

Funds raised at the event will support the CMH Foundation Scholarship Program.

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