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PAUL HARDING JR. HIGH STUDENTS HONORED FOR PLACING FIRST IN NORTHERN INDIANA LEGO COMPETITION



In December, the Northern Indiana State held the first Lego League competition. The Paul Harding Jr. High team came in first place out of 48 teams in the Research Project Development category. Their project was to create a combination remote control nature trail

park in the Southeast side of Fort Wayne. They are working with City officials to get the park opened in late 2020! The EACS Board of Trustees recognized these students for their hard work and efforts in planning and developing the remote control nature trail park.

The team consists of the following team members: Victoria Toro Blohm, Irais Hernandez-Jose, Aniyah Hogan, Citlali Monterroso, May Thurein, Aster Paw, and Axil Thompson (not in photo), Mr. Broerman, teacher, Mrs. Newman, principal.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH 17TH PRIMARY ELECTION

All people who are not registered and who wish to vote in the upcoming Primary Election on Tuesday, March 17th, must register by Tuesday, February 18th at the Board of Elections OR you may register to vote at an office of any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles; public libraries; public high schools or voca-

tional schools; Health Dept.; County Treasurer's Office; Office of Secretary of State or any of the 88 County Boards of Election OR registering by navigating through the Ohio Secretary of State office website OR navigating through the Paulding County, Ohio Board of Elections website (Paulding.boe.ohio.gov). Regular office hours for the Paulding County Board of Elections: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.

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EXPANSION OF FUNDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROJECTS, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Thanks to the recent increase in the state motor vehicle fuel tax, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is making it easier for local governments to fund much-needed safety improvements. Roadway safety has been a key focus for Governor Mike DeWine and ODOT.

Until now, ODOT required a 10 percent local contribution for safety projects. Under new guidance intended to remove barriers when applying for funds, ODOT announced the state will now cover 100 percent of the project costs. The increased costs to ODOT will be funded through the additional revenue provided by last year's fuel tax increase.

"In previous years, if communities were not able to match the funding, a project may have unnecessarily been stalled," said Governor Mike DeWine. "With ODOT now funding 100% of safety projects, communities can make needed updates in a timely manner, ensuring the safety of both pedestrians and drivers."

Safety improvements, such as adding turn lanes, reconstructing rural curves and upgrading signs, signals and pavement markings, are eligible for the funding. Funding requests typically range from \$200,000 to \$5 million, though the department will consider funding requests up to \$10 million.

"This level of commitment to safety is a new high water mark for ODOT. In my many years in and around the Department,

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HISTORIC COURTHOUSE TO FEATURE IN BICENTENNIAL EVENT



By: Melinda Krick, Paulding County Bicentennial Committee

Part of a series PAULDING - Paulding was not Paulding County's first county seat, and the courthouse is not the first to be constructed here. Those topics will be addressed in a future article in this history series. Because the bicentennial opening event will, in part, take place at the courthouse Feb. 12, it is appropriate to take a look at 130-plus years of history of this landmark.

In the year 1886, Paulding County was in the midst of a great 20-year boom in population and economy. In less than 10 years, the population had doubled, and would double again to a peak of 27,528 residents by the 1900 census. Towns had been springing up all over the county and virtu-

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Community Calendar

February 11

- Pregnancy Loss Support Group @ Hands of Hope, Paulding, 6:30pm

February 12

- PC Bicentennial Opening Ceremonies @ Branch Christian Fellowship, 6pm
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm

February 13

- Spaghetti Supper @ First Christian Church, Paulding, 5-6:30pm
- Family STEAM Night @ GH Elem., 5-7:30pm

February 15

- Round & Square Dance @ St. Michaels Cath Ch, Hicksville, 7-10pm

February 15

- PCHF Valentine's Party @ Paulding Eagles, 5-9pm

February 16

- Spaghetti Fellowship @ Cecil Comm Church, after worship
- JPHS Annual Meeting @ JPHS museum, 2pm

February 18

- Voter Registration Deadline for Ohio Primary!

February 19

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm

February 20

- Luau Party @ PC Library, 5:30pm
- VW 1st UMC Preschool Art Show, Krout Memorial, VW, 5-7:30pm

February 21

- Glass City Dance Party! @ Brandywine Country Club, Maumee, 8-11:30pm

February 22-23

- Singin' in the Rain @ Huber, 7p; 2:30p



To add your event to the calendar email info@westbendnews.net
Continual Events must be resubmitted once per month

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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH

Steven Lothamer, 65, passed away after fighting cancer and heart problems. The son of the late Roland and Norma (Jones) Lothamer. After graduating from Antwerp High School he served in the Navy on board the USS Hancock during the Vietnam War. He is survived by three children, Jennifer, Sarah (James) George, David (Misty) Lothamer and six grandchildren. He is also survived by two brother, Rick (Sheila) and Tim (Darlene) Lothamer and one sister, Marie (Larry) Miller.

At his request he is being cremated and wanted no services. A memorial being planned for a later date.

ANTWERP, OH

Thomas Andrew Boesch, 58, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

Tom was born in Hicksville on April 9, 1961.

He worked for Joe Ross at the Sunoco Station as a younger man, then Value City and Patton Electric in Fort Wayne.

Tom will be sadly missed by his mother, Mary Boesch Meyer; step father, JD Meyer; brothers, Jim (Laura), John & Spencer (Becky).

He was also preceded in death by his father, Jay and brother, Chris.

Tom's memorial service is Saturday, February 15th at 2 pm at the Community Church of the Nazarene, 704 Erie Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

To make a memorial contribution, please click on the DONATIONS tab above.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

Flowers and other tributes may be delivered directly to the Church on Saturday, February 15, 2020.



ANTWERP, OH

Helen Marie Wetli, 82, of Antwerp passed away Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

Helen was born in Antwerp on February 10, 1937, a daughter of the late Ethel L. (Coomer) and John E. Wiesehan.

Helen was a kind & gentle wife, mother, grandmother & sister. She enjoyed time with her family at the lake in the summer and going to Florida in the winter with her husband. Helen also enjoyed watching sports on TV, card club nights & lunches with her classmates.

She will be sadly missed by her sons, Steve (Diane), Dan (Patty) & Michael; brother, Leroy (Linda) Wiesehan; 8 grandchildren Lars, Eric, Alex & Alaine Wetli, Ellen Neal, Ellise Koenn, Jeremy & Ashley McMichael & 6

great grandchildren.

On July 23, 1955 she married William Wetli who passed away February 10, 2019.

Funeral Mass is 11 AM on Thursday, February 13th at Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Antwerp.

Viewing is Wednesday, 2 - 7 pm and Thursday, 10 - 10:30 am all at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to American Cancer Society or Divine Mercy Catholic Church.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

PAYNE, OH

Michael L. Denning, 59, died Friday, February 7, 2020 at his residence following a long illness.

He was born in Paulding, on November 6, 1960 son of Ralph and Janet (Burkley) Denning. On September 25, 1981 he married Jody Schwab. He attended Woodburn Missionary Church, was previously employed by Mechanical Insulators Local #41 and formerly owned and operated Good Times Bar & Grill, Payne.

Mike was a Wayne Trace Junior High football coach, and Payne Little League Association Director. He was an avid fan of Ohio State sports and Wayne Trace sports. He enjoyed snowmobiling, motorcycling, golf and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Jody Denning, Payne; parents, Ralph and Janet Denning, Payne; children: Gabriel (Maycee) Denning, Payne, Josh (Niki) Denning, Bowling Green, OH, and Lauren (Aaron) Brown, Leipsic; siblings, Steve (Jeanise) Denning, and Tammy (Chris) Brigner both of Payne; and a grandson, Colton Denning.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Wednesday, February 12 at the Woodburn Missionary Church, Woodburn, IN. He will be laid to rest in Lehman Cemetery, Payne, OH.

Visitation will be 2 - 8 PM Tuesday, February 11 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There will also be visitation on Wednesday at the church from 10 AM until time of services.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Woodburn Missionary Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



PAULDING OH:

Marie A. Moore, 91, died Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the Paulding County Hospital.

She was born June 19, 1928 in Paulding County, daughter of the late Emil and Anna (Laukhuf)

Stoller. On June 5, 1949 she married John H. "Jack" Moore. She was a member of First Christian Church of Paulding and was a bookkeeper and clerk for the former Moore's Clothing Store.

She is survived by her husband John "Jack" Moore, Paulding; daughters, Gail (Jim) Sholl, Battle Creek, MI, Joanna (Dave) Arend, Paulding; grandchildren: Erin (Andrew) Molloy, Scott (Lindsey) Arend, Jackie (Sean) Noe, Andrew (Courtney) Sholl, Shaun (Jessica) Arend, and Tyler (Julie) Arend; great grandchildren: Grady, Giselle, Georgianna, Quynn, William, Scarlett, Jack, James, Harrison, Julianna, Maeva, Joseph and one due in March; sisters, Eunice (Roger) Gerber, Lorine (Myron) Hackenjos, Nathalia (Allan) Getz, and Anna Lou (Earl) Grimm.

Marie is also preceded in death by her brothers, Melvin (Irene) Stoller, Millard (Erma) Stoller, sisters, Lillian (Bill) Eisenmann, and Elizabeth (Roscoe) Waters.

Funeral services will be conducted 10 AM Thursday, February 13 at the First Christian Church of Paulding. She will be laid to rest in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding County.

Visitation will be 4 - 8 PM Wednesday, February 12 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There will also be visitation on Thursday from 9 AM until time of services at the church.

To honor Marie's wishes, in lieu of flowers and other funeral items, the family suggests a donation made to the First Christian Church in Marie's memory.

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ally all had a sawmill or stave factory or some type of business engaged in manufacturing wood products. Three railroads linked the county with the distant marketplaces for its products.

At this point, the county did not have a courthouse for both transacting county



The front page of a local newspaper on Aug. 2, 1888, praised the new courthouse as "The pride of Paulding County and admired of all visitors."

business and holding court. A frame building containing only a courtroom and jury rooms stood on the northeast corner of Paulding's public square facing Main Street, and county officers were housed in a crumbling brick building known as "brick row" south of the court building. It was decided a new courthouse was needed with offices for county officers and for safely keeping county records. Undoubtedly, the building would also symbolize the modern, prosperous and fastest-growing county in Ohio as it emerged from the woods and looked to the future.

In January 1886, a petition was circulated requesting the state legislature to grant the county commissioners permission to sell \$40,000 in bonds for constructing a new courthouse. A bill was passed in mid-April and planning began immediately. A seven-man building committee was organized, composed of the three commissioners, F.M. Wade, J.V. Sharp, and Thomas Chester; Clerk T.J. Champion; Probate Judge W.G. Lee; Sheriff D.W. Parr; and J.B. Zuber (appointed by the common pleas judge).

The committee traveled on April 27-29 to Celina, Ottawa, Lima, Findlay, and other points to view their courthouses to gather ideas for a design and floorplan.

Architects from as far away as Kansas and Pittsburgh traveled to Paulding to present their plans. The commissioners selected Toledo's Edward Oscar (E.O.) Fallis, a prominent and prolific architect who designed every type of building, including as many as a dozen courthouses. The design is virtually identical to the Lenawee County Courthouse in Adrian, Mich., except the Adrian building has more extensive and costly exterior and interior trim. The building committee traveled to Adrian to view the building, constructed in 1885.

After obtaining permission from the Village of Paulding to build the courthouse on the public square, and selling the bonds, the commissioners awarded the construction contract to Rudolph Ehrhart of Defiance for \$33,380. Under terms of the contract, the basement was to be finished by Oct. 15, and the building fully completed by Dec. 1, 1887.

Stone for the basement came from Preble County, Ohio, and Stony Point, Mich. Much of the brick was manufactured locally, except for some shipped from Defiance when supplies ran low.

The courthouse cornerstone was laid by members of the local Masonic lodge in a ceremony held in December 1886. The event was attended by Masons from surrounding towns and counties as well as a crowd of local residents. The ceremony included depositing a time capsule in the cornerstone that included coins, copies of newspapers and lists of local county, village and school officers.

Work was suspended for several weeks during winter. Beginning in March 1887, the more visible construction of the courthouse began. Nearly every week, the newspapers chronicled the latest developments:

March 10 - "Stone cutters have commenced dressing up stone for use in the new courthouse."

April 14 - "The inside brick walls of the new courthouse are commencing to loom up."

May 12 - "The brick work on the new courthouse is now about 15 feet high above the level of the ground."

June 9 - "The first story of the new courthouse is now up, and the second story commenced."

July 14 - "The walls of the new courthouse are now up to the top of the second story."

