

GEENEX SOLAR PLANS SOLAR FACILITY, CREATES CONTROVERSY



There is a new Solar Panel Project in the works just north of Antwerp along SR 49 into Defiance County Hicksville Township. The first phase is a proposed 1200 acre affecting 4-6 square mile area. Solar companies have been contacting land owners to lease valuable farm ground into a solar electric utility project. Find out more in the ad below and also on the Community Calendar to get more information about the scope and the effects this project will have on the surrounding area.

The new project is called

Mink Solar and will use farm ground to put in industrial utility solar that will span a portion of both Paulding and Defiance counties. Some landowners have signed up, approving of the project and others are opposed for various reasons.

Before this can officially move to the construction phase, local and regulatory approvals must take place. As more information becomes available The West Bend News will keep the public informed with facts and accuracy about the developments we learn concerning this project.

MOLITOR FINISHES 14th AT STATE



Hannah Molitor finished in 14th place at the Ohio High School Athletic Association state gymnastics meet held at Hilliard Bradley High School last weekend.

In total, Molitor recorded a

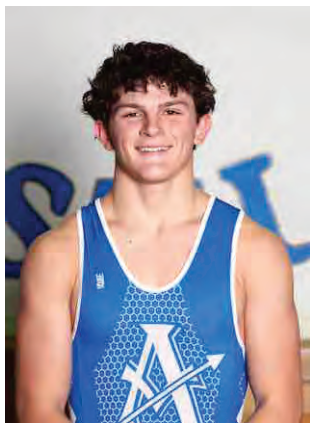
score of 36.600 after performing on the vault, bars, beam and floor.

Molitor took 23rd in the vault with a score of 9.125 while posting a ninth-place finish in the bars at 9.175.

On the beam, Molitor posted a score of 9.275 to take eighth place while recording a 26th place finish on the floor with a score of 9.025.

ANTWERP CHAMBER PRESENTS: NO COMPROMISE! MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a mystery dinner theatre about the dynamiting of the reservoir in 1887. The play is called *No Compromise*, written by Jane Nice and directed by Renee Boss. The Paulding Chamber hosted this play in 2018. And now Antwerp



Antwerp senior Eli Reinhart advanced to State Wrestling Tournament!

ANTWERP WRESTLING SENDS ONE TO STATE

The Antwerp High School wrestling team recently had 2 wrestlers compete in the Northwest District Wrestling Tournament on March 3-4 at Rossford High School.

One Archer grappler was able to place in the top 4 of his weight class, thus securing a spot in the OHSAA State tournament next week at the Jerome Schottenstein Center in Columbus. Senior Eli Reinhart finished 4th at 157 pounds to earn his 1st state tournament bid.

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Chamber would like to further tell this long lost history of Paulding County, and more specifically Antwerp, OH. This will be a fundraising event for the future mural commissioned for the side of a downtown building in Antwerp in the summer of 2023!

Antwerp Chamber is looking for dynamiters! It would be great to have any descendants of the families that may have been living in the Antwerp area around 1887, BUT that is not a requirement!

Also needed are some sewing ladies - again with no speaking parts. The play is humorous, interactive and teaches the attendees a little about the history of this area. It promises to be a great time! NO Compromise is sched-

WAYNE TRACE WRESTLER SAM MOORE QUALIFIES FOR STATE!



On March 3-4, 2023, the Wayne Trace Raiders made the trip to the Hobart Arena in Troy, Ohio for the District Tournament. The Raiders sent five wrestlers to represent Wayne Trace. Sam Moore punched his ticket to state by placing fourth place in the 165-pound weight class. Moore defeated Zander Davis of Indian Lake with a score of 7-0 in the first round. Sam then went on to pin Hunter Randall of Miami East in 3:25. In round three, Moore fell to Rod Owens of Alter with a score of 10-4, knocking Moore to the consolation bracket.

There, Sam defeated Will Callicoat of Fairland with a score of 13-2 and he secured spot at the state tournament. Moore fell to Michael Osborne of Versailles in the third and fourth place match with a score of 5-0. Sam will travel to the Schottenstein to compete on the state floor beginning March 10th. Good luck Sam!

In the 120-pound weight class, Corbin Kimmel faced Nolan Earles of Preble Shawnee. Kimmel was up 4-2 in the final seconds of the match when his arm buckled and dislocated. Due to the

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uled for April 14, 15 and 16. Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m., Sunday at 2:00p.m. Dinner will be catered by Grant's. This will be held at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church in Antwerp.

If you have any interested in participating or want to know more, message the Antwerp Chamber on Facebook. Keep a look out for how you can attend this fantastic fundraising event!

VAN WERT ROTARY CLUB SEEKING PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS

As people of Action, the local Van Wert Rotary Club strives to impact our local community and is always seeking out opportunities to

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- March 14
- Hands of Hope Pulled Pork Fundraiser @ OSU Ext. Bldg, 5-6:30pm

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Planned Solar Facility Generating Controversy in Paulding/Defiance Counties

Have you driven near Payne, OH on SR 49 or towards Continental, OH on SR 613, lately? Have you noticed what used to be farmland but is now the unattractive sight of about 300 acres, transformed into a Solar Power Plant?

An additional Solar Power Facility north of Antwerp is called **MINK SOLAR**, operated by a company called **Geenex Solar**. The project is around 1200 acres, roughly 4 times the size as both the Payne & Continental Projects. This facility is projected to start right at the Hicksville, OH city limits & stretch south all the way into Paulding County, while trying to stay as close to SR 49 as possible.

This means that the area of Carryall & Hicksville

Townships are going to look like a corridor of solar panels AKA "The Black Sea." It doesn't end there. As if having 1200 acres (equivalent to 2 sq miles) isn't bad enough, other landowners along SR 49 & up to 2 miles on both sides of SR 49 are getting bombarded with letters from at least 5 different solar companies trying to get them to lease their land.

The solar companies are not backing down &

continue to push into our areas especially if they don't have resistance from the surrounding community. Keep in mind that these solar companies are HEAVILY subsidized by YOUR TAX DOLLARS. The government is using residents' & landowners' money to make these companies wealthy using our taxes, and in return, are funding a MASSIVE eye sore right in their backyards.

AS A SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY WE SHOULD BE VERY CAUTIOUS & ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS:

- Green energy is not entirely bad, but it needs to be done in a responsible way & in responsible amounts, which these new projects are neither. If you have any questions, comments or concerns & want to speak out, CONTACT YOUR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:
- Carryall: Joe Barker (419-506-1854), Ben Kauser (419-769-9969), Nate Zuber (419-506-1173)
- Hicksville TWP: John McCalla (260-609-3106); Josh Metz (419-487-2859); Zane Zeedyk (419-212-3671)
- CONTACT COMMISSIONERS in both Defiance & Paulding Counties: Paulding - 419-399-8215; Defiance - 419-782-4761
- What happens to the solar panels when the government quits funding these projects?
- How long does it take and who pays to decommission the Solar Facilities & convert them back into productive farm land?
- How much in taxes are the Solar Companies truly going to pay?
- How is the ground that the Solar Facility is built on going to be taxed?
- How will the drainage be affected during construction?
- How are the surrounding residents of the Solar Facilities to be compensated for property value losses & visual nuisance?
- How will the community benefit from the negative consequences of the solar facility?
- How many local long-term jobs are created after construction? Are more jobs lost in farming than gained from solar?

YOU CAN ALSO ATTEND TOWNSHIP MEETINGS: CARRYALL TOWNSHIP MEETING MARCH 14th AT 7:00 PM AT 3408 RD 192 ANTWERP, OHIO 45813.

Geenex Solar is hosting an Open House 122 S. Main St. in Antwerp on March 15th 2-5pm. Please attend to voice your opinions & concerns.



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ANTWERP ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Scripture of the Week

PAYNE, OH:
Linda Sue Edwards, 77, of Payne, Ohio, passed away Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. Arr by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME 5761 SR 500, PAYNE, OHIO.

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,”
 — 1 Peter 3:15

Community Calendar

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- Antwerp Winter Sports Awards, auditeria, 7pm
 - March 14 & 16**
 - Chocolate Extravaganza, Oakwood Library
 - March 15**
 - Mink Solar Project Office Open House, 2-5pm, 122 S Main, Antwerp
 - 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)
 - March 18**
 - NRL22 Rifle Event @ Antwerp Cons Club, 9am
 - Oakwood Fire & EMS Fish Fry @ Station, 4-7pm
 - Craft Show @ Defiance KofC, 10a-3p
 - March 19**
 - Comm. Fellowship Luncheon @ Trinity UMC, Hicksville, 12-1pm
 - March 22**
 - Comm. Lenten Lunches @
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Antwerp Elementary School would like to announce their February Students of the Month. Pictured here are the following (back row): Devin Smith, Julian Rivera, Keigan Custer, Kyle Johnson, and Liam Burelison; (middle row): Duke Dangler, Maddie Hogans, Wesley Hostetler, Greyson Smith, Oliver McCague, Jaxton Schilt, and Kimber Weible; (front row): Maxx Reith and Ethan Taylor. Not Pictured: Evelyn Yenser

prayer. The subject of our prayer should be that which pertains to the interests of the group. The many who gathered in Acts 12:12 were all interested in Peter's well-being, for he was scheduled to be executed the next day.

The purpose of group prayer is to have many praying, or adding their faith and amen (agreement). It also brings additional power because everyone's faith is added together and God responds to faith (Mark 2:5, 11:24). God also promised a special presence where two or more are gathered in His name (Matthew 18:20).

Note just a few of the many group prayer meetings in Acts: 1:14, 3:1, 8:15, 12:12, 13:3, 14:23, 16:23 & 25, 20:36, 21:5.

Pray private prayers privately and public prayers publicly.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

sus commands us.

In the Bible we read of a man asking Jesus Christ who his neighbor was. Jesus told him about the good samaritan who took care of a man robbed, beaten and left for dead. Two other people walked past the beaten man and walked away, not offering to help. Jesus was showing this man that whoever needs our help at any given time is our neighbor.

The two people who walked past and did not help were religious men, but did not have the love of God in their hearts. This shows us that we can be religious and have a "form" of Godliness but deny the power of God. "The need for the love of God in our world today is so very great with so many people beaten up, robbed, and dying without a ray of hope that we who love the Lord and have God's love in us must share it with the hurting or we are disobeying the Lord's command to love our neighbor just as we love and care for ourselves.

Your neighbor may be living close to you or he may be someone you meet out in

the street or in a homeless shelter or under a bridge. Just go for a walk and you will find your neighbor.

Amen

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVITES FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TO PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

A Preschool Open House will be held at First United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 9 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Parents will also be able to register, tour and meet the teachers.

First Church is located at the corner of Central Avenue and Jefferson Street, across from Fountain Park.

We offer a half-day program from 8:30-11:30am two, three or four days a week. The curriculum is guided by the Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning Standards and incorporates Christian principles daily. We participate in monthly field trips, theme parties, progress monitoring and assessments, weekly Chapel, Christmas and Spring programs and much more. Our goal is to prepare

FINDING OUR NEIGHBOR

By: Doris Applegate

The following song gives us insight into the love of God:

"Love divine all love excelling.

Love from Heaven to earth come down.

Fix in us your humble dwelling

Let's all peace and joy abound."

This is more than a song, it is also a prayer from a heart who wants all that God has to give. Because God is love, when we have God, we also have love. This enables us to love our neighbor as Je-

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accomplish our mission and demonstrate Rotary's drive to create positive change.

Subsequently, the Van Wert Rotary Club is seeking proposals for projects. Submitted projects should either address a specific community need, a specific community improvement or would be a project that adds overall value for the greater good of our community and society.

Any group, organization or individual interested in submitting a brief proposal should include: contact information; a brief description of the project; need being addressed; the people or groups to be served; general estimate of the cost of the project; and if applicable, ways the Van Wert Rotary Club could be involved in the project.

Those interested should submit their proposal to vanwertrotary1@gmail by Mar 31, 2023. The Van Wert Rotary Club will narrow down received proposals and the selected proposals will then be required to complete a formal

Service Project Proposal in which one final proposal will be selected by the Van Wert Rotary Club. For additional questions please contact Rotarian Mark Verville at 419-238-4390.

Established in 1905, Rotary International is a humanitarian service organization which brings together business and professional leaders in order to provide community service, promote integrity, and advance goodwill, peace, and understanding in the world. It is a non-political and non-religious organization.

The Van Wert Rotary Club was formed in 1920 and through the years has assisted with countless projects that today still have an impact on the local community. Some of these past projects include Lake Rotary and the Nature Center at Camp Clay; the restrooms, concession facility and digital sign at Fountain Park; the Rotary Athletic and Soccer Complex on John Brown Road; and the Walking Path and Rotary Park at the Van Wert Reservoir.

KLOPFENSTEIN, MCCOLLOY WELCOME STUDENTS FROM HICKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) and Senator Rob McColloy (R-Napoleon) hosted students from Hicksville High School at the Statehouse recently to discuss how state legislators represent their constituents.

The group of nearly 40 students toured the Statehouse, including the Senate Chamber, where Klopfenstein and McColloy spoke with the students about how legislation works through the legislative process on its way to becoming law.

"It was a real pleasure to speak with the students, explain to them process of what we do at the statehouse and how I can help them," Klopfenstein said. "I hope to work with more students in the future and encourage them to come to the Statehouse, ask questions and get involved with state and local government."

If other schools or students are interested in visiting the Statehouse or speaking with Representative Klopfenstein please reach to his office at rep82@ohiohouse.gov.

children for kindergarten in a loving Christ-centered environment.

For more information please contact Administrator Marilyn Agler by phone at 419-238-0631 ext. 308, by email HYPERLINK "mailto:marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net" marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net or register online at vanwertfirst.net then choose Preschool in the menu area.

SPRING SPARKLE@CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Christ Lutheran Basement Ladies will be having a fun evening on March 28th, 7pm at the church. Joan Thatcher owner of Elite Interiors will be sharing interior design ideas and tips on updating our homes.

Also Linda Koeneman with Gar Creek Nurseries will be sharing flower arrangements and other tips on flowers.

This is open to the Public

for a fun get -a -way evening.

Refreshments will be provided.

TRINITY UMC TO HOST COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

A community fellowship luncheon will be held from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 137 E. High St., Hicksville, OH;

The public is invited and donations are welcomed.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
 In Matthew 6 Jesus says we should enter into our closet to pray. Does that mean we should not pray in public?

By the word "closet," He just meant a private place. Jesus was warning us not to be like the hypocrites who prayed private-type prayers publicly to be SEEN of men. They were praying the wrong prayers in the wrong place with the wrong motive. I have an extended daily private prayer time, but I don't kneel down on my front porch to do it.

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WHAT IF AND WHY?

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

I used to be so nosy when I was younger and it has been said that I asked so many questions that my nickname became "News Reporter." My Mama would do her best to answer every question I could think of, but today finds me just as curious as I have always been.

I used to lay on the grass as a youngster and just look up at the sky and clouds. I would wonder, "How can Heaven fit in those skies? Where are the streets of gold and will I be able to sing with the angels?"

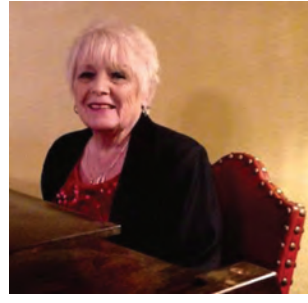
I have always had quite the imagination and tend to always think about the, "What ifs" What if I won the lottery? What if someone stole my purse? What if I fall out of bed? What if the world ran out of chocolate? What if my car breaks down? What if I would have married Elvis? What if? What if? We all wonder about all sorts of things.

Every time I see frog legs, I wonder, "Why do they only eat the legs? What happens to the rest of the frog's body? I feel so sorry for them and I wonder how we could "save these unfortunate legless creatures?"

I know I have a love for animals and I am so glad I do not raise any cows or pigs, goats or chickens. Even though I like pork chops and steak, I know I would make them all pets, give them names and not want to eat them. I wonder why I feel so much better eating a steak from the meat market than

from a cow I know by name? I have so many unanswered questions!!!!

I am still wondering along with a lot of other people, "Who let the Dogs Out?" "Where's the beef?" "How do I get to Sesame Street?" "Why do all flavors of fruit loops taste exactly the same, or how many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie pop?" "Why are eggs packaged in a flimsy paper



carton, but batteries are secured in plastic that's tough as nails?" In fact, I just tried opening a package of batteries and it took me 2 pairs of scissors and a screw driver to hack them open.

Why is "abbreviated" such a long word and why is there a D in 'fridge' but not in refrigerator? Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, yet dish-washing liquid is made with real lemons?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections? Why does The Alphabet Song and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star have the same tune? What is Victoria's secret?

Why doesn't McDonalds sell hot dogs? Are eyebrows considered "facial hair?" Do vegetarians eat animal crackers? How do you handcuff a one armed man? (maybe the police can answer that one).

These are not all of my wonderings, but I bet we all tend to wonder the same things.

Here is my favorite wonder, Why do we have to "put our two cents worth in" but it's only a "Penny for your Thoughts" where's that extra penny going to? Well tell me your thoughts and I will give you that extra penny.

COVID 19 UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY

This week Paulding County had 14 New Cases, 0 New Hospitalizations, 0 New Deaths.

Paulding is ranked 47th in the state of Ohio. In Paulding County the transmission level is currently Substantial and community level Medium.

Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots.

Call (419) 399-3921 to schedule your vaccination appointment.

Get tested if you have symptoms. PCHD has FREE COVID-19 Test Kits available at this time.

WAYNE DALE SHAMROCK SEARCH ANNOUNCES GAME CLUES!

Are you ready to find that pot of gold in Waynedale yet? From gift cards to gift baskets, many prizes are up for grabs in the new community-wide "Waynedale Shamrock Search" game. While there might not be an actual pot of gold for you to win, hundreds of dollars of prizes will be won by those who choose to take on the free-to-play and win challenge. This fun way to encourage exploration of the area was organized by local volunteers, The Waynedale Community Improvement Team and passionate business owners.