July 28 - "The brick work of the second story is about completed and work on the roof and dome will be com-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing."

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NIV

menced ere long."

There were inevitable delays. Ehrhart had trouble getting brick in June. The hot, dry weather of August caused most of the bricklayers to fall ill, stopping work. One newspaper told readers that fall, "The whole structure has been greatly delayed by furnishing of material."

The slate roof were completed and the dome was taking shape by late October. Plastering had started inside, windows were installed and exterior brick work was finally finished.

At the end of November, workers held a brief strike after the construction superintendent refused to provide artificial lighting for men installing the heating system in the basement. The men hoisted a black flag at half mast on the flagpole on top of the dome and marched around the courthouse, carrying an effigy of the superintendent. Work resumed a few days later after the commissioners gave the superintendent a leave of absence and hired a replacement.

In contrast to the previous year, work continued through winter since the building was under roof and the furnaces were working. As painting and finish carpentry proceeded, the commissioner selected a bid from a Toledo company for new furnishings costing \$2,752.

Construction was completed in April or May, 1888. County officers finally were able to leave the "brick row" and move into their new quarters by early July.

Some hailed the new courthouse as a "marvel of cheapness," completed for about half the average cost of a courthouse built in that era. The total cost, including furniture and miscellaneous items not included in the original contract, was \$42,524.29.

The finished building is 105 feet north and south, measured from the brick entrance columns, and 98 feet east and west. Its height from the ground to the highest point of the dome is 163 feet. Originally, the first floor contained the offices for recorder, clerk, treasurer and commissioners. On the second floor were a courtroom 70 feet long and 40 feet wide; offices for common pleas and probate judges, surveyor and sheriff; and rooms for jurors and witnesses. The attic contained a cistern and record storage, while in the basement were the furnaces, fuel storage and a water pump connected to the cistern.

The courthouse has remained a source of pride and a symbol of the county since its completion, and is one of the oldest remaining public structures in the county. It

stands relatively unchanged from its original appearance except for periodic repairs and interior renovations in the interim. A notable exterior change occurred in 1914 when the stairs on the north and south entrance were altered to accommodate entrances to the basement. In 1978, the second-floor balcony overlooking the main floor was enclosed and a floor added to create a conference room and restroom. At the same time, the large courtroom was divided into two courtrooms, one for common pleas proceedings and the other for probate and juvenile court. Efforts were made to retain as much of the original furniture and trim as possible.

The building's history has included at least two tragic events. A courthouse janitor was found dead in the attic in 1925 after apparently falling from a ladder to the dome. An elected official fatally shot himself in his vault in 1929.

Fire threatened the structure a few times, causing minor damage. In June 1890, the dome was struck by lightning, starting a fire that "gained considerable headway" before being extinguished thanks to the help of some visiting firefighters. Lightning struck the dome several times, according to records, usually only damaging the slate roof or the flagpole. In 1939, just before the start of the county centennial parade, fire broke out in the sheriff's office on the second floor when a short wave radio short-circuited; the only damage was to the radio. Parts of the courthouse sustained smoke and fire damage in 1968 when a blaze broke out inside the dome.

A two-day celebration was held in June 1986 for the courthouse's 100th birthday. Events included a parade, craft demonstrations, bands and entertainment, exhibits of antique vehicles and machinery and dedication of a new bandstand. The original cornerstone was opened and its contents were displayed for the public.

This year, another chapter is being added as 20 new display boards, featuring photographs covering Paulding County's 200-year history, will be unveiled to the public starting at 7 p.m. The photo collages will be a permanent addition to the courthouse.

Next time: Early Records of Paulding County.

More information on the bicentennial can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PauldingCounty200.

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HAPPENINGS AT ANTWERP MANOR



Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living located at 204 Archer Drive in Antwerp, Ohio. We would like

ty has become tradition at Antwerp Manor.

February also brings the crowning of the Valentine King and Queen and that will take place at 10:15 on February 14th. Doughnuts from Susie's Bakery will be enjoyed as a special breakfast treat that day. Yum! We also have a new entertainer coming on



Jo Overmyer

to invite you to our residence if you have not visited us before. We would be more than happy to show you our newly renovated apartments.

We have welcomed several new residents in 2020. Pictured is Jo Overmyer. She moved to Antwerp Manor from her home in Hicksville, Ohio. Jo has made many new friends and enjoys the activities that are offered. Also pictured is Susan Steele. Susan moved here from Hicksville and in between taking long walks throughout the residence, she too is very involved with friends and activities.

Sunday evening, February 2nd the residents were able to watch the Super Bowl together while munching on the delicious snacks that were prepared. A Super Bowl Par-



Susan Steele

ty has become tradition at Antwerp Manor. February also brings the crowning of the Valentine King and Queen and that will take place at 10:15 on February 14th. Doughnuts from Susie's Bakery will be enjoyed as a special breakfast treat that day. Yum! We also have a new entertainer coming on

the 15th. His name is Tom Keller also known as "Texas T". Tom will be performing at 1:00 in our living room if you would like to join us. We have a Walmart shopping trip planned in March so if you would be willing to be a volunteer for this trip please call Jennifer @ 419-258-1500. Volunteers are always appreciated.

Please remember that we continue to offer respite services for those who may need a short term stay. You may contact us at 419-258-1500 with any of your long term care needs.

should you need assistance.

Should you wish to register at the Paulding County Bureau of Motor Vehicles located at 119 W Perry Street in Paulding; office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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- You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
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You are eligible to vote in elections conducted in your voting precinct more than 30 consecutive days after you are properly registered to vote in the State of Ohio. Should you have any questions, please contact this office at (419)399-8230.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL'S NEW PARTNERSHIP W/ ELARA CARING

The Paulding County Hospital is pleased to announce the partnership with Elara Caring. This new partnership offers an entirely new service to the community, hospice care in Paulding County. Hospice care is care and support for individuals and their families when a cure is no longer likely.

Elara Caring offers Your Side caring. This is a specialized service available to our hospice patients and is available every day at any time. Elara and Paulding County Hospital staff are there when they are needed the most to provide end of life care when a patient is showing signs of decline. For additional information regarding Elara Caring hospice care through Paulding County Hospital please call 419-399-1717.

The Paulding County Hospital Foundation has a goal for this year to raise funds and create a Family Caring Room. This will provide needed additional space for the families of patients receiving hospice care at Paulding County Hospital. They will be hosting an evening benefiting Paulding County Hospital Foundation on February 15th from 5:00-9:00. For tickets please go to pchospitalfoundation.org or call 419-670-4444.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MONITORING PERSON UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is monitoring a new Person Under Investigation (PUI) for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Samples from the PUI have been taken and were sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for testing. Results are expected in the coming days. A local

health department, working in collaboration with ODH, is monitoring the individual and their contacts.

No additional information personal will be released about the PUI. Ohio remains at low risk and there are no confirmed cases.

"This is part of public health's ever-present work to balance public interest with the privacy rights of our individual citizens," said Amy Acton, MD, MPH, director of ODH. "We are committed to ensuring they receive proper, compassionate care and to preventing any possible spread of infectious disease."

Also, ODH announced a new process for publicly sharing 2019-nCoV PUI updates. Starting Thursday, February 5, the department will begin posting numbers of any Ohio confirmed cases and PUIs on the ODH website by 2 p.m. These numbers will be updated twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, paralleling the manner in which the CDC reports numbers. Local health districts and PUIs will be notified when test results are received from the CDC, whether they be negative or positive.

As PUIs are resolved as either positive or negative, these also will be reported on the website following the same posting schedule.

If there happens to be a confirmed case, ODH will update the local health department and the general public to provide guidance as appropriate.

Local health districts and ODH are committed to monitoring and promoting the public health and welfare. As local health districts monitor situations of infectious disease in the community, information will be shared as is necessary to protect the public while also considering the rights of any ill individual to privacy.

Dr. Acton is reminding Ohioans to guard against letting fear or panic guide their actions and to be compassionate toward all people who are sick.

"Ohioans are known for treating one another, as well as visitors, with acceptance, respect, and understanding," Acton said. "Whether someone is ill or well, a traveler or not, they deserve to be afforded the same kindness. Please keep this in mind as we learn more about 2019 novel coronavirus."

NOTE FROM Paulding County Health Department

Paulding County Health Department will not be sharing the identification or health status of a person under investigation for the 2019-novel coronavirus. As we monitor situations of infectious disease in the Paulding County community, information will be shared as is necessary to

ONLY REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN IN PAULDING COUNTY HONORED



Clint Vance (left) is shown above with Walter Lang (right) at the memorial marker recently placed for William Richardson, the only Revolutionary War veteran buried in Paulding County, Ohio. William Richardson was 109 years old at the time of his death. The grave site is located at Fought cemetery in Washington Township. Walter Lang is the president of History Matters, Inc., a non-profit group organized

to promote preservation and education of historical materials. Clint Vance is the vice-president of John Paulding Historical Society. The plaque was obtained by Marilyn Adkins Salazar, a descendant of Richardson. History Matters provided funding for the installation of the marker, and Clint Vance was instrumental in organizing efforts with Washington Township trustees to have the project completed.

protect the public while also considering the rights of any ill individual to privacy. As with other diseases, we do not routinely share suspected case

information until it is confirmed. The same will be done moving forward with novel coronavirus.

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should notify the Board of Elections by February 18th. Persons not certain of their registration validity may phone the Board of Elections office at (419)399-8230, write, or stop in the office at 105 East Perry Street in Paulding. The office email address is paulding@ohiosos.gov. You may also check for your voter registration on the office website found at Paulding.boe.ohio.gov or by googling Paulding County Ohio Board of Elections. Please call the office

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PAULDING FFA HAD A FUN & EVENTFUL YEAR!



The 2019-2020 Paulding FFA Chapter

By: Reporter, Paige Jones

The Paulding FFA has had a busy year full of trips and contests, and has had a very fun and eventful year! At the beginning of 2019, the chapter hosted a very successful pancake and sausage supper. The chapter also sent many teams to state this year including the ag communications team, nursery landscape, and ag sales. Many students from Paulding competed in the public speaking contest this year, and Sydney Reineck made it all the way to the state competition! In February, the chapter celebrated National FFA week with the Country Olympics. During this week the officer team collected donations for the children's hospital. In March, several students drive in their tractors for tractor drive in day. They also hosted a petting zoo with several different kinds of animals and students come from all of the Paulding School district. The chapter then hosted their annual banquet where many members receive awards and a new officer team was elected. At the beginning of May, the chapter had over 20 students attend the Ohio FFA State Convention in Columbus. The chapter had members receive many awards during the convention. One of these was the charitable giving award that the chapter earned. Sydney Reineck, Jordyn Merriman, and Jen Stahl were recognized for their gold rated officer books. Courtney Luderman was also recognized for her two proficiencies in fiber and oil crop production and diversified crop production. Riley Noffsinger, Emma Horstman, Jordyn Merriman and Shannon Hale received their State Degrees. While they were in Columbus members got to take a tour of the Ohio Farm Bureau and visit with Farm Bureau Vice President Adam Sharp. To

finish up the end of May, the chapter hosted their greenhouse plant sale throughout the month which was very successful! In June, the Paulding chapter had several members participate in the Paulding County Fair. Many members won awards at the fair, with several winning grand or reserve champion with their animals. All Paulding FFA members had something besides animals, such as their electricity boards and welding board, which many members received blue ribbons. The officer team also went on an officer retreat to Hocking Hills, where they practiced teamwork and planned out several activities for the year. In July, the chapter prepared a float and went through the parade during the Paulding Summer Blast, where many members and officers passed out popsicles to community members. They also helped out during the Summer Food Program where the officer team passed out food to local children. In August, the chapter held their first meeting of the year, a member and parent meeting to learn more about this year and get members and parents actively involved in our chapter. In September, the chapter continued the second year of their feeding the farmers program where they delivered over 100 snack packs to local farmers in the area. The Equine team made up of Jen Stahl, Jordyn Merriman, Riley Noffsinger and Lonna Saylor made it to the Big E in Massachusetts and spent a few days there exploring and competing in the National FFA equine competition. We also had 5 members of the officer team attend the Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference(OLLC) in Columbus and learn more about our government. The chapter held a petting zoo at one of

Paulding nursing homes, the Paulding Gardens, for all the senior citizens staying there to enjoy during their fall festival. In October, the Paulding FFA sent 12 students to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The chapter had 3 students receive their American degrees this year, a degree that only 1% of all FFA members obtain. The members that received their degrees were Paige Fitzwater, Austin Howell, and Abbie McMichael. While they were there, they took tours of a Christmas tree farm and Hoosier Park racing and Casino. Fruit Sales also started in the beginning of October and continued till the beginning of December. In November, the chapter held their annual ag ball tournament with 5 teams competing from 3 different schools. Our chapter also adopted 3 families for the adopt-a-family Christmas event and went shopping for those families. At the beginning of December, several members and officers took shift bell ringing at Chief for the Salvation Army. Many members of the chapter made and delivered bags of fruit to take to the local nursing homes. To finish up the year the Food Science team went to the state competition in Columbus. The Paulding FFA is excited for the many things coming up this year, such as the annual pancake and sausage supper on February 21st, and the many CDE's such as public speaking, ag communications, and ag sales, and our annual banquet set for April 18th! With the upcoming FFA week, the chapter will be hosting the country Olympics, dress up days, and the teacher appreciation lunch. The Paulding FFA had a very successful 2019 and is excited for all that is to come in 2020!