Simply put, to play this community-wide game, solve the riddles each day of the week leading up to St. Patrick's Day (March 13-17), and they will take you to area businesses. Each day, there are new clues to solve leading to a different set of businesses. Those who answer each riddle correctly by stopping into the corresponding business will receive a shamrock (one per person 16+). Then, any time before Friday, March 24, participants can redeem shamrocks at the Waynedale Library (2200 Lower Huntington Rd) to win an immediate small prize (free cookie or personal pizza while supplies last) and enter a raffle for a chance to win larger prizes donated by local businesses. The more shamrocks you collect, the more entries you will have to win the large prizes.

If you solve any of the following clues, stop into that business on that day to receive a shamrock! There are clues for up to 3 businesses per day. Some clues are challenging, but there are a lot of \$\$ in prizes to be won! Pictures of prizes & more will be posted to Facebook.

Monday, March 13

1. We keep you comfy all year, that's our tradition.
2. We can be found with a green sign, hunting a ton on the lower corner of an old trail.
3. Get your motor running on Sandpoint.

Tuesday, March 14

1. This green mint flavored shake is a fan favorite and only available for a limited time! You'll be Lovin' It!
2. The long race to Bluffton convenience and great gas prices too!
3. Dedicated 2 service, 4 all veterans, all at 1 post.

Wednesday, March 15

1. Stacked wood, delicious meat, but don't take our name too seriously!
2. Primary spot to get your cash.
3. There is a bright glow on the runway, follow the light for caffeine and sweets.

Thursday, March 16

1. Everything to DIY at DIB.
2. Healthy drinks for a healthier YOU!
3. Not a hair out of place for the big event.

Friday, March 17

1. A royal place to call home.
2. You don't need to be in a car club to practice driving here.

Participation in this event is not limited to just Waynedale community members, all are invited

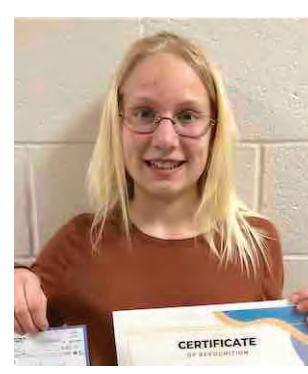
LOCAL STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS



Rayni Rister, 12th grade, Antwerp High School



Krandon Crites, 5th grade, WT Payne Elementary



Leah Manz, 6th grade, Paulding Elementary

Three students of Paulding County schools were recently awarded a scholarship by the Northwest Ohio Consortium of Coordinators of the Gifted. They each were required to submit two recommendation letters and an essay outlining how this award would support their passions in a field linked to their area of gifted identification.

come and play. And, although there is no cost to play and win, many of this game's participating businesses will have specials and St. Patrick's Day themed items available to try or purchase. Overall sponsors of this event include Hill's Meat Market, Kington Residence, Legacy Heating & Air Conditioning, ProMedica Hospice, The Waynedale News, and Robinson Family Eye-care Clinic.

More information can be found on Facebook: fb.me/e/2Hchfzwmn

PC BOARD OF ELECTION HOLDS REORGANIZATION MEETING

Paulding County Board of Election held their reorganization meeting on Friday, March 3, 2023. Board of Elections are required to organize every two years.

Kathleen Wilson was voted in as the Director. Patricia Porter was voted in as Deputy Director. Both Kathleen and Patricia are excited to serve the voters of Paulding County and the SOS Office.

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



Carl Pursel is seated in the front next to Dick, the mascot.

By: Mark Holtsberry

Carl Pursel was born November 11, 1875 in Paulding. The son of Valentine V. Born May 1, 1838 in Virginia and Amanda Malvina (Shafer) Pursel born February 2, 1844 in Indiana. This couple was married July 20, 1867 in Paulding by Minister Thomas Elcock.

By 1870, while living in Paulding, this Paulding couple was blessed with two more children, Jessie Lillian born 1868 and Frank V. born in 1870. Valentine was the County Auditor. This family was still living in Paulding in 1880. But Valentine was engaged in farming. His wife, Amanda, was working at a store.

By 1898, America was being drawn in to protect Cuba and the Philippines from a Spanish Government takeover. Paulding had lobbied in Columbus to form a company of men to serve in the Spanish American War. Company M. 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry was formed in Paulding. Carl Pursel was voted to serve as Orderly Sergeant and mustered into service. His record states he was bedridden October 3-10, 1898.

While the company was stationed in Georgia, Carl was the correspondent for the Paulding Republican Newspaper. He spoke of food gathering, men's activities and growing a beard in which the other soldiers thought he looked like a tramp. Carl was mustered out with the company February 10, 1899.

By 1900, Carl was back at home on Emerald Pike, (Emerald Road) with his parents and all three siblings. Carl was working as a lawyer, as he did have one year of college. On October 11, 1911, his father Valentine passed away and was buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

Carl moved to Oklahoma at P.O. Box 146, Muskogee, Oklahoma, to work for an oil producer. On June 7, 1918, Carl registered for the World War draft. Listed as tall in height, medium build, grey eyes, brown hair and working for Lynder Darby at 504 Cosden Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He stayed in the oil business all through the 1920's.

His mother, Amanda, passed away April 16, 1927 and was buried beside Valentine. By 1930, Carl was living in Tulsa, Oklahoma at 1813 South Carson Street working in oil production. By 1940, Carl was living in San Antonio, Texas at



Robert E. Lee Hotel at 311 West Travis Street. He was working as a land maintenance employee.

His sister Ruby E. (Shifflet) passed away November 4, 1940. On September 14, 1943, Carl was taken to Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio with heart issues. He passed away September 15, 1943 from Coronary Sclerosis. His body was brought home and laid to rest in Live Oak Cemetery.

His sister Jessie Lillian, passed away April 27, 1944. She, too, was buried in Live Oak Cemetery. His brother Frank passed away April 7, 1949 in California. He is also buried there.

...Until Next Time!

Steven M. Friend

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You would have been 50 this year. Our hearts still ache from the loss of you! We know you are in a much better place than us. All of us miss you so much!
— Dad & Mom, Joey & Jason

The family of Arlene Billman would like to thank all of you who have reached out in some way: since her passing: visits, food, messages, gifts, cards. To each of our school classes who gifted us with angels we thank you.

We would especially like to thank Lou Slusher for her lifelong friendship with Arlene and her caring, watchful neighbors Spud and Cindy Herber. Thank you to the staff members at Van Crest of Hicksville for the wonderful care they gave our mother and the kindness and comfort they gave us. Thank you to Paul Steele who brought mom her meals and mail each day with a friendly smile. Thank you to Tommie Meyers who provided medical care and, most of all friendly visits. Thank you to all who honored Arlene Billman and her memorable laugh. Your kindness will always be remembered.

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TROOPER WES DITTO SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Trooper Wes Ditto (Van Wert Post, Ohio State Highway Patrol) as the guest speaker at the March 9, 2023, club meeting. Trooper Ditto came at the invitation of Jane Gray (Kiwanis Club of

Paulding County Member). Trooper Ditto spoke to the Kiwanians about the new distracted driving law that will take effect April 3rd. He said it will be a primary offense and will carry up to a \$150 fine and 2 points for the first offense.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

During the 2023 white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season, State Wildlife Officer John Coffman, assigned to Fayette County, received information that an individual had taken a deer with a rifle. After a short investigation, it was determined that a rifle was used, and the deer was harvested on land the hunter did not have permission to hunt. Multiple summonses were issued, and the individ-

ual was found guilty and ordered to forfeit the deer and rifle.

State Wildlife Officer Maurice Irish, assigned to Delaware County, learned from the Turn-In-A-Poacher hotline that a resident had killed multiple bucks during the 2021-22 white-tailed deer hunting season. State Wildlife Officer Tyler Eldred, assigned to Morrow County, and Officer Irish initiated an investigation that revealed the individual killed three bucks and three does in one season. The suspect's spouse checked in one buck and a neighbor checked in another. The three does were not game checked. The antlers and crossbow were seized and forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife. The poacher was ordered to pay \$5,744.81 in restitution and \$1,507 in fines and court costs. The individual also received 180 days in jail, suspended, and three years of community control in which the individual is not allowed to hunt. Reports of wildlife

violations can be submitted anonymously via the TIP hotline at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437).

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In January, State Wildlife Officer Austin Dickinson, assigned to Defiance County, received a call about an injured bald eagle. Officer Dickinson tracked the bald eagle from where it was originally observed and eventually captured it. Officer Dickinson transported the eagle to Nature's Nursery rehabilitation center in Whitehouse where it was evaluated for injuries. Individuals who locate injured or sick wildlife should contact their local wildlife officer for information on how to respond.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the 2022-23 white-tailed deer archery hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Scott Cartwright, assigned to Carroll County, received a complaint from a landowner about an individual hunting without permission. Officer Cartwright responded and initiated a traffic stop on the individual's car. After an investigation, the hunter was charged with hunting without permission. He was found guilty in Carroll County Municipal Court, sentenced to 60 days in jail and 15 hours of community service, and ordered to pay \$145 in fines and costs.

During the 2023 white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season, State Wildlife Officers Michael Budd and Scott Cartwright, assigned to Tuscarawas and Carroll counties, respectively, patrolled public hunting property in Carroll County. While checking on a facility owned by a youth camp, the officers detected a propane odor outside the facility and notified the camp director. When the repair crew arrived, they found a significant propane leak which could have severely damaged the facility.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Matt VanCleve, assigned to Pike County, was on patrol during the 2023 white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season. He received a call about a hunter who was not wearing hunter orange clothing. During all deer firearm seasons hunters must be visibly wearing a coat, vest, jacket, or coveralls that are either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange. Officer VanCleve responded to the complaint and contacted the suspect, who was not wearing the required hunter orange. The individual was issued a summons, pleaded guilty in Pike County Court, and paid a fine of \$180.

In November 2022, State Wildlife Officer Benjamin Smith, assigned to Morgan County, responded to a call about a non-life-threatening hunter injury at Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area. Officer Smith and State Wildlife Officer Chris Gilkey, assigned to Meigs County, followed up with the two individuals involved in the incident. It was revealed that the incident did not occur on the wildlife area but instead happened at a residence while cleaning a firearm. The two individuals were also found to have spotlighted

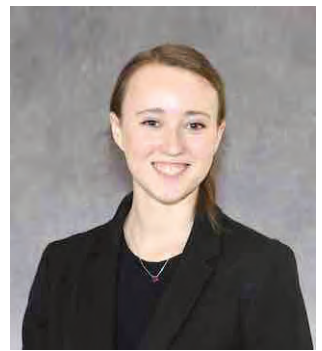
white-tailed deer, shot two deer from a vehicle at night, and failed to game-check the harvest. The two suspects were later found guilty on four charges in Morgan County Court. They each paid more than \$900 in fines, restitution, and court costs. In addition, they each received a one-year hunting rights revocation, were placed on one year of probation, and were sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended. The deer that were illegally harvested were donated to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, and the firearm used was forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officers Gus Kiebel, assigned to Adams County, Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, and Matt Roberts, assigned to Highland County, along with Wildlife Officer Program Manager Eric Lamb and State Wildlife Investigator Joel Buddelmeyer worked a case concerning a poacher who was previously charged in 2020. The suspect was found to have illegally harvested wild turkeys and waterfowl and hunted without permission in two counties. He was recently sentenced to a \$2,300 fine, \$457 in court costs, and forfeiture of two guns, a crossbow, a scope, and goose meat in Clermont County. In Brown County, he received a \$50 fine, three-year hunting license revocation, and 60 days in jail with seven days served. The suspect is also scheduled for a pretrial on a 2022 case for hunting without permission and hunting under a revoked license in Clermont County.

During the recently concluded white-tailed deer hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Gus Kiebel, assigned to Adams County, responded to a call from the Higginsport Police Chief regarding a traffic stop in Brown County. The chief noticed blood on the back of a vehicle he had stopped and discovered an untagged deer inside the vehicle. Officer Kiebel issued the individual a summons for the violation. The driver was also issued a summons by the Higginsport police for driving while under suspension.

DULLE WINS SCHOLARSHIP FROM OHIO LINE SUPERVISORS ASSOC.



Jenna Dulle was awarded a first place, \$2000 scholarship in the Ohio Line Supervisors Association (OLSA) Scholarship competition on March 2, 2023.

Dulle, the daughter of Doug and Kristine Dulle, is a senior at Edon High School. Doug is a journeyman lineman for North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Ten students competed for \$4,500 in scholarships, funded by the OLSA. The

WARRIORS FALL TO CADETS IN SECTIONAL PLAY



Woodlan Junior Lincoln Sparks was able to drive in with the ball and scored for the Warriors in the final game! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan saw its season come to a close Saturday as the Warriors dropped a 58-48 decision to Concordia at Garrett High School.

The Cadets posted a 14-13 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before taking control in the second stanza.

Concordia picked up 15 markers in the period while limiting the Warriors to six as the Cadets expanded the lead to 29-19 at the intermission.

In the third quarter, Concordia again widened the gap by scoring 17 points compared to Woodlan's 14 as the Cadets took a 46-33 lead into the final period.

Woodlan won the fourth quarter 15-12 but it wasn't enough as the Warriors fell to the Cadets 58-48.

The contest was the final time to put on a Woodlan

boys basketball uniform for the senior quartet of Ethan Klepper, Dawson Lichty, Alex Miller and DeJay Gerig.

Gerig tied for the team high with 13 points in the contest while posting a double-double with ten rebounds as well. Lichty chipped in four markers and three rebounds with Miller recording nine markers, eight rebounds and an assist. Gerig had an assist as well for the Warriors.

Braden Smith chipped in 13 markers for Woodlan and added four rebounds, three assists and one steal. Trey Yoder contributed seven points, 11 rebounds and one assist while Lincoln Sparks posted two points, two rebounds and four assists.

Woodlan concludes the season with a record of 19-6 overall.

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Culinary Arts Senior Emily Luersman (Jennings)

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over the next holiday.

For more information contact Vantage's Cup & Saucer Cafe.

COVER CROP WEED CONTROL

A new study by Purdue University, Dr. Bill Johnson shows the benefits of cover crops for weed control. Cover crops are known to control grasses and marestail, but Dr. Johnson wanted to document other weed control benefits. For example, can you control weeds with out residual herbicides? What other weeds do cover crops control?

Dr. Johnson found residual herbicides may not be needed if crop residue is high enough to suppress marestail and annual grasses weeds. For other broadleaf weeds, the cover crop residue was not enough to suppress broadleaf weeds. The cover crops plus residual herbicides were 100% effective at controlling weeds in his trials. Cocklebur was a problem weed which required the full rate of herbicide plus the

cover crop residue to control it.

Dr. Johnson discovered several other important weed facts about cover crops. Planting green or planting soybeans into cereal rye later had a much higher success rate than terminating the cover crop early. The Purdue research team found that cover crops terminated 2-3 weeks before planting had higher water hemp, giant ragweed, then grasses concentrations than cover crops terminated at planting or later.

Cereal rye has an allelopathic effect or antagonistic effect on small germinating weed seed. Most of the chemical responsible for this effect resides in the stems and leaves. As the plant is terminated and starts to decompose, this allelopathic effect can last for several weeks. Naturally, the bigger the cover crop when it is terminated, the more natural herbicide there is to suppress weeds. Soybeans are not affected by this allelopathic effect and once soybeans canopy, they out-compete weeds for sunlight and nutrients.

Johnson noted that cereal rye was harder to terminate with glyphosate plus a residual like Acuron when the weather was cool. Herbicide antagonism results when glyphosate and Acuron were used together, resulting in a slower rate of cereal rye termination, but Johnson felt the Acuron was needed for late residual weed control. Johnson, a weed scientist and herbicide expert, however did not try terminating the cereal rye mechanically with a crimper crop roller. The crimper crop roller might have reduced the need for the burndown (glyphosate) and allowed the residual herbicide (Acuron) by itself to reduce late season weeds escapes.

Johnson also investigated whether the higher soil biological activity associated with the cover crops might lead to a reduction in herbicide efficiency due to faster herbicides break down. Johnson used cereal rye for three years and documented a 23% rise in beta-glucosidase and 76% rise in dehydrogenase enzyme activity, verifying increased soil microbial activity. The increased microbial activity did increase common corn herbicide breakdown of atrazine (41%) and mesotrione (Callisto, 36%), but not significantly compared to bare or follow fields. For Johnson, the bottom line was that cover crops help with weed control but residual herbicides may be

needed to get 100% weed control.

While cereal rye is a great cover crop to control weeds after soybeans, Johnson did not investigate the benefits of other cover crops. The best weed fighting cover crops are Sorghum Sudan grass, radish, cowpea, buckwheat, cereal rye, annual ryegrass, and oats; which out compete weeds for space, water, sunlight and nutrients and/or have natural herbicides (glucosinolates) that bio-fumigate the soil. Farmers should avoid tillage which preserves and replants weed seeds.

While cover crops may suppress and outcompete weeds, they also help reduce crop diseases. Most corn and soybean diseases (Phytophthora, Fusarium, Pythium, and Rhizoctonia) thrive under wet soils. Cover crop roots dry the soil profile to reduce disease pressure. Using glyphosate (Roundup) to kill your cover crops decreases manganese availability and may promote Fusarium. Cereal rye before soybeans reduces Phytophthora and Rhizoctonia while oats reduces Fusarium and makes manganese available, counteracting glyphosate. Annual ryegrass and cereal rye also reduce soybean cyst nematodes 80-90% if planted early in the fall when soil temperatures are above 500F. Some no-till farmers plant green and use crimper crop rollers to terminate cover crops or use alternative herbicides to minimize the nutrient tie up problems associated with glyphosate (Roundup).

One item not mentioned in the Purdue University (Johnson research) is the amount of cover crop residue needed to suppress weeds. Organic producers often seed cereal rye at 2-3 bushel per acre to suppress weed seed. The higher the amount of cover crop residue that is degrading, the greater the weed suppression is a common theme in most research. However, higher and thicker cover crop stands can also create problems with planting and promote other pests like slugs, and voles (field mice). Farming sustainability requires a balance of practices, more, knowledge, and more patience.

James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

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Wayne Trace Concert Choir earned highest rating on OMEA Districts.



Wayne Trace Concert Band earned highest rating on OMEA Districts.