SEEKING GOD'S WILL

By: Doris Applegate
When we think of the days of our youth and how much our own will and ways were done, we realize just how patient our loving God is. While we are doing our thing He is longing for us to want to do His will and not our own. This desire starts with us when we accept the salvation so freely given by Jesus Christ with the blood he shed when he was tortured. The following poem by Margaret Peterson says it all.
Sunrise
Night is no match
For the rays of the sun
That gently push back the dark,
Then spread 'cross
The vast expanse of the sky

Awakening the sparrow and lark.
Our souls are like night
When we know not our God;
It's only when touched by His Son,
That we truly awaken
To the meaning of life
And want His will to be done.

Just like a seed planted in the earth and begins to grow, so we start to grow as we abide in the "good soil" of Jesus Christ. Growing can be painful at times as we learn to "cast off" the ways of our own thinking and our will and submit to God's will. God wants us to be conformed to the image of His dear son Jesus. This process of waiting is so good for us. Patience and a submitting spirit is being learned. Our culture says we want it now! (No waiting for us). Fast food joints have not helped us to be patient and learn to wait. If we get tired of waiting for God's will in our lives we just stay "abiding in Jesus and the joy of the Lord becomes our strength." (Nehemiah 8:10) We do not "dig the seed up: and abort the plan of God for our lives. What a "waste" if our life, our potential and what we could do for others failed. Failure is not an option! Failure happens when we quit. "We believe in the giving of the soul and do not draw back" (Hebrews 10:39). Stay in the race and remember the "hare and the tortoise" "Neither is the race to the swift" (Ecclesiastes 9:11).

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SPAGHETTI SUPPER

First Christian Church in Paulding, Ohio will be having a spaghetti supper on Thursday, February 13th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. This is a freewill donation and will be held at the church, 1233 Emerald Rd., Paulding, OH.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
How do you lay up treasure in heaven like Christ said in Matthew 6:19-20?
The first thing we should do is make sure we are going to heaven where we can use and enjoy The Treasure. Study John 3:1-18. To summarize the answer to your question:
1. Obey and trust God
2. Serve with a loving heart
3. Keep a humble servant's mind
4. Seek to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs of others.
Study carefully Galatians 5:6 - "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." Philippians 2:5 and 7 - "Let this mind be in

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



In the picture are the Paulding Middle School January Students of the Month. From left to right are Jocelynn Parrett, Jaydee Eckhart, Mason Lane, and Hayden Elston. Missing from the photograph is Aiden Miller.

you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ...But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant. And was made in the likeness of men." We are not left here to impress, but to impart. Mark 10:45 - "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Paul had it right when he said, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." - Philippians 1:21. Let Christ work through you to benefit others. At life's end Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness..." - 2 Timothy 4:7-8a. Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER DAY...

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ
IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER DAY. Everything was going GREAT!
I had gone to town to pick up a few things and was feeling good!
On my way out of the parking lot, my head began to swim and I began to be sick in my stomach. I pulled off the side of the lot and began to hallucinate and sweat profusely. I managed to call my son and daughter and told them where I was. It was only minutes before they got there but it seemed like hours. They pushed me over to the passenger side of my truck and drove me to the hospital where I spent that day and the next two days recovering from my attack (they still don't know what it was). That episode really made an impact on me. It changed everything that day. What was so important at 9:30 was trivial by 9:45. What my Day-Timer deemed important earlier in the day as

being urgent was crossed off that day's to-do list all together. One episode put life in perspective. Sickness has a way of doing that to us doesn't it? By that I mean that cancer and tumors and malignancies, strokes and heart attacks have a way of grabbing our attention and reminding us of what really counts. It is so easy for us to become side-tracked and pursue those things which we deem urgent and pressing until we or our loved ones get one of those episodes that REALLY ARE IMPORTANT life changing incidents! The truth of the matter is, those kinds of incidents come all-too frequently, don't they
Proverbs 27:1 "My Son, Be Wise Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth."
James 4:14 "whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away".
They shout in our consciousness as to what really deserves our time, energy, and interest.
May I ask a personal question? What will be the next item on your agenda after you finish reading this message? Is it really important...?
Please don't fall victim to the tyranny of the urgent. Evaluate how you use your time, look through your schedule, and then pursue the real priorities in your life.
• Do you need to make an apology?
• Do you need to stop procrastinating and put on Christ?
• Do you need to tell someone, "I love you"?
• Do you need to probe into the Word?
Take care of the most important thing
Luke 10:41-42 "And Jesus answered and said to

*When we draw our last breath
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JPHS MEETING SCHEDULED



Laurie Lucas, executive director of Paulding County Habitat for Humanity and Clint Vance, President, looking over the plans for house #10 in Grover Hill.

The John Paulding Historical Society will hold its annual membership meeting with election of directors on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the museum, located across from the fairgrounds in Paulding. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Clint Vance, President of Paulding County's Habitat

her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." Right now.

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16).

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This is the first time we've offered all local governments 100% funding of safety projects," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks.

An analysis of crashes

deaths. We won't be satisfied until the number of deaths in Ohio is zero - and every city, county, village and township has the resources to help us achieve it," Marchbanks said.

ODOT is also dedicating an additional \$10 million to the Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program. These investments will improve safety for Ohioans traveling on foot or by bike in the state's largest cities. Safety improvements could include:

Curb ramps, raised crosswalks, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands

Pedestrian countdown signals or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons

Street lights

Pavement markings like high-visibility crosswalk striping and advance yield markings

Signage for crosswalks or Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

To apply, municipalities should reach out to the safety coordinator in their ODOT district.

From 2014 - 2018, ten counties accounted for 65 percent of all pedestrian deaths: Franklin, Cuyahoga, Montgomery, Hamilton, Lucas, Stark, Butler, Summit, Lorain, and Mahoning. Seven in 10 deadly crashes involving pedestrians occur on roads maintained by local governments.

After last year's motor vehicle fuel tax increase, the state was able to infuse an additional \$50 million into Ohio's highway safety program. As a result, Ohio now invests \$158 million annually and runs the third-largest program in the nation. Funding can be used to make improvements on any public roadway in the state.

for Humanity, will be the guest speaker with a talk on the history and achievements of this wonderful organization in Paulding County.

The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please join us! Invite your family and friends! The more the merrier!

in Ohio from 2009 - 2018 found that 63 percent of all deadly and serious injury crashes occurred on roadways maintained by local governments.

ODOT accepts applications twice a year. The deadlines are April 30 and September 30. The department also accepts abbreviated applications any time of year for projects \$500,000 or less. Information about the program can be found on ODOT's website.

"Every Ohioan is precious. That's why our mantra at ODOT is toward zero

Protection while you're alive - As you know, it's usually necessary for both partners or spouses to work to maintain a household - so if your income were to disappear, even temporarily, it could present a big problem. Your current employer could offer disability income insurance as an employee benefit, but it might not be enough for your needs, so you may want to consider purchasing your own policy. Keep in mind, though, that disability coverage typically only lasts for a few years, and, in any case, probably won't com-

pletely replace your income. Consequently, it's a good idea to build up your financial resources in other ways, so contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) and IRA during your working years. If you do become disabled, it may be possible for you to tap into these funds without incurring a tax penalty, though regular taxes may still be due.

Protection if you need care - If you were ever to need some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care worker, you might find the costs to be considerable - and possibly a severe burden on your spouse or partner. In fact, the average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company. And Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of these expenses. To protect your spouse or partner - not to mention your grown children - from possibly having to deal with these costs, you might consider purchasing long-term care insurance. As an alternative, you could purchase a "hybrid" policy that combines long-term care benefits with those offered by a traditional life insurance policy. So, if you never needed long-term care, your policy would pay a death benefit to your spouse or partner or

HACKING AROUND

By: Nancy Whitaker

I have found some new information online (new to me) that I think is very interesting and some kitchen tricks or hacks I want to try. As I have said before, my kitchen is basically my favorite room in the house and it is here that I can try new ideas and recipes.

If you are like me, we all like to find easier and quicker ways to do things. I like trying new ideas and time saving tips which makes cooking easier. The other day I was reading about how to quickly peel a hard boiled egg. Since I was making pickled eggs and beets, I was delighted to check out a new way to peel those eggs without making them look like they had been in a battle zone.

I was skeptical at first, but decided to try a method of peeling eggs that I personally never heard of. The tip was to put a hard boiled egg in a jar with a little bit of water. Put a lid on and shake the jar. As I stood there shaking this jar with an egg in it, I thought, "Wow. I must look crazy, but hey it was fun and I added some dance moves to it. So basically, I was shaking my boiled egg and myself and getting some much needed exercise.

I was pleasantly surprised when I stopped shaking the jar, the egg was perfectly peeled. I continued to shake an egg at a time and I peeled a dozen. This may be something one of our children or grandchildren could do with us. Shake shake shake.

Another kitchen hack was that when you are boiling water for pasta or anything else, put a wooden spoon over the top of the pan and it wont boil over. This I have not tried yet.

Want to make some tasty frozen treats that are good for you? You take a small container of yogurt, the container where the bottom is as big as the top. Poke a hole in the (foil lid and insert a plastic

another beneficiary you've named.

Protection when you're gone - If you were to pass away, would your spouse or partner have the financial resources to continue the same lifestyle, pay the mortgage or, if you have children, provide for their education? If the answer is no, then you need to maintain adequate life insurance. How much is enough? There's no one right answer for everyone. You might hear that you need a death benefit that's worth seven or eight times your annual income, but the actual amount should be based on a variety of factors - your age, size of family, current income, spouse or partner's income, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine the appropriate amount of coverage.

Valentine's Day is just one day on the calendar. But if it serves as another reminder of how much you value your spouse or partner and spurs you into action to protect her or him throughout your lifetime - and beyond - then it will be an important day indeed.

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fork or spoon.) Put in freezer until firm. Take off the outside container and you will have a frozen yogurt snack. (I have to try this one too)

Have trouble slicing a cake with a knife? Does the cake crumble and frosting stick? It is recommended to use a piece of dental floss to slice through the cake.

Do you ever run out of



buttermilk or cooking spray? For a cup of buttermilk, you can add a teaspoon of white vinegar to a cup of milk. Let it stand about 5 minutes and you will have buttermilk.

I like using cooking spray for baking and cooking. Sometimes, it will cost about \$4 for a can and so I use it sparingly. Now, I just read that if you put one part of oil to 5 parts of water in a spray bottle, this will be the same as cooking spray.

Now I have never owned a cherry pitter, because I have actually never cooked much with fresh cherries. But did you know you can get a bottle with a small opening, and a kakkob stick (or tooth pick) put the cherry over the bottle and poke through the middle

to remove the seed. Seed will then go into the bottle. Nice tip for cherry pie makers

Need soft butter to bake or cook with? The suggestion is to grate the butter into a bowl and it will be ready to use. Another tip was to put the butter over a warm bowl of water.

Do you like leftover pizza? If you ever microwave it, the tip to prevent dried out pizza is to put a glass of water in the microwave with the pizza.

Other hacks are to clean strawberries with a straw. Go from bottom to top and this should remove the hulls.

Some hacks you may already know is put a piece of bread in brown sugar to keep it soft, freeze leftover wine in an ice cube tray, put fresh basil in a glass of water to keep it fresh, and when you are watching a movie on TV and eating microwave buttery popcorn, instead of getting your hands all buttery by reaching into the bag, cut a rectangle on the side of the bag and you can make a bowl for the popcorn.

On these cold winter days and you find yourself in your kitchen, maybe you can try some of these kitchen hacks.