The Wayne Trace Concert Band and Concert Choir, under the direction of Sharon Spinner, traveled to Celina MS/HS March 3 & 4 to participate in OMEA Large Group District Contest. They each performed three pieces for a panel of three judges and then

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STOLLER DRAINS 3-POINTER FOR DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP



Wayne Trace 2023 Division III District Champions! Photo by Seth Yenser

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Junior Kyle Stoller was at the right place at the right time when the Raider junior let go of a long-range three-pointer with just 2.7 showing on the clock. The "shot", probably the biggest in his career, stunned the crowd

tasted their first lead 40-39 with 6:14 remaining in the contest. Following an Emmanuel Christian bucket the Raiders responded with a six-point run on a Tyler Davis lay-up and four Brooks Laukhuf free throws to put the red, white, and blue on top 46-41 with four

minutes remaining. However, the Warriors answered with their own mini-run to regain the lead 47-46. At the 2:50 mark Brooks Laukhuf canned one of two free throws to put the Raiders finally

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Brooks Laukhuf holds off his Warrior opponent as he dribbles down the court. Photo by Seth Yenser

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WARRIORS STEM PAST RAILROADERS

Woodlan opened up the IHSAA sectional tournament Wednesday with a dominating 66-40 victory at Garrett over the host Railroaders.

The Warriors outscored the host squad in every quarter, starting with a 16-4 outburst in the opening eight minutes of the contest.

Woodlan extended the margin in the second stanza, bucketing 15 points compared to Garrett's 13 as the Warriors recorded a 31-17 halftime advantage.

In the third period, Woodlan added a dozen markers and limited the Railroaders to nine to put the Warriors on top 43-26 entering the final period.

Quarter number four saw the Warriors pour in 23 points while Garrett bucketed just 14 to wrap up the 66-40 outcome.

Trey Yoder led the way for Woodlan with 22 points and grabbed six rebounds to lead the way for the Warriors with Braden Smith recording a dozen markers and two boards.

Dawson patriots also reached double figures with 11 points to go along with five rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Alex Miller aided the Warrior cause with nine points, two rebounds and two assists and Luke Meyer posted five points and four rebounds. De-Jay Gerig totaled four markers, nine rebounds and two assists for Woodlan, which improved its record to 19-5 and advances to play Concordia (17-6) on Saturday.

Oliver Adams contributed two points and Drew Fleek picked up one for the Warriors as well.

Lincoln Sparks finished with two rebounds and four assists for Woodlan.

MISSED FT'S SEND ARCHERS INTO DISTRICT TITLE GAME



Archer Junior Reid Lichty attempts to snag the ball during play with Patriots. Photo by Harlee Moore.

Antwerp took advantage of a pair of missed free throws by Toledo Christian with no time on the clock for a 45-44 victory in the Division IV boys basketball district semifinal at Defiance High School Tuesday night. Trailing by one, Toledo Christian's Kalon Butler was fouled on an offensive rebound putback just prior to the clock expiring in regulation time.

Butler then proceeded to miss both free throws which sent the Archers into the district championship game Friday night.

Toledo Christian was on top 11-10 at the end of eight minutes of action before the Archers rallied in the second stanza, picking up a dozen markers while the Eagles scored seven to put Antwerp on top 22-18 at the midway point of the contest.

The Eagles cut into the deficit in the third quarter, scoring a dozen points in the period while the blue and

white bucketed 11 as Toledo Christian pulled within 33-30 at the end of three quarters.

Landon Brewer paced Antwerp with 25 points in the contest, including a trio of three-point field goals.

Carson Altimus added eight markers for the Archers and Reid Lichty posted six points. Camden Fuller also had four points with Parker Moore providing the remaining basket for the blue and white.

Karter Koester topped Toledo Christian with 18 points and Xandyr Hesson also reached double figures with ten markers.

Butler chipped in nine points for the Eagles followed by Silas Mickel (three), Charlie Duck IV (two) and Tyler Ryan (two).

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significant injury, Kimmel had to be taken to the hospital and was unable to compete going forward.

Jared Pierce competed in the 138-pound weight class. Pierce won the first round with a score of 8-6 over Connor Mitchell. Pierce fell to Brayden Brown of Legacy Christian in round two and went to the consolation bracket. Round three was a win for Pierce by default of his opponent, Silas Prather. Pierce then fell to Nathan Opichka of Madeira with a score of 8-3. This put Pierce out of the running for state, ending his career at the Districts.

In the 150-pound weight class, Graiden Troth com-

peted. Troth won his first match with a score of 9-7 over Trenton Grigsby of Bethel-Tate. Graiden was then defeated in round two by Quentin Grillot 13-5, knocking Troth to the consolation bracket. For round three, Troth faced Zeran Brady. The match ended with a close score of 8-7 and ending his season as well.

In the 175-pound weight class, Nate Osborn faced Austin Sellers. Osborn lost with a score of 7-4, dropping him to the consolation bracket. In his second match of the day, Osborn made light work of Tristen Davis with a pin in 1:33. Osborn then fell to Kyle Lathrop of Columbus Grove in a close match that went to overtime and a score of 6-4.

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RAIDERS OUTLAST CRUSADERS IN REGIONAL SEMI



Paulding junior Kyle Stoller is top scorer and shown here adding two points to the Raider side of board! More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

Wayne Trace and Canton Central Catholic battled in the opening game of the district regional and when the final buzzer sounded the Raiders escaped with a low-scoring win over the Crusaders 34-29. With the win the Raiders will advance to the championship contest

where their opponent will be a very dangerous Ottawa-Glandorf squad.

With the contest being a low scoring affair every possession became more and more important down the stretch. In the closing seconds it wasn't a shot or made basket that became a huge play but a tip following a missed free throw. Unfortu-

nately the Raiders missed the front end of a one-and-one but senior Tyler Davis made the most of the situation. Following the missed free throw Davis crashed the boards and managed to tip the ball out to the Raiders who kept control of the ball as the seconds ticked away.

Following a tussle under the Raiders basket the ball sailed out of bounds with the Crusaders touching it last and giving Wayne Trace another opportunity to widen their 32-29 advantage. Under their own basket with seven seconds remaining Kyle Stoller managed to slip a pass to a cutting Brooks Laukhuf who connected on a lay-up to give the Raiders their biggest lead of five points -- and the win.

The game was tight throughout with neither team securing a lead of more than four points until the fourth stanza. The Raiders were on top after the first quarter 8-7 but the Crusaders won the second period 9-7 to take a slim 16-15 lead to the locker room. In the third period the Raiders clamped down defensively holding Canton CC to just four points while putting up nine. Wayne Trace entered the final eight minutes of play leading 24-20.

With the win the Raiders improve their record to 21-6 while the Crusaders exit the tournament with a 16-10 record.

The Raiders, like many of their previous games leaned on Laukhuf and Stoller for their scoring. Kyle finished with 18 and Laukhuf added 13 with younger brother Tanner chipping in three for all the scoring.

WAYNE TRACE YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB WRESTLES AT CRESTVIEW



Pictured with the Wayne Trace Youth Wrestling Club in front is the coaches (l-t): Coach Conkle, Coach Wright, Coach Yenser, and Coach Osborn.

This past weekend (March 5, 2023), the Wayne Trace Wrestling Club wrestled their final tournament of the season at the Crestview Team Duels. This meet was a team against team meet. Wayne Trace finished the day 4-0 to claim the 1st place trophy! "These kids worked so hard all season long and their hard work and dedication paid off at the final meet," stated Coach Wright, "I want to thank the parents on the massive support they had on Sunday.



For the Crusaders Finley Stewart, who averages one-point a game, led his team with 11 followed by Damonte DeGraffenried with seven, Dylan Rouse adding four, Luke Vlacovsky with three and Gavin Layman and Jack Talkington with two points each.

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For the tournament, Reinhart finished with 4 wins and only 2 losses with 2 pins along the way. Reinhart also becomes the 3rd Archer wrestler to qualify for the state tournament. Reinhart's state qualification comes after years of hard work and relentless dedication which has made his career at Antwerp nothing short of amazing.

Currently, Reinhart holds school records for most career wins, most career pins, most career takedowns as well as most takedowns in a season. With a win at the state tournament, he will hold the school record for wins in season as he is currently tied with Jarrett Bute at 40 wins with just 1 week to go.

Congratulations Eli for not only making it to the big dance but for your outstanding career as an Archer wrestler for the last 10 years!!!

We wish you the best and look forward to you capping off your career with an excellent state tournament. GO ELI AND GO ARCHERS!!!

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THE LEFT TURN



Oakshade Raceway Dominator Super Stock Driver, Derrick Roseman. Photo Credit: Charlie Orns

By: Ron Burt

This week we are going to meet Oakshade Raceway Dominator Super Stock Driver, Derrick Roseman. Like his father, grandfather and uncles racing is in Dericks blood. Oakshade Raceway has always been the family's home racetrack. Derrick is in his 4th year of racing. He started out in the compact class, also known as mini stocks at other racetracks. After he got a comfortable feeling for the dirt surface it was just natural to move up in class and follow in his family's racing footsteps. For many years Derrick saw his old Swartz leaf race car frame sitting on the jig waiting to be updated and built. He was finally able to convince his grandfather to let him finish out the stockcar and race it. You can see Derrick every Saturday night at Oakshade Raceway getting sideways in the turns in this very competitive class. At Oakshade it's the Dominator Stocks, other tracks it might be a Street Stock or Thunder Stock but no matter the name it's a very competitive class with a devoted following at every track around the country. Once a year Derrick takes his car to Montpelier Motor Speedway in Indiana and mixes it up on the clay with the Hoosiers at the Monster Mash Race in the fall. Derrick has set his personal goals high for 2023. He wants to finish every race, finish Top 5 in points and he wants to win the most improved in his class. We wish him all the best in 2023.