Do you know any old kitchen or cooking hacks that you use? Do you remember any cooking tips your parents taught you? If you try shaking a boiled egg in a little bit of water to remove the shell, let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

VALENTINE'S DAY: FINANCIAL PROTECTION CAN BE A GREAT VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT

On Valentine's Day, you can give your spouse or life partner a traditional gift such as candy or flowers. But once you've done that, why not think about something that can provide longer-lasting benefits for your loved one? Specifically, think about ways to provide a lifetime of financial protection.

You can do this in several ways, including:

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By: Stan Jordan

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I am very glad to get a copy because it is very clear and readable.

Over the past years, I have used an old plat book of 1872 and I sure like this new one.

As I understand a new copy can be picked up at the Engineer's office.

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THE CHAMPION HOTEL



By: Stan Jordan

I received this picture the other day from Walter Lang. He asked about the ladder up to the railroad signal on the pole.

Well, the trains came about 1855...that was long before we had electricity. The signals on that pole was activated by long wires so maybe they used that ladder in emergencies.

I never heard of an express train going through Ant-

werp. There was a mail and passenger train about 6 a.m. and another about 10 p.m. Then there were other trains all day. There was no trucks for delivery yet, so groceries, fruit and supplies for the stores came by train.

You look across the street at the Champion Hotel, I understand that they were quite busy because they were right close to the depot.

That marquis was torn off that hotel soon after this pic-

ture was taken. Later on, after the 1950's or so, the west part of the depot was remodeled into a garage for the section mens' tools and speeder.

I remember the section men were Taylor and Perl Longberg, Raymond Kennedy and Johnny Woodcox. They were all big and strong.

Again, the picture does not show the little building that finally became the Ice Cream Depot.

See ya!

HISTORY HISTORY



By: Stan Jordan

Here is another picture of S. Main St., it is borrowed from the PC archives. I would say this was taken shortly after 1900. We have electricity, but the street is not paved. That happened about 1916. Here in the block that first awning down by the railroad is Shaffer Bros. Grocery Store built in 1888, now it's the Oasis Bar and Grill.

Then that next awning to the north is the Antwerp Exchange Bank. You can see it on the awning, I think that started as a bank about 1895.

Then the third awning is for the Pate Drug Store. Billy

Pate's father was the druggist at that time.

Then the next store was the J.H. Adcock Clothing Store. That was a fine store it always smelled so good in there. But at this time, I think that was a store owned by Higgins brothers that sold fruit of all kinds.

That fifth awning had a lot of action, I guess, at the time was a grocery store that went out of business. Then in 1936 the Kroger Store went in there and they closed up in the early 1940's as WWII was on.

Along about that time C.A. Quisno had a construction crew and he opened a hard-

ware in there for years along with his work crew. Now it is the Antwerp Hardware.

This corner three story building is called the Shirly Block made in 1866. I forgot to mention, back in that store where Kroger was, at one time in 1880 Oliver Applegate had a store there. He was a leader in blowing up the reservoir in 1886.

The sign across the street tells about a Chautauqua at Riverside Park.

I am going to stop here. I will talk about the Graves and Doering next week. So save this picture.

See ya!

1933 DODGE PUMPER



By: Stan Jordan

This is a photo that shows the 1933 Dodge fire truck. Now I understand, they also had a used 1920 Ford fire truck that I never saw.

The picture was taken by Mr. Ehrhart in 1941 for his book. It was housed in the south side of the Town Hall.

That is Billy Billman, the

driver; the fire chief, Harry Reeb; Cecil Billman, Pinky's father.

We used this truck until the early 1950's. As I have heard it rests in a classic car showroom in central Florida and still shows Antwerp on it.

We built the new fire house in 1963 for \$32,000.00. By then we had a new pump-

er and a new Ford tanker. Over the years, then and now, the Antwerp Volunteer Fire Department has been well equipped and a fine group of people.

There were three Gaisford boys: Leroy, Ivan and I don't remember the young one's first name.

See ya!

THE POCOCK BUILDING



By: Stan Jordan

This is the corner of S. Main St. and Railroad St. in about 1891, but I guess we will start earlier.

The Pocock brothers had a grocery store on this corner, but in 1888 there was a big fire and burned nearly the whole block. The brothers built this modern building in 1891. They were in busi-

ness there until they retired in 1916.

In my time, the corner building was a tavern called The Oak. In 1936 it was sold by Frank Knight to Albert Guysinger and moved north to its present location and the name became the Oasis.

The second floor was a busy place, there was a dentist office and a number of

other residences, there are some people up there yet.

The next building in my time, was The Star Theatre owned and operated by J.A. Cromley. That was from 1919 until after WWII. A young man from Hicksville was owner for a few years but then television came and people stayed home and watched tv.

Up on the top it has their name 'Pocock Building'.

In my time, that next building was the Kroger Store. In 1935 they moved north to where the Antwerp Hardware is now.

The next building south, was the American Legion building until they moved west to where the skating rink was.

The next place, a smaller

store, there was a bakery by Ralph Schooly and some other businesses. That was called the McDaniel building, but sometime in there, another two story was built and that was all Ford Sales for years.

The Ehrhart Studio was in that McDaniel Building for a long time.

See ya!

er and a new Ford tanker. Over the years, then and now, the Antwerp Volunteer Fire Department has been well equipped and a fine group of people.

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A group of potential incoming students and Vantage alumni speak with Instructor Kevin Van Oss and Counselor Jim Fisher in the Industrial Mechanics lab during the Vantage Open House, 2019. For more information about the Vantage Open House, contact student services at 419-238-5411 x2160.

Vantage Career Center will hold the annual Open House and "Taste of Vantage" event on Monday, February 24, 2020 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. to celebrate National Career and Technical Education Month, which runs through February.

The Open House will highlight both high school and adult education programs, and is open to the public. "Vantage is excited to open our building to our local community members and business leaders we serve, who will have the opportunity to experience how our high school and adult students are being trained every day," says Community Relations Coordinator Miriam Owens.

"Prospective high school students and their parents, as well as interested adult learners, including graduating seniors, will be able to hear what career and college possibilities are available to them through Vantage programs. Local employers will be stationed throughout the building to speak with our guests. Any community member interested in gaining more knowledge about the various career and college pathways at Vantage should come to this event."

Vantage high school and adult education instructors will be in their career technical labs, while students lead demonstrations of the technical skills they've gained.

Career technical educa-

tion is a strong force that contributes to the support of the local economy. It allows students an opportunity to be career and college ready, graduating with industry certifications, college credit, and hands-on experience in their field. For graduating seniors and adults who are looking to continue their education, Vantage adult education programs provide an opportunity to advance your career path in a short amount of time, for a nominal amount of money.

The popular "Taste of Vantage" will be held in conjunction with the Open House. Eight area restaurants will be offering a delicious sampling of some of their most talked about cuisine. All proceeds support the Vantage school-wide Student Activity Fund. Enjoy the popular grilled chicken wings from Millie's Café in Ottoville. Taste a savory beef brisket slider with a variety of sauces from Square Guys Deli Italian Restaurant located in Delphos. Don't miss a chance to enjoy the smoked pork loin and ham chunks from Tim's Backyard BBQ and Catering from Fort Jennings. Fill your plate with amazing bacon wrapped bbq water chestnuts or bruschetta from Moose Landing of Kalida. Sample award winning ice cream from The Creamery of Delphos. Sample delicious mini beef manhattans from Van Wert's Black Angus on Main. Warm up with a cup of coffee and a variety of sweet cookies from Baked to Perfection of Delphos. The Vantage Culinary Arts program will be serving their fabulous homemade Mexican chips and salsa. Don't be late because the food goes fast!

DJ Ron Burt from Magic Moment Entertainment who will be the emcee for the evening and will continuously announce special demonstrations and activities going on throughout the building. Thank you to our Open House sponsors; Dark Horse Entertainment, Lange Photographics, Straley Realty and Auctioneers, Carey Insurance and Financial Services, APT Manufacturing Solutions, Lee Kinsterle GM Sales and Service, Advanced Chassis, Cool Machines, Van Wert Health, VTF Excavation LLC, Walmart, and the United Way of Van Wert County.

To learn more about the Vantage Open House, visit vantagecareercenter.com or the Vantage Career Center Facebook Events page.

We look forward to seeing you Monday night, February 24 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.!

WOODLAN HIGH SCHOOL 1ST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL 2019/20

PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARS for Woodlan High School

GRADE 09: Chloe Albertson, Connor Bargo, Haylee Basting, Kacie Bowers, Reagan Bremer, Kaitlyn Chlebek, Jacob Dickinson, Roman Doust, Zoe Eager, Jaxon Fleek, Keegan Galentine, Magdalene Garcia, Kai Garrison, Adeline Goheen, Lucy Gongaware, Carter Hohenbrink, Emmalee Hoot, Courtney Kanorr,

PAULDING PRIDE WINNERS



In the picture are the January Paulding Pride winners from Paulding Middle School. Students receive Paulding Pride cards for going above and beyond what is normally expected from Paulding Middle School students. Congratulations to all forty-five winners.

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GRADE 11: Breanna Allgeier, Rylee Benjamin, Katherine Chin, Andrew Chlebek, Brennan Donovan, Lydia Dyer, Joselyn Eubank, Hannah Fields, Carlie Gongaware, Alexis Henderson, Abigail Hodges, Isabelle Kurtz, Alicia McMahan, Karson Miller, Madison Minick, Madelyn Mull, Ella Palm, Joshua Perkins, Collin Quaintance, Lilian Redmon, Samantha Ringenberg, Jordan Sarrazine, Rachel Scheumann, Kelley Sisson, Ella Smith, Madison Smith, Addison Wasvick

GRADE 12: Addison Bayman, Katelyn Bertsche, Hailey Branham, Hannah Brockmann, Haley Dowell, Katelynn Dyer, Emily Farler, Hannalora Folkner, Nolan Gardner, Ashtyn Garver, Emily Gribler, Colin Hahn, Daniel Herschberger, Jessica Luchies, Emmalynne Martin, Alexzander McNeal, Allison Mendenhall, Harrison Mendenhall, Lauren Meyer, Andrew Miller, Kai Niles, Logan Palm, Vanessa Pilkinton, Hailey

Schmeling, Alyssa Schmidt, Luke Spangler, Ellyssa Spieth, Evalyn Spieth, Isabella Stanley, Renae Stanley, Chase Vachon, Madison Werling, Adam Yoder

GRADE 13: Rachel Cotton, Megan Miller

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GRADE 09: Brysen Art, Ashley Bremer, Taten Carey, Abigail Cowan, Kaitlyn Crosby, Macy Diemel, Hannah Franklin, Austin Gaff, Jakob Girardot, Olivia Lake, Dawson Lichty, Jacob Linker, Keegan Reinhard, Abby Robinson, Dakota Robinson, Luke Schlatter, Madeline Shuher, Jacob Snyder, Riley Zent

GRADE 10: Haylee Davis, Hannah Diemel, Caroline Doctor, Will Elwood, Gillian Franz, Elaina Harber, Kassidie Hatton, Kathryn Hoepfner, William Hoover, Emily Johnson, Luke Ketzler, Lily Paul, Ethan Stopher, Erika Whitehead, Maddie Wilson

GRADE 11: Jesalyn Blackburn, Kelly Burnham, Gabrielle Carpenter, Jade Delagrance, Abigail Gentz, Layla Gerardot, Kaylee Gerbers, Morgan Moore, Kyla Ricketts, Hannah

Staley, Hailey Thompson, Elly Vardaman, Anayela Vera, Olivia Wilson, Hayley Woods

GRADE 12: Yo Bee, Karli Bricault, Lauren Durkes, Blake Fuller, Colton Hathaway, Alissa Hubbard, Gabrielle Joyce, Claire Lonsbury, Elizabeth Meyer, Tori Miller, Tyler Miller, Madison Nichter, Hayley Oldfield, Allie Ort, Benjamin Reidy, Olivia Spangle, Alyson Wiesehan

HONORABLE MENTION for Woodlan High School

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BRUMETT LEADS ARCHERS TO WIN OVER TIGERS



Antwerp's Tiera Gomez launches a shot and scores 3 points within a couple minutes of the game starting! See more pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - Karsyn Brumett scored 15 points to lead the Antwerp Lady Archers to a 49-35 win over visiting Holgate in Green Meadows Conference girls basketball action Thursday evening.

The blue and white held a slim 9-7 lead after the first eight minutes of action before expanding it to 19-11 at the midway point.

After the two teams combined for only 30 minutes in

the opening two periods, the squads bucketed a total of 37 markers in the third quarter.

Antwerp scored 21 of the points as the Lady Archers widened their lead to 40-27 entering the final period.

Tiera Gomez added 11 points for Antwerp with Heather Oberlin and Astianna Coppes each bucketing eight.

Alyvia DeVore chipped in three markers for the Lady Archers while Lydia Brewer and Kennadi Recker posting two points apiece.

Reana Willett totaled a game-high 22 points for Holgate while Olivia Blaker and Carissa Meyer both added four markers. Jordyn Altman (three) and Lexa Schuller (two) also found the scoring column for the Lady Tigers, who fall to 2-18 in all games and 1-5 in the conference.

Antwerp improves to 10-10 overall and 3-3 in the Green Meadows Conference with the victory. The Lady Archers visit Hilltop tonight in non-league play before closing the regular by hosting Edgerton.

LADY RAIDERS SLIP PAST CONTINENTAL BY SEVEN

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

CONTINENTAL - It wasn't easy but the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders used a huge third quarter to pull away from Continental last Tuesday evening and post their tenth consecutive win 60-53. The red, white, and blue stands at 16-3 on the season with the non conference win. The Pirates even their season mark at 10-10.

Wayne Trace trailed after

the first quarter break 22-15 and then managed to cut the seven point lead to five at halftime 35-30. However, the third quarter was all Wayne Trace with 24 points while holding the Pirates to just 11 and taking a 54-46 led. The fourth quarter was a low scoring affair with the Pirates netting seven markers to just six for the Raiders.

Seniors Claire Sinn and Miriam Sinn led the Raiders offense with Claire pouring in 17 points and Miriam chipping in 16. Claire also dished out four assists while grabbing four steals. Miriam led the Raiders in assists with seven. Gracie Shepherd, just a freshman and stands 5-8 just missed a double-double finishing with nine points and nine rebounds.

Others scoring for the victorious Raiders include Katrina Stoller with eight, Rachel Stoller adding seven and Katie Stoller finishing with three.

Kerri Prowant led Continental in scoring with 19 while team mate Cate Etter had a solid performance with 13 points and 13 boards. Alex Hoeffel also finished in double digits with 12.

The Raiders shot 22-47 from the field for 47 percent with the Pirates hitting 20-45 for 44 percent. The Raiders had the edge at the free throw line hitting 12-15 while the Pirates managed just 5-6. Rebounds were nearly even with Wayne Trace snagging 24 to 22 for the Pirates. Like rebounds, the turnovers were as close with the Raiders turning it over 15 to 17 for the Pirates.

LADY RAIDERS CLAIM ANOTHER GMC TITLE

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

HAVILAND - It took a little while for the Lady Raiders to kick it in gear but once they did it was all Wayne Trace in their 54-29 win over Ayersville. With the Green Meadows Conference win the Raiders are assured no less than a share of the title. If the Raiders defeat Hicksville in their last GMC showdown the Raiders will lay claim to their fourth consecutive title.

Midway through the second quarter and the red, white, and blue holding to a four-point margin 21-17 the Raiders blew the game open with a 17-2 run that progressed into the third quarter. A four point lead turned into a 19-point lead spread at 38-19. The quarter closed out with the Lady Pilots making a small dent in their deficit but the Raiders were still in control heading into the final eight minutes of play 40-25.

Wayne Trace wasted little time in the fourth stanza to leave no doubt they were worthy of their fourth title. A 7-0 run to open the quarter allowed the Wayne Trace lead to balloon out to a 22 point advantage 47-25.

With the win the Raiders improve their overall mark to 17-3 and a perfect 6-0 league mark with a road trip to Hicksville scheduled for Thursday to determine the GMC final standings.

Wayne Trace was led in scoring by Miriam Sinn with 17 points to go along with four steals and four assists. Claire Sinn finished with a double-double including 15 points and 13 rebounds as well as four assists and six

PANTHERS RECORD FIFTH VICTORY



Junior Caleb Manz, while guarded by Landon Turnbull, shoots a long shot and scores three for the Panthers. See more pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - Paulding picked up its fifth win of the season in boys basketball as the Panthers outscored visiting Hicksville 45-31 Tuesday evening.

The Aces posted a slim 11-10 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before Paulding scored nine second period markers compared to Hicksville's two in grabbing a 19-13 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, the maroon and white picked up 13 points with the Aces scoring four as the Panthers extended the margin to 32-17 entering the final stanza.

Other Lady Raiders hitting the score book was Gracie Shepherd with six points, Rachel Stoller adding six, Katie Stoller and Katrina Stoller each with four, and Abby Moore chipping in two.

Ayersville had no one in double digits and was led by the eight points from Kacee Okuley followed by Kryshal Dales with six. Taylor Addington collected 10 rebounds for the Pilots.

WARRIORS ROLL PAST STARFIRES

WOODBURN - In a battle of ACAC rivals, it was host Woodlan who cruised to a victory on Saturday as the Warriors rolled past

Seth Dysinger scored 18 points to lead the way for Paulding with Blake McGarvey chipping in 11 markers.

Hunter Kauser added five points followed while Payton Beckman and Caleb Manz recorded four markers apiece. Boston Pease scored three points as well for the maroon and white.

Hicksville was paced by Jackson Bergman with 13 points while Jake Miller and Landon Turnbull bucketed eight markers apiece. Tyler Baird had a basket as well for the Aces.

The Warriors improved to 11-6 overall and 4-1 in the ACAC with the victory, giving Woodlan victories in seven of its last eight contests.

Joe Reidy paced the way for the Warriors with 19 points while Trey Schoch scored 17 to lead South Adams, including a trio of three-pointers.

The Starfires drop to 8-7 in all games and 2-3 in the league.

Woodlan will visit Fremont on Wednesday night before the Warriors travel to Southern Wells on Friday.

South Adams hosts rival Adams Central on Friday.



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SMITH'S BUCKET LIFTS WARRIORS TO SECTIONAL SEMIS



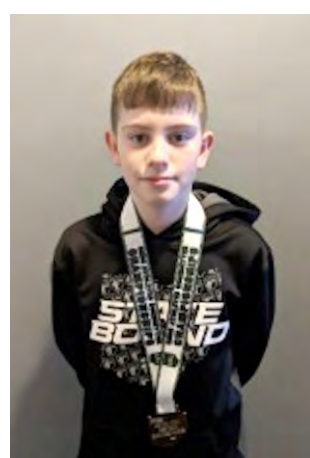
Woodlan's Avah Smith gets under the basket, shoots, scores and makes the foul shot! More pictures at westbendnews.net

FORT WAYNE - Evah Smith scored with three seconds remaining on the clock to lift the Woodlan Lady Warriors to a 43-42 victory over Bishop Dwenger in girls basketball sectional quarter-final action Tuesday night at Concordia High School. The victory is Woodlan's first tournament win in three years as the Lady Warriors improved to 18-6 on the season. Bishop Dwenger closed the season with a record of 9-12. Dakotah Krohn bucketed a dozen markers to lead the way for Woodlan with Addison Bayman adding ten and Evah Smith posted eight

points. Alicia McMahon chipped in six points for the Lady Warriors while Abbey Gentz, Taya Kitzmiller and Kate Mendenhall recorded two apiece. Gabby Joyce also had one point for Woodlan. Smith also topped the Lady Warriors with nine boards followed by Krohn with eight and Bayman with seven. Gentz, Kitzmiller, McMahon, Joyce and Mendenhall all picked up two rebounds. Bayman dished out five assists and picked up two steals as well for Woodlan.

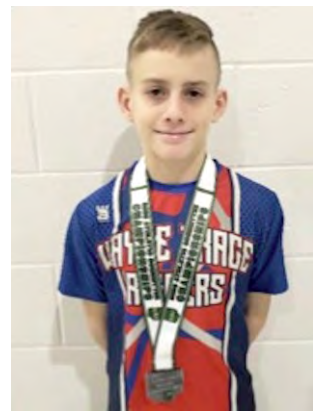
THREE WT JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLERS PUNCH THEIR TICKET TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT

January 9th proved to be a remarkable day on the mats for the Wayne Trace Junior High wrestling team. Four wrestlers traveled to compete in the first day of district tournaments to attempt to advance to the state tournament. Corbin Kimmel and Graiden Troth represented the Raiders at Olentangy, while Kamryn Sutton and Conner Blankenship made the trip to Norwalk. For the wrestlers to advance to the state tournament, they must place in the top sixth places of their individual bracket. At Norwalk, Kamryn Sutton wrestled in the 74-pound weight class. In round one, Sutton faced a hammer of a wrestler that sent him to the Consolation rounds. Kamryn had to wrestle his way back up to the placement rounds. After

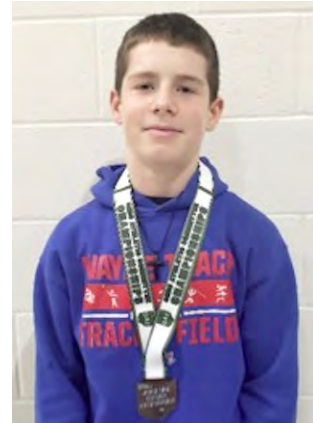


Kamryn Sutton a bye, Kamryn won his next two matches, which set him up for a medal. He fell short in his the match for fifth and sixth place, but still earned a medal and a ticket to the state tournament. Conner Blankenship also wrestled at Norwalk in the 96-pound weight class. Conner started the day with a bye his first match, followed by a strong win. Conner unfortunately lost his next two matches, which knocked him out of

the running for state this weekend. He will make another attempt in two weeks and we hope to see him blow



Corbin Kimmel the competition away. At Olentangy, Corbin Kimmel wrestled strong in the 78-pound weight class. Right out of the gate, he won his first two matches by tech fall. He then won 9-6 and made his way on to the championship match. During the championship match, Kimmel had to face a wrestling hammer that pinned him in the first period last year. Kimmel maintained his strength, but it was not enough to keep up the entire match. Corbin lost the championship



Graiden Troth match and ended the day as the District 78-pound runner up. Graiden Troth also wrestled at Olentangy in the 114-pound weight class. With twenty kids in Troth's bracket, Troth had a full day of wrestling ahead of him. Troth won a close match his first round with a score of 6-5. A strong competitor then defeated him in round two. Troth then won his next four matches in a row. Graiden lost his next two matches, but still finished the day in sixth place. He earned his medal around his neck and the spot on the podium. Wayne Trace Junior High Wrestling was proudly represented in the first day of districts and we wish the best of luck to those going to the next round on February 23rd. Now that three wrestlers have punched their tickets to the state tournament, the real work and preparation begins. "Take pride in how far you have come. Have faith in how far you can go." - Unknown.

VIKINGS SCORE LATE TO BEAT ARCHERS

LEIPSIC - Leipsic improved to 10-8 overall on the season with a 44-42 win over visiting Antwerp Tuesday night in non-league girls basketball action. The Lady Archers held a 9-7 lead after one quarter before taking an 18-16 advantage into the locker room at the midway point. After Antwerp widened the margin to 34-30 entering the final period, it was the host Vikings who rallied in the fourth quarter by out-

scoring the Archers 14-8 to record the 44-42 win. Elizabeth Scheckelhoff and Whitney Langhals each scored 11 points to lead the way for the Lady Vikings while Marisa Hermiller added six markers. Ashley Berger also posted five points with Shy Giron, Krysten Martinez and Jocie Hermiller bucketing three points apiece. Ally Kirkendall had the remaining two Leipsic markers. Karsyn Brumett and Astianna Coppes each scored a dozen markers to lead the way for Antwerp with Heather Oberlin chipping in eight markers. Tiera Gomez also had five for the blue and white with Grace Schuette posting three and Alyvia DeVore finishing with two.

RAIDERS MOVE INTO SEMIS

HOLGATE - Wayne Trace advanced to the semi-final round of the Green Meadows Conference eighth grade boys basketball tournament with a 62-22 win over Hicksville Saturday at Holgate High School. The red, white and blue jumped out to a 26-4 lead after one quarter and cruised from there to the victory. Wayne Trace took a 45-11 advantage into the locker room at the midway point of the contest before posting a 54-16 margin at the end of three periods. Brooks Laukhuf topped Wayne Trace with 20 points in the contest and Kyle Stoller chipped in 17 markers. Dylan Hildebrand also recorded 14 points for the Raiders. Breven Anderson, Caden Tumblin and Hudson Myers all finished with three points for the red, white and blue and Kyle Forrer posted two points. Slattery scored eight points for Hicksville while West and Taylor both bucketed five. Steffel and Pillick had a pair of markers apiece as well for the Aces.