Rumors are coming out of western Indiana about the fate of the historic Terre Haute Speedway, "The Action Track". According to reports, last fall this great track was going to close, no one wanted to run it. This week racing promoter Travis Norris has stepped in to run the

track. Once the ink is dry on the contract this week, things should start to move forward between the fair board that owns the racetrack and Travis. A very reliable source informed me a limited schedule is being put together for this summer that would include dates for USAC Silver Crown and Sprints. The news regarding racing this year should be released shortly.

Galesburg Speedway in Galesburg Michigan released their 2023 schedule this week. The asphalt track is a quarter-mile semi-banked asphalt oval with a figure-eight race track inside. They normally run Saturday nights and the big class is Template Late Models. They also run Street Stocks, Front Wheel Drives and Figure 8 School Buses on the nights of destruction. April 29th is opening night. Their payout isn't as big as other Midwest tracks, but the drivers are loyal and support the speedway. Weekly large car counts prove this.

The Burg has several big races during the summer. Saturday, May 6th is the annual Victory 110 Todd Foote Memorial paying \$5,010.00 to win for the Template Late Models. May 27th the Street Stocks compete in the Grandpa Ray Street Stock Spectacular. June 24th the track hosts the Front Wheel Drive A. B. C. Nationals with big payouts to the winners of the A. B. and C. Features. Altogether the Template Late Models have 4 big money races, Street Stocks 3 and Front Wheel Drives 1. The track also has several nights of destruction and the Tuesday, July 4th fireworks show, is billed as one of the biggest in Michigan. Until next week, keep your wheels down! Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

FUNGICIDE EFFECTS ON MICROBES

As Spring approaches, farmers may be considering applying fungicides to wheat, corn, and soybeans. Fungicides are used to terminate fungus. Beneficial soil fungus like Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungus (AMF) are hurt by some fungicide applications, but not all. Some fungicides (Apron, Aliette, Ridomil, Metalaxyl) stimulate some AMF to grow better by terminating pathogenic fungus that compete with AMF. Here are some general tips about fungicide use and AMF.

In general, foliar applications of non-systemic fungicides to leaves and stems have much less impact on AMF which live around the roots. Non-systemic means the fungicide is not as mobile in the plant or soil or generally as long-lasting. Some fungicide can wash off the plant, but the soil organic matter and diluted spray tends to have minor effects on AMF long-term. Any effect is usually short term because the AMF can regenerate.

Soil drench applications of non-systemic fungicides are detrimental to AMF if applied before root colonization takes place. Once AMF spores start to colonized roots by getting inside the root, they tend to be less sensitive because they are protected inside the root. High fungicide soil levels are detrimental to exposed fungal tissue, but not fungal tissue embedded inside the root. The protected AMF will growth a new mycorrhizal network (like a spider web) out as much as 6-18 inches from the root, searching for water and plant nutrients (phosphorus, many micro-nutrients, and water) so the effect is usually only short-term.

Some fungicides are systematic which means they are extremely plant and soil mobile and long lasting which means they can have a long-term effect on beneficial AMF. The detrimental effect can last up to 3 weeks. Some farmers now inoculate their seed and crops with AMF. The general rule is that foliar non-systematic fungicides can be applied any time without too much issue. Soil drenches should not be applied 2 weeks before (longer for systematic fungicides) or 4 weeks after AMF inoculation and planting.

The following is a list of fungicides that so far have not exhibited an inhibitory effect on AMF. In other words, these are the best ones to use if you want to build or maintain soil health. A fungicide is considered to be inhibitory if there exists a published report documenting inhibition. It should be noted that there are many chemical names for the same product and not all are listed.

Fungicides not known to hurt soil health include: Carbamate (many different fungicides, AMF effects vary); Carbendazim (Bavistan); Difolatan (Captafol, Difosan); Chlorothanil (All Pro, Dacnil); Fludioxonil (Maxim, Medallion, Dynashield, Celest, Agri Star); Mancozeb (Dithane M-45, Manzate, Fore, Junction); Manate (Dithane M-22, Maneb); Tricoderma sp (Root Shield, Root Shield Plus); Senator (Thiophanate); Sentinel, and Thiram (Tersan 75, Arasan).

Some fungicides that tend to hurt soil health and AMF

READING & WRITING APPRECIATION AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Students at Payne Elementary recently participated in Read Across America by showing their appreciation for their reading and writing skills. The week of February 27- March 3 students were involved in various dress-up days to honor multiple Dr. Seuss books. Students also took time to write thank you

notes to local businesses thanking them for their service to the community. On Dr. Seuss's birthday, students celebrated with a Partner Read. Younger and older students were paired up to share a Dr. Seuss book. Both young and old shared their reading skills with one another. Friday we ended the week with a

Book Buffet arranged by Mrs. April Krouse- Title 1 Reading teacher. Students browsed through books of various genres and levels and then were given a book of their choice. Throughout the entire week, students were sharing their love of reading and together celebrating their right to read!

populations include: Benomyl (Benlate, Tersan-1991); Captan; Tilt (CGA-65250, Banner, Protonazol); Triadimefon (Bayleton, Strike, Strike Plus); Vitavax (Carboxin, DCMO); Strobilurins such as Azoxystrobin (Abound, Dynasty, Heritage, Headline, Protégé, Quadris, Quilt, Soyard, Uniform); Kresoxim-methy (Cygnus, Sovran); Fenpropimorph (fungistatic effect); and Topsin-M (Easout, Fungo, Duosan).

Most fungicide treatments do not totally eradicate AMF; they only decrease development for a period of time after application. The time of this effect depends on the duration in which the chemical persists in the environment. Most insecticides or herbicides if applied at label rates do not directly affect AMF development. Herbicides may affect AMF fungi indirectly by harming or killing their host plant. Glyphosate (Roundup), however; is known to reduce soil microbial communities and soil health for a period of 2-6 weeks (longer if dry) due to its ability to chelate or tie up soil micro-nutrients. Since there are close to 200 beneficial AMF species that infect our agricultural crops, some AMF are more susceptible than others to pesticides (fungicides, insecticides, herbicides).

Several species of grass cover crops like oats and sorghum-sudan promote many beneficial AMF species and should be grown often to increase AMF populations. Most legume (hairy vetch, winter peas) and clover (Balansa, crimson, red) cover crops are also good for increasing AMF populations. Avoid planting brassicas (Daikon radish, rape, kale, turnips) or buckwheat by themselves because they are non-AMF and tend to decrease beneficial AMF populations and may even decrease crop yields. Brassicas and buckwheat can be planted in cover crop mixtures at low rates with no issues because the other grasses, legumes, and clovers will keep the AMF alive for 9-10 months, until they reproduce and finish their live cycle. Fungicides can be used to reduce pathogenic fungus, but careful selection is required to promote

AMF and soil health.
—James J. Hoorman
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ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JENNIFER A. CARR, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 011
Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

**101 East Perry Street, Grover Hill
Parcel Number: 26-07S-009-00**

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse or at: www.uslandrecords.com
Said premises appraised at Forty-five Thousand and No/100 (\$45,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the April 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on May 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

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

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

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

Eric E. Martinez, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty;

Case was waived by defendant

Marc W. McNabb, Defiance, OH; Criminal damage; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Wendy S. Lengacher, Paulding, OH; Distracted driving; Case dismissed

Seth Hitzeman, Antwerp, OH; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed, Defendant to pay all all costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Provide proof of insurance by 3/7/23; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed; Loud exhaust, Case dismissed; Left of center, Case dismissed

John A. Vibbert, Grover Hill, OH; Domestic violence; Guilty; 90 days jail, 85 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victim; Continue with counseling in Van Wert County

Dustin N. Ripke, Oakwood, OH; Driving under suspension, Case dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Pled no contact, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Abdiaziz M. Dere, Fairbault, MN; Prohibited turn; Pled no contest found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Glenn L. Decker, Oak-

wood, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; 30 days jail, 29 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victims or residence

Manuel R. Farelo, Detroit, MI; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert L. Bair III, Leipsic, OH; Criminal damage; Case dismissed per state; Costs waived

Jordun S. Bradley, Tripoli, IA; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jesse A. Sumrall IV, Dayton, OH; Distracted Driving; Guilty; Defendant to completed course

Melinda L. Rhonehouse, Oakwood, OH; Child restraint (2 counts); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kenneth D. Potter, Cloverdale, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines costs; Maintain general good behavior

Eric M. Farmer, Grover Hill, OH; Disorderly conduct, Pled no contest, found guilty, Maintain general good behavior; Aggravated menacing, Count A dismissed; Telecom harassment, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, Westwood, No contact with victims, 20 hours com-

munity service, Risk assessment, Online classes, Letter of apology

Jeremy S. Harris, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct; Found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Noah Kline, Haviland, OH; FRA suspension; Case dismissed

Jennifer L. Smith, Paulding, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Ryan P. Pierce, Clay City, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant



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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: CLICK N' CLOSE, Plaintiff,

vs. **AMANDA RENEE CARNER, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. Cl 22 172

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

218 West Merrin Street, Payne Parcel Number: 19-14S-007-00

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Said premises appraised at Ninety Thousand and No/100 (\$90,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

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Daniel C. Wolters, Attorney for Plaintiff

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff

vs.

ALVIN R. SIMONIN, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 18 103

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

209 North Main Street, Grover Hill Parcel Number: 24-23S-014-00

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WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle "IT'S GARDENING TIME"

- Across**
- Tool used for manually watering plants.
 - Tool used for watering plants.
 - Tool used for digging small holes in soil.
 - The month in which many plants start to grow.
 - A small, colorful spring-blooming flower.
 - Bees, butterflies, and other insects that help fertilize plants.
 - Small, plant embryos used for growing new plants.
 - A framework used to support climbing plants.
 - Natural light required for plants to grow.
- Down**
- Unwanted plants that grow in the garden bed.
 - Protective gear worn when working in the garden.
 - The loose material in which plants grow.
 - Plants grown for their edible parts.
 - Beneficial insects used to control garden pests.
 - A substance used to promote plant growth.
 - Fertilizer made of decomposed organic matter.
 - A perennial flowering plant that blooms in early spring.
 - Tool used for collecting leaves and other debris in the garden bed.
 - Material used to cover the soil and retain moisture.

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Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

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

vs. **GREGORY L. KUTZLI, ET AL., Defendants,**

Case No. Cl 22 150

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

203-205 Stone Street, Antwerp Parcel Number: 12-11S-008-00 and 12-11S-009-00

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

The opening bid is Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-four and 30/100 (\$4,824.30) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, March 30, 2023 by on-line bidding at:

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

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on April 13, 2023 for the same minimum bid.

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
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Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

PAULDING FFA CHAPTER CELEBRATES NATIONAL FFA WEEK



Pictured here is the winning team from the Country Olympics event with their trophy.



Pictured here is students in Mrs. March's 1st grade class enjoying the FFA week dress up days



Pictured here are Paulding FFA members left to right Riley Stork, Marley Parrett, Grace Goyings, Aeylah Hitzeman and Jalyn Klopfenstein dressed up as cowgirls on the beach enjoying the FFA week ice cream party.

By: Caydence Rue,
Paulding FFA Reporter

February 21st-24th, the Paulding FFA Chapter celebrated National FFA week by having many events throughout the district. During this week, every day was a dress up

day for high school and this year we included the elementary schools and the middle school, which was a huge success.

When students entered the building on Tuesday there was an FFA emblem scavenger

hunt in all the buildings and once a student found an emblem they turned it for a candy prize! It was so fun to see the students finding hidden emblems all week. Tuesday was sleepy farmer, where students got to wear their pajamas with boots. There was a corn hole tournament for the high school that was held in the High Gym during AAA. The FFA officers also made a quiz to educate the entire high school about agriculture in Paulding County. The students took the quiz and once they got a 100% they were given a cookie donated by Ag Credit.

On Wednesday, FFA members brought in a wide variety of food to host their annual staff appreciation lunch featuring grilled hotdogs and burgers made by the Paulding FFA Alumni. Our students and staff wore their FFA shirts as our dress up day. We also had State FFA Officer Dalton Mullins do some awesome team building activities with all the ag classes. Thursday was America Day, students wore red, white, and blue.

During all of the Ag classes on Thursday Dietz Racing came in and educated our students about the racing industry and the many careers available for our students and they even brought 2 of their own race cars which were so neat for students to see.

Friday was cowboys at the beach, so students got to wear their boots with school appropriate beach outfits. Also, on Friday, the Paulding FFA hosted their annual Country Olympics with the entire high school in attendance. The students competed in a wide variety of games and competitions with their teams. These games consisted of straw stacking, stick horse races, tug of war, cattle roping, musical chairs, and a milking contest. Finally, the teachers and students made their own line dance to perform at the end of all the other events and Mason & Tyler Schlatter were the cornhole champions for 2023.

The students had a very fun day at the Country Olympics and are very excited for next year. We ended FFA week with our ice cream party for those students who sold fruit in the ag room during AAA. We want to thank everyone for their support and dedication to the Paulding FFA Chapter!

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

PAULDING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY JOSEPH R. BURKARD ANNOUNCED THAT THE PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTED (6) PERSONS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

Isaac L. Swary (7/11/96), Payne, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Jerry D. Morhart (9/2/51), Oakwood, OH; Rape, F1

Adam R. Daniels (2/6/02), Paulding, OH; Burglary, F2; Petty theft, M1

Richard William Emerling (1/23/72), Antwerp, OH; Vandalism, F5; Non-support of dependents, F4

Ethan E. Eggnog (3/4/03), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F3

Harmony Bender (5/3/04), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2/20/23

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Council Members Sarrazine, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker, Councilman Martin, and Councilwoman Thompson were not present. Mike Fruchey with the Allen County Surveyor's office and Herb Anderson with New Allen Alliance were also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: The superintendent went over details regarding options for the inflow problems at City Hall.

Mayor's Report: The mayor discussed police policy for body and car cameras and that a final policy will be presented at the next meeting for the council's consideration.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the January 16th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the January 16th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer informed council of a correction in December of 2022 totaling \$176.93. The clerk-treasurer also presented a letter for council's consideration regarding certain utility accounts that have been billed in error. Suggestions were noted for future implementation. The clerk-treasurer submitted a letter to the Board of Works and Common Council describing an issue with fire hydrant maintenance invoices. When submitted in 2022 to the respective townships, there were issues with who should pay: the townships or the fire territory. The 2022 invoices are paid at this point, and going forward, all future invoices for this purpose will be billed to the townships and not the fire territory per previous conversations with council. This letter explains the clerk-treasurer's position on this topic and why it is important for all involved to understand what can and should be done with future issues. The mayor confirmed that the townships will be expected to pay this amount going forward.

Councilmen's Report: The Woodburn Youth League has sent a request for the city's consideration for sponsorship of their 2023 season. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to support the WYL with a contribution of \$150 for this coming season, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Several residents had requested sewer adjustments to their utility bill due to burst pipes, as many pipes were damaged due to the cold weather around Christmas. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill to reflect the average use for each account for all affected months, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor.

Audience: Mike described the need to update the County Master Plan for stormwater management and an opportunity for Allen County regarding needed improvements in the county while asking the city to participate in this effort. The city then submitted a letter of support on behalf of this proposal. Herb gave an update on New Allen Alliance matters.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Go to www.cityofwoodburn.org to see previously approved minutes and recent community news.

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCED STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School recently announced their February Students of the Month. Pictured here are (l-r) Addison Hunt, Freshman; Ameriona Stiltner, Sophomore; Layla Logan, Junior, and Mason Schlatter, Senior.

THE CUTE LITTLE BLOND GIRL



Charlie Brown was obsessed by the little redheaded girl. Lucy is always underfoot, but the little red headed girl is elusive, always out of reach. He's obsessed by the little red-headed girl, but she didn't know he existed.

Harry fell in love with a blonde haired, blue eyed girl, in the first grade. She was in his Sunday School class. When he entered first grade she was again in his class. Harry fell hard, she was his dream girl. Her name was Elizabeth Virginia Wallace.

But Harry did not dare speak her name. He was so in awe of her that it took him 5 years to even talk to her. As they grew up it became clear that she was a tomboy, athletically inclined, captain of the basketball team, but Harry was a bookworm. Harry was not good at sports. Harry admired her for it, but again he worshiped from afar. She was the only girl in class that could whistle through her teeth.

He could have been intimidated by the her family's affluence, or by the fact that her grandfather was a well-known pillar of the community, but he was not. He was simply overwhelmed by Liz, and always would be. In high school he continued to dream about the lovely Elizabeth Wallace. He had spoken to her a few times, he even walked her home from school once, but he still had a difficult time talking to her, and he was more love struck than ever.

In high school Liz had more boyfriends than all the other girls taken together,

but still Harry admired her from afar. At the age of 19 the high spirited Liz was dealt a devastating blow. Her father committed suicide. Following the tragedy she and her mother moved to her grandparent's mansion down the street. From there she went to a prestigious finishing school in the east. Harry became a bank clerk.

After Liz was through with the distractions of college, Harry would occasionally see her around town or in the bank. One day he stopped by to see her, but she wasn't home. Liz's grandparents didn't like Harry. No money, no education, no future, no promising prospect for a future husband.

But Harry still loved Liz. He had put her on a pedestal age 6 and never let her down. If her grandparents required success, then he would be successful. He would court the girl of his dreams until she gave in. And he did become successful, and his name became a household name. And she did give in and marry him ... at the age of 35. And they did live happily ever after. Til death do us part.

They were known for their intimate affection of each other and their sense of humor. They did have one daughter, and for those of you my age you will remember her as the girl that played the piano with her father in the White House. Margaret, and her parents Harry and Bess Truman.

—James Neuhausen

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DEE ALEXANDER NAMED 2023 OHIO MS. BASKETBALL



Cincinnati Purcell Marian sophomore Dee Alexander. Photo credit OHSAA.