PANTHERS GET ROAD WIN AT LC

LIBERTY CENTER - Paulding hit the road for a non-league battle on Saturday evening and the Panthers came home with a 56-42 victory over host Liberty Center. The Panthers jumped on top 15-10 after eight minutes of action before widening the margin in the second stanza. Paulding picked up 13 points in the quarter, pushing the lead to 28-17 at the midway point of the contest after limiting the Tigers to seven points in the quarter. Liberty Center did cut into the deficit in the second half, outscoring the visiting Panthers 14-11 in the third quarter as the orange and black pulled within 39-31 at the end of three periods. Hunter Kauser topped a trio of Panthers in double figures with 22 points while Payton Beckman bucketed 14 and Seth Dysinger added a dozen. Blake McGarvey (seven) and Caleb Manz (one) also scored for the Panthers. The Tigers were led by Carter Burdue and Trent Murdock with 11 points each while Evan Conrad added nine markers.

FOUR NH WRESTLERS ADVANCE TO SEMI-STATE



Pictured here is New Haven's Tristen Martz being declared winner in the 220 bracket. Photo by Melissa Amstutz.

This past weekend Indiana High School wrestlers competed in Regionals. New Haven advanced 4 wrestlers onto Semi-State next Saturday, February 15, 2020. New Haven wrestlers who

will be competing next weekend are the following: Elijah Chacon, 138, placed 1st; Jacob Saylor, 182, came in 2nd; Tristen Martz, 220, placed 1st; and Jon Loudon, HW placed 4th.

Wyatt Leatherman posted five points for the orange and black while Alex Reghi bucketed three markers and Aaron Shafer had two. Camden Krugh also found the scoring column with one point for Liberty Center.

OSTROWSKI'S BUCKET ENDS WARRIOR SEASON

FORT WAYNE - Woodlan and Garrett battled down to the final seconds in Friday's Class 3A girls basketball sectional semifinal at Concordia High School. Unfortunately, for the Lady Warriors, Railroader sophomore Morgan Ostrowski scored off of an inbounds play with six seconds remaining to lift Garrett to a 46-44 victory over Woodlan. Ostrowski finished the game with 14 points, eight of which came in the opening quarter when the Railroaders jumped out to a 13-3 advantage. However, the Warriors would come back. After missing all seven of its shots from the field in the opening stanza, Woodlan settled down in the second quarter and put together a 13-2 run as the Warriors

seized a 16-15 advantage on a Gabby Joyce layup. Garrett, though, would come back in the second quarter with baskets from Abby Weaver and Bailey Kelham as the Lady Railroaders posted a 19-16 half-time advantage. At the end of three periods, Garrett still led 32-29 before Woodlan rallied in the final quarter. The Lady Warriors tied the game at 44-44 after a triple from Addison Bayman along with a pair of Dakotah Krohn buckets. Ostrowski's two-pointer then sent the Railroaders into Saturday's sectional championship. Faith Owen topped Garrett with 17 points in the contest while Kelham added a dozen markers for the Railroaders, who improved to 15-8. Avah Smith paced the Warriors with 16 points while Bayman chipped in 13 for Woodlan, which closes its season at 18-7. Seniors closing their careers in the Woodlan girls basketball program were Addison Bayman, Taya Kitzmiller, Hanna Albertson, Lauren Meyer and Kate Mendenhall.

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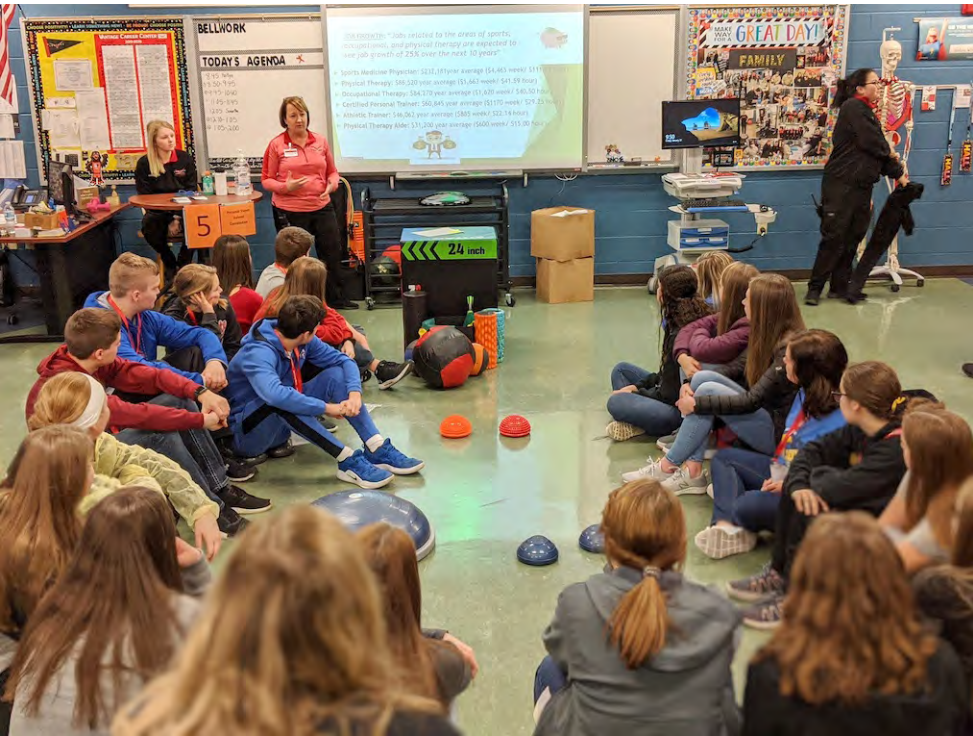
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VANTAGE HOSTS OVER 900 SOPHOMORES



Sports Exercise Therapy program instructor, Wendy Baumle, introduces sophomores to the new Sports Exercise Therapy program prior to dismissing them for training activities pertaining to physical rehabilitation.



Over 900 area sophomores visited Vantage recently to check out the career tech labs. Junior Ag and Industrial Power Tech student, Eli Molitor (Antwerp) introduces activities and equipment to Carson, fellow Antwerp student.

Over 900 sophomores from our 13 associate school districts came to Vantage on Friday, Jan. 31, for the annual "Sophomore Day". Each sophomore was given an opportunity to experience two different career technical programs of interest to them. During each one-hour visit, sophomores participated in hands-on activities, experienced student led demonstrations and connected with employer's who prepared presentations especially for them.

The Vantage Carpentry program stepped away from the Paulding County Habitat for Humanity house to give sophomores the opportunity to build a stool using materials and power tools a Carpenter would use. Visitors to the Auto Body program were introduced to careers such as Auto Collision Repair Technician or Metal Fabricator by bending metal to form customized name plates and using professional painting equipment. Health Information Management students led patient data entry demonstrations for sophomores in their custom triage room. Students visiting the Interactive Media program became familiar with Photoshop as they brought images to life using digital enhancing techniques. In Construction Equipment Technology, students were able to operate a backhoe, excavator and other large machinery and in Industrial Mechanics students were able to operate the FANUC robotic systems and electrostatic powder coating station.

This year, sophomores were introduced to the new Sports Exercise Therapy program. Students who chose to visit this program were able to experience activities related to career fields such as, physical therapy, occupational therapy, athletic training, sport medicine and overall physical rehabilitation of the human body.

Here are a few frequently asked questions - and answers - about coming to high school at Vantage.

Q: Can I go to college after Vantage?

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

Q: Can I receive college credits through my high school class at Vantage?

A: YES! Many programs have articulation agreements with local colleges which provide some college credit for Vantage coursework. Some courses are College Credit Plus.

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

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

Q: What is the tuition to attend Vantage?

A: There is NO tuition to attend Vantage. Each program has a fee of \$100, which covers the cost of tools, supplies, equipment, and one full uniform.

Q: When are applica-

tions due at Vantage?

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We invite all students and parents, as well as associate school staff to join us as we celebrate National Career and Technical Education Month on Monday, February 24, from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. All high school and adult education labs will be open for tours. There will be special student led demonstrations and many local employers linked to the program your student is interested in throughout the building. An important Parent Information Session will be held in the Community Room from 6:00 to 6:30 pm designed to answer questions about your student's career and college opportunities at Vantage. Area restaurants will be on-site @ "A Taste of Vantage" for you to sample their food for a minimal cost, with proceeds going to the Vantage Student Activity Fund.

Whether you are a sophomore or junior interested in applying in one of our 18 high school programs or a graduating senior looking to further your education within our adult education programs, we hope you can make it to our Open House, Monday, February 24!

GERBER JOINS 1,000 POINT CLUB AS RAIDERS ROMP

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

AYERSVILLE - The door is open, not by much, but it's still open for the Raiders to claim a piece of the Green Meadows Conference title. After defeating Ayersville on Friday night 78-38 the Raiders are one game behind the league leading Antwerp Archers with one game to play. If the Archers stumble at Edgerton and the Raiders get past Hicksville on Valentines night then a tie would exist for both schools. If the Archers defeat the Bulldogs then the title would belong to the Archers outright.

This past Friday the Raiders easily cruised past the Pilots for forty points but the highlight of the night was midway through the first quarter when senior Nate Gerber put down a free throw to enter the 1,000 point club as a Wayne Trace

Raider. On the night Gerber finished with 25 points to pace the red, white, and blue to their 14th win against five losses. Gerber now stands in the ninth spot with 1,022 points.

The game itself was never in doubt as Wayne Trace jumped out to a 21-6 first quarter lead and stretched it out to 20 at the midway point 41-21. The Raiders coasted in the second half scoring 37 points to just 17 for the Pilots.

Gerber collected his 25 points on 4-8 in two-point goals and 3-5 behind the arc and 8-9 at the charity stripe. Joining Gerber in the score book was senior Jace Vining with 15 points including 3-6 from three-point land. Vining also dished out three assists and collected four steals. Also in double figures was Alex Reinhart with 14 points while grabbing seven rebounds.

Rounding out the Raider's scoring was Cale Crosby with six, Trevor Sinn five, Reid Miller four, Nathan Crosby four, Cameron Sinn three and Grayson McClure two. Ayersville was led by the 10 points from Jakob Trevino and eight points from Brayden Amoroso.

Wayne Trace shot 26-52 from the floor for 50 percent and 18-22 from the foul line for 82 percent. Ayersville managed 14-47 in field goal shooting for 30 percent and 9-13 at the line. Ayersville won the rebound battle 34-31 but turned the ball over 22 times to just 10 for the Raiders.

BOYS TOURNAMENT ROUTES DEFINED

The OHSAA boys sectional/district tournament draw took place on Sunday with area squads finding out their tournament routes.

In Division III, Wayne Trace and Paulding each will take part in the Elida sectional which is part of the Lima Senior district.

Paulding will open play on February 25 as the Panthers battle Lima Central

Catholic in the second game that night at the Elida Fieldhouse.

Wayne Trace starts its tournament run on February 28 in the 6:15 p.m. against the winner of the semifinal contest between Fairview and Delphos Jefferson.

Meanwhile, in Division IV, Antwerp earned the top seed in the district to be hosted by Defiance.

Undefeated Antwerp claimed the top seed in the Division IV district tournament draw at Defiance with Toledo Christian, Hicksville and Edgerton taking the second, third and fourth seeds, respectively. Sectional games for this district will be hosted by Bryan and Napoleon.

At Bryan, one game on February 25 has 11th seeded Toledo Emmanuel Christian (8-8) playing 12th seeded Holgate (4-13) with the winner advancing to battle second seeded Toledo Christian (15-2) on February 28 in game one.

A pair of semifinals will be held at Bryan on February 26 as third seeded Hicksville (14-6) takes on tenth seeded Ayersville (7-12) in the opener before sixth seeded Fayette (11-9) plays eighth seeded North Central (10-10). The winners of each of those games then return on February 28 to square off in the nightcap.

Sectional action also opens at Napoleon on February 25 with a single game that will have 13th seeded Stryker (3-14) playing 14th seeded Hilltop (2-17). Top seeded Antwerp (18-0) then awaits the winner of that game in the first sectional final on February 28.

February 26 at Napoleon will have a doubleheader scheduled as fourth seeded Edgerton (10-8) plays seventh seeded Maumee Valley Country Day (9-9) as well as ninth seeded Edon (8-9) against fifth seeded Pettisville (12-7).

The two victors from those games come back to play each other in the second game on February 28.