By: Mike Dyer, Cincinnati WCPO-TV

Dee Alexander clipped the final two pieces of the regional championship net and playfully tossed it several rows into the Purcell Marian High School student section where chants of 'MVP' accompanied her.

The Purcell Marian 6-foot-1 sophomore wing walked down a few steps from the ladder and smiled. Alexander scored 24 of her game-high 28 points on that same hoop in the second half during a victory over Hamilton Badin in a Division II girls basketball regional final.

It was a challenge from Purcell Marian coach Jamar Mosley during a timeout with 3:42 left in the third quarter that helped to ignite Alexander. The Cavaliers held a two-point lead after Alexander had early foul trouble.

"Dee, it's your time now," Mosley said to Alexander. "We've been riding you this whole year. We're going to ride you. No matter what happens on both ends of the floor - we need you to step up."

Alexander, 16, did just that. Alexander's clutch performance was emblematic of her entire memorable season. That's why Alexander was named Ohio Ms. Basketball by a statewide media panel on Wednesday afternoon.

"I was shocked but it was one of the things I wanted to check off my checklist," said

Alexander. "I take a lot of pride in it."

Alexander is just the second sophomore to win Ohio Ms. Basketball after Canton McKinley's Kierstan Bell won the first of three consecutive awards in 2017.

The spotlight has accompanied Alexander for quite some time. Alexander has been lauded as a generational talent and one of the nation's top five players in the 2025 class by ESPN. She earned 18 college scholarship offers weeks before she started high school classes in August 2021. "I can't say enough this kid," Purcell Marian athletic director DJ Dowdy said. "She is a phenom. The way she goes about things. It's just phenomenal."

Now in its 36th year, the prestigious Ohio Ms. Basketball award was first given by the Associated Press in 1988. It has been voted by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association since 2017.

This season's runner-up was New Madison Tri-Village senior Rylee Sagester. Loudonville junior Corri Vermilya and Pickerington Central senior Madison Greene earned third and fourth places, respectively. Other finalists included Toledo Start junior Sinai Douglas, Shaker Heights Laurel freshman Saniyah Hall and Belmont Union Local senior Reagan Vinskovich.

Alexander is Purcell Mar-

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ian's first Ms. Basketball recipient.

"For a girl out of Purcell Marian, a kid of Dee's caliber just means so much to our program," Mosley said. "I'm happy and honored to be able to coach a kid like her and her hard work is paying off. Every day in practice she's pushing herself. She's pushing the girls around her."

This is the third consecutive year that Greater Cincinnati has won the award after Mount Notre Dame's KK Bransford (2022 and 2021), who is now a freshman guard at the University of Notre Dame.

Other Greater Cincinnati winners have included Princeton's Kelsey Mitchell (2014), Lakota West's Amber Gray (2008), Reading's Carol Madsen (1989) and Seton's Janet Haneberg (1988).

Alexander's name is etched into Ohio high school girls basketball history with two years remaining at Purcell Marian. She enters the state Final Four with 35 college scholarship offers to go along with 1,307 points for her career. Alexander averages 25.8 points, 9.6 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 2.5 steals this season.

"Dee is an extremely talented player and one of the best I've coached against," Summit Country Day coach Beth Simmons said. "Her

competitive nature on the court demonstrates that she has the ability to take over a game, but she is also a selfless player who uses her talent to get her teammates involved. Speaking as someone who prepares my team to play against Dee, I will tell you that she is always a focal point in our scouting reports. She can score at will and rebounds exceptionally well."

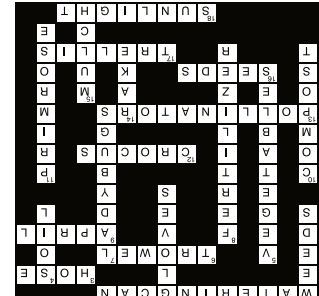
Although the accolades are obvious, Alexander's main focus is to help Purcell Marian

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Event Description: It is March of 1864. The men of the 9th Indiana Volunteer Infantry are on garrison duty in Northeastern Alabama, on the verge of setting off on spring campaigns. Come and talk to the soldiers about their daily life in a garrison. Observe the daily duties and re-



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sponsibilities as the regiment maintains its watch on the surrounding area. Morning parade, drills, and guard mount will take place throughout the day, weather permitting.

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

repeat as state champions, a year after the program won its first state championship (Division III).

Purcell Marian (25-2) plays Bryan (25-2) in a Division II state semifinal at 11 a.m. Thursday at University of Dayton Arena.

Alexander is looking forward to all of the support from the school's student section and fans as they travel to Dayton.

"Just the community all around Purcell Marian even though it's a small high school - the community is very great," Alexander said. "So just us winning two in a row, it would mean a lot to me."

Dowdy said Alexander is a model student-athlete with all

'A' grades and a 'B' in the latest academic quarter. Those who know Alexander say she enjoys being with her classmates and friends. She also likes to give back with a summer basketball camp, called 'Camp Dee'.

On the basketball court, Alexander is unselfish, yet ultra-competitive. She is adept at analyzing scouting reports and an opponent's tendencies as almost like another coach. It goes without saying Alexander's teammates respect her game and her leadership during the season.

"For her, I'm glad she is getting her flowers in real time," Dowdy said. "She is special."

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NSCC hosted the OACAC Annual College Fair on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. In total, over 600 students from area high schools met with roughly 55 colleges and universities from four different states at the event.

Northwest State Community College hosted the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling (OACAC) Annual College Fair on Tuesday, March 7th with a tremendous turnout in the Atrium. In total, roughly 55 colleges and universities from a four-state area welcomed over 600 area high school students at the event.

SHOWCASING NSCC AS A COMMUNITY CONVENER

The College Fair allowed Northwest State to serve as a community convener, providing a valuable opportunity for high school students to explore their next steps in their educational journey. Brittany Thompson, NSCC Director of Admissions, noted "It is important for NSCC to host this College Fair, to show area high school students some of the great opportunities that exist after graduation. We appreciate all the colleges and universities for attending. Some students may enter the workforce directly after they graduate, while others may decide to explore higher education. In each case, Northwest State is ready, willing and

able to assist learners in achieving their goals."

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VVHS THEATRE ANNOUNCES 2023 MUSICAL CAST/CREW

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the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. The Wizard of Oz is by L. Frank Baum with Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg. Background Music by Herbert Stothart, Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard, and Orchestration by Larry Wilcox. Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company, The Wizard of Oz is based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros. Enjoy this musical theatre gem full of spectacle, beauty, and well-known songs.

Cast includes McKenzie Jones as Dorothy Gale, Mia Rager as Scarecrow, Meah Johnson as Lion, Kelby Blythe as Tin Man, Whitley Fast as Glinda, and Sydney Rauch as Miss Gulch and the Wicked Witch of the West. Other principal roles include Landon Adams as Uncle Henry and Guard, Ashlyn Jennings as Aunt Em, and Brody Kreisler as Professor Marvel and the Wizard. Supporting roles are performed by Kylee Ball, Lauren Black, Kelta Cowan, Lydia Fry, Talynn Garber, Angelina Harper, Lyndsey Heath, Gabby Hunneman, Allison Krugh, Megan Mason, Abbie Mengerink, Makenna Nagel, Victoria Quiroz, Claire Rager, Grace Spieles, and Brooklyn Weaks. A 19 student middle school ensemble is also joining. Stage crew includes Andrew Klewer (Stage Manager), Zoe Coleman (Assistant SM), Carlee Kroeger (Lights), Maria Bagley and Katie Gamble (Sound), Carly Bebout, Kianna Cook, Katie Gamble, Lyndi Delzeith, Sophie Gearhart, Adriana Gordon, Lila Jensen, Maria Parrish, Piper Pierce, Sidney Ryan, and Alyson Stinnett.

Melissa Bloomfield is directing the musical with Jennifer Slusher as Assistant Director, Bob Sloan as Pit Conductor, Hugh Saunier as Technical Director, and Matt Saunier as Lighting Director. VVHS Theatre thanks Production Sponsors for their support; First Bank of Berne,

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PAULDING COUNTY WRESTLING GIRLS COMPETE AT OHSAA REGIONALS



Archer Cami McAlexander takes down her opponent at Regionals. Photo by Carrie Kimmel



Raider Arin James attempts to flip her opponent at Regionals. Photo by Carrie Kimmel

As female wrestling becomes more popular, OHSAA has responded with an all-girls sanctioned Regionals and State tournament. Representing Paulding County were Arin James of Wayne Trace and Cami McAlexander of Antwerp.

Arin James competed in the 105-pound weight class. James was defeated in the first match by Madie Gladden with a pin in 4:13. James then received a bye for her first match of the consolations. Moving to the next match, Arin fell short to Charlize Distel of Arcadia. Distel pinned Arin in 2:09, ending her season and high school wrestling career.

Cami McAlexander had a

full bracket in the 110-pound weight class. For McAlexander's first match of the day, Cami fell to Lauren Mobley with a score of 16-3. Cami then faced Elsie Mello of Archbold in the consolations. Cami was defeated with a close score of 5-3, ending her season.

Both ladies represented the county well with their heart and determination. These young women were part of history as they competed in the first sanctioned all-girls Regional tournament with a chance at Girls State Championship. The future of female wrestling looks promising! Good job Arin and Cami!

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