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DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Annie Mattson Emry Danner Lydia Benschneider Harrison Coil



Blaize Karhoff Tara Wolford Achilles Mead Griffin Williamson

Preschool - Annie Mattson
Annie is a star student that lets nothing get in her way! Annie has a big heart, and is always willing to help her classmates. She always works hard in class, and helps fill the classroom with laughter. She is such a joy to have in the classroom. Way to go Annie!
Nominated by: Mrs. Warnimont and Mrs. Carter

Kindergarten - Emry Danner
Emry is smart, fun, quick witted, and she is fast at learning new things. Emry is keeping up with her sight words, and she always

comes to school prepared. She works very hard and at all times gives her best effort! Great job Emry. We are so proud of you!
Nominated by: Mrs. Ashworth & Miss Lehman

First Grade - Lydia Benschneider
The first grade student of the month is Lydia Benschneider! Lydia has such a kind heart. She doesn't let herself become frustrated when things are hard, and she is quick to share her love of cats with anyone around her! Keep being awesome, Lydia!!
Nominated by: Miss Sullivan

Second Grade - Harrison Coil
The second grade student of the month is Harrison Coil! Harry is an incredibly sweet kid. He has a contagious smile and laugh! He is very focused and was working hard in January. Harry can be very thoughtful and find just the thing to make me smile!! Congrats, Harry and keep up the good work!!
Nominated by: Miss Sullivan and Mr. Linder

Third Grade - Blaize Karhoff
Blaize is one of the students that I can count on to almost always have his hand raised and to give the right answer to questions. He has done well in math class, despite doing above grade level work most of the time. He is always quick to help others to get things put away at the end of the day to leave the classroom looking nice. Keep up the good work, Blaize!
Nominated by: Mrs. Gideon

Fourth Grade - Tara Wolford
Tara quietly gets to work on assigned tasks, completing them with care. She always tries to do her best work, and can be counted on to complete her work on time. She is a joy to have in class!
Nominated by: Mrs. Gideon

Fifth Grade - Achilles Mead
Achilles is the first person to volunteer help with technical issues in the classroom. He is always respectful and does whatever I or Mrs. Reinhart ask of him.
Nominated by: Mrs. Bradbury & Mrs. Reinhart

Sixth Grade - Griffin Williamson
Griffin consistently makes good choices throughout the day. He

does a great job of separating work and social times. I can always count on him to follow directions and do what is asked of him.
Nominated by: Mrs. Bradbury

DOE-C-DOE MEETING HELD
The Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club meeting was held on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at the Antwerp Methodist Church. We went over the booth and float theme which was Riddin', Rockin' & Livestockin'. We talked about a budget and how we were going to arrange and decorate it. Five members of the club did presentations about the project they would be taking to fair. To end the meeting we had refreshments and snacks. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

ARCHERS CLINCH SHARE OF GMC TITLE
HOLGATE - The Antwerp boys basketball team clinched at least a share of its first Green Meadows Conference championship in nine seasons Friday night as the Archers rolled past host Holgate 71-39.
The Archers seized control of the contest from the start, grabbing a 15-2 lead at the end of one quarter and never were threatened.
Antwerp expanded the lead to 35-15 at the half by scoring 20 second quarter points and limiting the Tigers to 13.
The blue and white picked up 16 more points in the third quarter compared to Holgate's 11 as Antwerp widened the margin to 51-26 at the end of three periods.
Jagger Landers paced a quartet of Archers in double figures with 16 points while Austin Lichty added 13 and Jayvin Landers chipped in 11. Blake Schuette also hit twin digits with ten for Antwerp.
Owen Sheedy (nine), Jake Eaken (five), Jacob Savina (five) and Hunter Sproles (two) completed the list of scorers for the blue and white.
Holgate was paced by Abe Kelly with 15 points while Bailey Sonnenberg aided the Tiger cause with ten points.
Sam Medina picked up six points for the Tigers with Luke Wenner, Ethan Sparks and Blake Hattemer having

two markers each.
The Archers, who improved to 17-0 overall and 6-0 in the league, complete league play with a road trip to Edgerton on Friday before hosting Hilltop Saturday.
Holgate falls to 4-15 in all games and 0-6 in conference action and will wrap up conference action on the road at Ayersville Friday.

RAIDERS BEAT PIRATES, FALL TO RAMS IN DUALS TOURNEY
COLDWATER - The Wayne Trace wrestling team traveled to Coldwater on Saturday and took part in the OHSAA Team Duals Tournament where the Raiders defeated Bluffton before falling to Tinora.
Against the Pirates, got past the Pirates 40-30 as the Raiders won five of the six matches that were actually wrestled.
Wayne Trace picked up three wins via forfeit in the match as Carson Rupp (152), Eli Moore (160) and Jacob Graham (285) were victorious due to a lack of an opponent.
In matches that were actually wrestled, Gabe Sutton defeated Bluffton's Tayton Kleman 10-2 via a major decision at 113 while Jarrett Hornish recorded a pin of the Pirates' Elias Mault in 1:16 at 126.
Sam Moore nipped Bluffton's Mason Davis 7-6 in the 132 pound weight class before the Raiders' Hunter Long won 22-7 via a technical fall over the Pirates' Kaden Basil at 138.
At 220, the Raiders' Kaden Woolbright won 10-1 in a major decision of Bluffton's Trent Howard.
In the quarterfinals, Tinora doubled up the Raiders 48-24 as the Rams took advantage of four Raider forfeits.
Wayne Trace's Gabe Sutton was the lone Raider winner by forfeit at 113 and the two schools split the eight matches actually wrestled.
Hornish pinned the green and white's Tegan Reynolds at 126 in 59 seconds before Sam Moore defeated Tinora's Jack Ordway 5-4 at 132.
Following a Hunter Long 14-3 major decision win over the Rams' Owen Tong at 138, Eli Moore was the last Raider winner with a 17-2 technical fall victory over the green and white's Tim Meyer at 170.

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PARKWAYS WINS BATTLE OF PANTHERS
COLDWATER - In a first round match in the OHSAA team duals tournament, it was Parkway that won the battle of the Panthers with a 52-24 win over Paulding at Coldwater High School Saturday.
Each school won a weight class via a forfeit but it was Parkway that dominated the matches that actually took place. The black and gold 8 of those 11 matches to cruise to the overall win.
Paulding senior Jordan Mudel was victorious, defeating Parkway's Parker Mihm via a pin in 3:03 in the 126 pound weight class.
The maroon and white's Brody Fisher won at 145 with a pin of the black and gold's Jordan Feldes in 1:29. Paulding's other victory came at 182 as Cole Mabis pinned Hayden Ridenour of Parkway in 1:00.
At 285, the Panthers' Braeden Pease won via forfeit.

ANTWERP 8th GRADE BASKETBALL MOVES TO 14-1
Antwerp JH boys played on February 4th against the Continental Pirates. The Archer 8th grade moved to 14-1 with a 50-16 win over Continental on this night. Leading scorers for the Archers were Landon Brewer 21, Reid Lichty 10, Carson Altimus 9, Cam Fuller 6 and Syris Gale 4.

WBL BOYS BOWLING RESULTS
The following are the results of the WBL Boys Bowling Tournament that took place Saturday night, February 8th.
1 St. Mary's Memorial; 2 Wapakoneta; 3 Shawnee; 4 Elida; 5 Ottawa-Glandorf; 6 Celina; 7 Defiance; 8 Kenton; 9 Van Wert; 10 Bath
Top Six Bowlers of the Tournament:
1 D Fisher, St. Mary's Memorial 652; 2 K Ridenour, Wapakoneta 633; 3 CNow, St. Mary's Memorial 630; 4 CSchnarre, Wapakoneta 626; 5 S Smith, Shawnee 608; 6 S Wagner, Wapakoneta 569

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway, Manor House Assisted Living
Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart, Bryan Hospital
Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste, Advanced Auto, Great Clips, Meijer Great Clips, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
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Latty: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center
Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store
Ney: Marathon
Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware, Dollar General
Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert

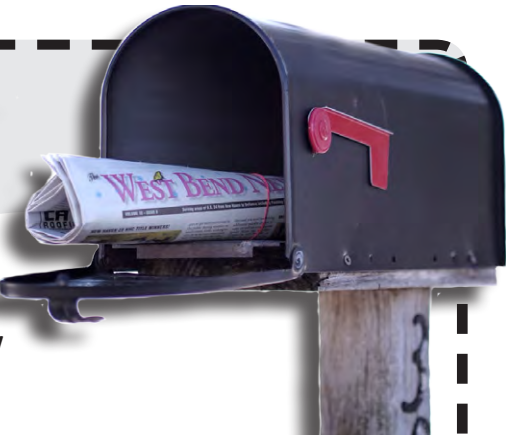
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Scott: Scott Post Office
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H2Ohio Maumee River Watershed



By: Patrick Troyer, District Technician

Last fall, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine unveiled his plan for combating water quality in Lake Erie with the announcement of the H2Ohio Program. "We have a moral obligation to preserve and protect our natural resources," Governor DeWine said during a speech at the National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo. "My H2Ohio plan is a dedicated, holistic water quality strategy with long-lasting solutions to address the causes of Ohio's water problems, not just the symptoms." The Ohio General Assembly put forth \$172 million to be split between the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Governor DeWine's plan seeks to put money into targeted solutions that help to curb runoff of phosphorous and algal blooms with the implementation of a variety of agricultural best management practices. With that being said, producers in Paulding County as well as 13 other counties (Williams, Defiance, Van Wert, Mercer, Allen, Putnam, Henry, Fulton, Lucas, Wood, Hardin, and Hancock) in the Maumee River Watershed may now apply for funding through H2Ohio now through March 31st, 2020 through each Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) office.

The H2Ohio Program seeks to implement the following best management practices: soil testing, variable

rate fertilization, subsurface nutrient application, manure incorporation, conservation crop rotation, cover crops, and drainage water management. H2Ohio will put forward funding to help supplement the cost incurred with putting these best management practices on the ground. Guidance will be provided to producers when they come into the SWCD Office to decide on the practices that will prove most effective on their land. Producers may sign up for up to four years' worth of funding through H2Ohio. Contact the Paulding SWCD office for cost share amounts for each practice.

Many might be asking why they should sign up for H2Ohio. This program provides education, financial resources, tools, and in-field assistance to identify and put conservation practices on the ground. The program also provides research data into new practices that could reduce runoff of phosphorous and harmful algal blooms. Another question arises if a producer is already enrolled in other programs, whether they are eligible for H2Ohio Funding. According to H2.ohio.gov, a producer is eligible for funding if they are enrolled in other conservation programs with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, however, a producer may not enroll the same acres in the same practice.

To sign up for the H2Ohio Program, contact the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District at 419-399-4771 or paulding@pauldingswcd.org. Information may also be

found on our website http://www.pauldingswcd.org/technical-programs/h2ohio/. Once again, the enrollment period is open now through March 31, 2020. Together, we can work towards better water quality for all Ohioans.



Paulding County Area FOUNDATION

PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Paulding, OH: The Paulding County Area Foundation offers and facilitates many scholarships for high school graduates and/or college students. The JP Crain scholarship is for high school graduates entering their post secondary education; as well as current college students. This scholarship is applicable for first time applicants and renewing applicants. The Paulding County Area Foundation (Anonymous) scholarship is for graduating seniors planning to further their educational career with a desire to come back to Paulding County upon graduation. The Virginia Paulus-Iler Scholarship is for students entering their third year of study at an Ohio college or university and who have graduated from Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

To check specific application criteria be sure to download the forms from the Foundation's website, www.pauldingcountyareafoundation.com. The Paulding County Area Foundation facilitates other school specific scholarships as well, so be sure to speak with the school guidance counselor for all available opportunities. Deadlines for all Paulding County Area Foundation scholarships is April 10, 2020. Please return the application and all necessary information to the school guidance counselor or to the Foundation office, 101 E. Perry St. Paulding by this date to be considered.

Director Amy Acton, MD, MPH. "While much of the recent news cycle focuses on novel coronavirus, Ohio's primary infectious disease threat is influenza. Ohio currently has zero confirmed cases of novel coronavirus, while we have 832 hospitalizations because of the flu. The numbers speak for themselves."

Earlier this week, an 11-year-old from Lake County died from the flu, the second pediatric death of the 2019-2020 flu season. To date, Ohio has reported 4,465 total influenza-associated hospitalizations for the 2019-2020 season. Flu activity typically peaks between December and February.

While the flu can be dangerous for any person, it is especially dangerous for the very young and elderly, those who are immune-compromised, those with chronic health conditions, and pregnant women.

Flu spreads from person-to-person via droplets from coughing, sneezing or close contact. Symptoms typically start one to four days after a person is exposed. Those symptoms include, fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, and tiredness.

"The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu shot," Dr. Acton said. "You cannot get the flu from the flu shot and it is recommended for everyone older than six months."

If you have had problems with the flu shot before, talk to your medical provider about options available that might not cause problems for you. Because flu season continues through the spring, there is still time to get the vaccine.

- Other precautions include:
 - Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
 - Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth after touching objects - this is how germs are spread.
 - Practice good habits like disinfecting surfaces, getting plenty of sleep, and managing stress.

Those who are sick should stay home from work, school, and errands. This helps prevent spreading the illness to others.

OHIO STATE LIMA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR ALUMNI AWARDS

Whether they are doing research to discover life-saving procedures, building financial security for people so they can build their dreams, or flying a multi-million-dollar jet in service to our country, Ohio State Lima alumni are paying it forward every day. More than 12,000 Ohio State alums got their start or spent time on the Ohio State Lima campus, and today, they are making a difference in their communities and workplaces. The university seeks to recognize those efforts.

Nominations are now being taken for the Ohio State Lima Alumni Hall of Fame and the Early Achievement Award. Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2020.

"2020 is a historic year for Buckeyes, as we celebrate

the university's sesquicentennial and launch a transformative comprehensive campaign," said Lesley Fry, director of advancement at Ohio State Lima. "Regional campuses like Ohio State Lima certainly play a role in fulfilling and articulating the land grant mission and these awards provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our alumni contributions."

The awards will be presented in October 2020 during Homecoming Week at Ohio State Lima.

Ohio State Lima's awards program honors outstanding alumni who have contributed significantly to their professions and/or communities. Individuals may be nominated for one of two awards.

The criteria for election to the Alumni Hall of Fame are as follows:

- The nominee must have successfully completed a minimum of one (1) academic quarter or semester of full-time study at Ohio State Lima
- The nominee must have graduated from The Ohio State University 20 or more years ago to be eligible for nomination.
- The nominee must be an advocate for the University and regarded as a community leader with a record of sustained professional recognition and/or involvement in community activity.

The criteria for election of the Early Achievement Award are as follows:

- The nominee must have

successfully completed a minimum of one (1) academic quarter or semester of full-time study at Ohio State Lima

- The nominee must have graduated from The Ohio State University no more than 10 years ago to be eligible for nomination

- The nominee must be an advocate for the University and have demonstrated distinctive achievement in a career, civic involvement or both.

Nominations can be made online at Lima.OSU.edu/alumni/alumni-awards/

Current Hall of Fame members include Dr. Susan L. Hubbell, 2006; Dr. Jan L. Osborn, 2007; Kevin Haver, 2008; Dr. G. Gilbert Cloyd, 2009; Daniel G. Bucher, 2009; Dr. Ann Baker, 2010; Brook E. Elrod, 2010; Linda L. Lehman, 2010; Jed. E. Metzger, 2010; Edward J. Rohrbach, 2010; Robert Simmons, 2010; Dr. Frank Baldauf, 2016; Heather O'Donnell, 2017; Nicholas A. Pittner, JD, 2018; and George M. Brooks, 2019. Early Achievement Award winners are Tyler Burkland and Kristin Schafer, 2017; Megan Rutledge, OD, 2018; and Ryan Kraner, 2019.

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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

NH BOYS BASKETBALL TOP HUNTINGTON NORTH

New Haven High School Boys Varsity Basketball beat Huntington North High School 63-56 on Saturday night, February 8.

Game Recap:

Thomas Latham - 25 points, 14 rebounds; Donovynn Lewis - 16 points, 8 assists; Jamarr Hutchins - 13 points, 4 assists, 2 steals

Score by the Quarter:

New Haven - 18 11 16 18 = 63

Huntington North - 12 10 12 22 = 56

OHIO FLU HOSPITALIZATIONS JUMP TO HIGHEST OF SEASON

Ohio had the highest rate of hospitalizations from influenza last week for the 2019-2020 flu season, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) reported today. From January 26 to February 1, 832 people were hospitalized, an increase of more than 36% higher than the previous week of flu reporting. The full report can be found here.

"The current flu hospitalization numbers are deepening concerning," said ODH

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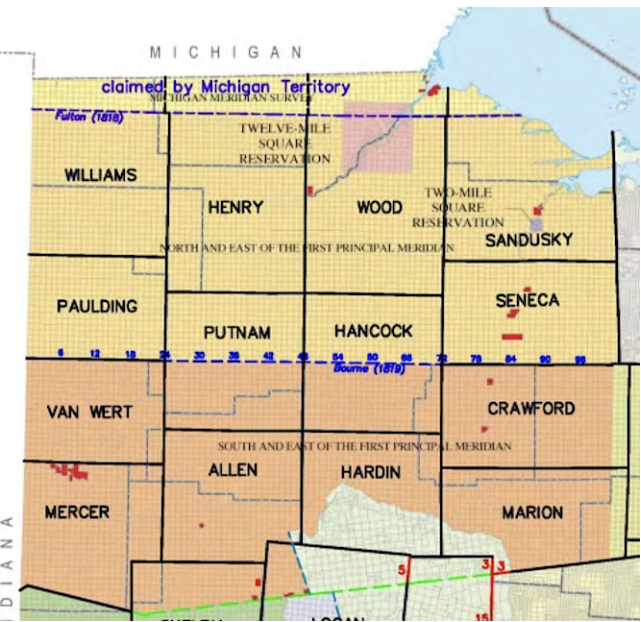
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Map showing the newly established counties in northwest Ohio in 1820. Most were nearly square or rectangular in shape. Most experienced later boundary changes as new counties were developed and territory was taken away, such as Paulding County losing its northeast corner when Defiance County was established in 1845.

By: Melinda Krick, Paulding County Bicentennial Committee

Act establishing counties was passed Feb. 12, 1820

PAULDING - Wednesday, Feb. 12, marks the 200th anniversary of the Ohio General Assembly enacting a law to establish 14 counties in the last remaining unorganized area of Ohio. The act took effect a few weeks later on April 1. Twelve of the 14 counties were named for heroes of the Revolutionary War or the War of 1812. (See list below.)

Paulding County is named for John Paulding, who, along with fellow patriots David Williams and Isaac Van Wart, captured Major John André in 1780. André's arrest led to the discovery of Benedict Arnold's plans to become a traitor.

The three young militiamen were hailed as national heroes, receiving a federal pension, farmland in New York State and the first-ever U.S. military decoration. None of the trio ever set foot in Ohio or visited their namesake counties here.

The date of Feb. 12 was chosen by the Paulding County Bicentennial Committee to officially launch the county's 200th birthday year.

Following an hour-long program with Gov. Mike DeWine as keynote speaker, the courthouse will be open to the public from 7-10 p.m. for the unveiling of 20 montages of historic photographs from around the county.

Below is the act as printed in the proceedings of the Eighteenth General Assembly beginning in December 1819. Spellings remain as originally printed. Section 3 and Section 4 of the act, both pertaining to Wood and Sandusky counties, are omitted here.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

An Act, for the erection of certain counties therein named.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General assembly of the state of Ohio, That all that part of the lands lately ceded by the Indians to the United States, which lies within this state, shall be, and the same is hereby erected into fourteen separate and distinct counties, to be bounded and named as follows, viz.

First to include townships one, two and three south, in the first, second, third and fourth ranges, and to be known by the name of Van-

wart;

Second, to include all of said ranges south of said township, to the northern boundaries of the counties heretofore organised, and to be known by the name of Mercer;

Third, to include townships one and two south, and one and two north, in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth ranges, and to be known by the name of Putnam;

Fourth, to include all of the last named ranges, south of said second townships, to the northern boundaries of the organised counties, and to be known by the name of Allen;

Fifth, to include townships one and two south, and one and two north, in the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth ranges, and to be known by the name of Hancock;

Sixth, to include all the last mentioned ranges, south of said second township, and running south with the range lines to the northern boundaries of the organised counties, and to be known by the name of Hardin;

Seventh, to include townships one, two and three south, in ranges thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen and seventeen, and all that may lie between the same and the west line of Richland county, and to be known by the name of Crawford;

Eighth, to include all of the last mentioned ranges, south of said third townships, and to run south with said range lines, to the northern boundaries of the organised counties, and east with the township lines to Richland county line, and to be known by the name of Marion;

Ninth, to include townships one, two and three north, in ranges thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen and seventeen, and to be known by the name of Seneca;

Tenth, to include all of the last mentioned ranges north of said third townships, to the northern boundary of the state, and to be known by the name of Sandusky;

Eleventh, to include all of ranges nine, ten, eleven and twelve north of the second townships north in said ranges, and to run north with the same to the state line, and to be known by the name of Wood;

Twelfth, to include all of ranges five, six, seven and

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eight north of the second township north, in said ranges, and to run north with the same to the state line as aforesaid, and to be known by the name of Henry;

Thirteenth, to include townships one, two and three north, in the first, second, third and fourth ranges, and to be known by the name of Paulding;

Fourteenth, to include all of the first, second third and fourth ranges north of the third townships north in said ranges, and to run north with the same to the state line, and to be known by the name of Williams.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the counties of Crawford and Marion shall be attached to the county of Delaware; the county of Hardin shall be attached to the county of Logan; the county of Allen shall be attached to the county of Shelby; the counties of Vanwart and Mercer shall be attached to the county of Dark; the counties of Hancock, Henry, Putnam, Paulding and Williams shall be attached to the county of Wood; and the county of Seneca shall be attached to the county of Sandusky, until otherwise directed by law.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That on the first Monday of April next, the legal voters residing within said counties of Wood & Sandusky, or counties attached thereto, shall assemble in their respective townships at the usual place of holding township elections, and elect their several township and county officers, who shall hold their offices until the next annual election.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the temporary seat of justice for said county of Wood, shall be fixed at the town of Maumee, and the temporary seat of justice for the said county of Sandusky shall be fixed at Croghansville, until commissioners shall be appointed by the general assembly, to fix the per-

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manent seats of justice for the said counties of Wood and Sandusky.

This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of April next.

JOSEPH RICHARDSON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ALLEN TRIMBLE, Speaker of the Senate. February 12, 1820.

Where the counties got their names:

Allen - Col. John Allen, killed during the War of 1812.

Crawford - Col. William Crawford, a soldier in the French & Indian War and American Revolution; executed by Indians in 1782.

Hardin - Col. John Hardin, officer in the Revolution and militia commander on the Ohio frontier; ambushed while acting as peace emissary to the Shawnee.

Hancock - John Hancock, first signer of Declaration of Independence.

Marion - Gen. Francis "The Swamp Fox" Marion, officer in the Revolutionary War.

Mercer - Brigadier General Hugh Mercer, Revolutionary War officer, killed in action.

Paulding - John Paulding, captor of Major André, Revolutionary War.

Putnam - Major General Israel Putnam, served in French & Indian War and Revolutionary War.

Sandusky - Derived from the Wyandot word meaning "water" or "cold water."

Seneca - Named for the Seneca people who were the original inhabitants.

Van Wert - Isaac Van Wart, captor of Major André, Revolutionary War.

Williams - David Williams, captor of Major André, Revolutionary War.

Wood - Eleazer D. Wood, Army officer and engineer for General William Henry Harrison's army, who built Fort Meigs in War of 1812; killed in action.

MERCY COLLEGE OF OHIO ANNOUNCES HONORS LIST

Sudoku solution from page 13

The following students were awarded honors for the 2019 Fall semester at Mercy College of Ohio. To be named on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours. To be named on the Honor's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 6-11 credit hours. To be named on the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled for 14 or more credit hours.

Mercy College of Ohio is a Catholic institution with a campus in Toledo, Ohio and a location in Youngstown, Ohio. It focuses on health-care and health science programs. Mercy College offers graduate degrees in Nursing and Health Administration; Bachelor's degrees in Biology, Healthcare Administration, Medical Imaging and Nursing; Associate degrees in

Health Sciences, Health Information Technology, Nursing, and Radiologic Technology; and Credit Certificates in Community Health Worker, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Medical Coding, Ophthalmic Assistant, Paramedic and Polysomnographic Technology and specialty imaging certificates.

Kasey Campbell, Defiance, OH; Certificate in Polysomnography, Honors List

Brandon Layne, Defiance, OH; BS Nursing Pre-licensure, Dean's List

Kyndra Myers, Defiance, OH; Assoc in Radiologic Technology, Honors List

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The Village of Paulding is currently seeking an individual to fill a full-time position with its Utility Department.

This position is responsible for reading utility meters, performing road maintenance, parks maintenance, and street maintenance, and water and sewer line maintenance. Requirements include a high school diploma or equivalent; the ability to lift up to 50 pounds; possess a Commercial Driver's License (Class B) with tanker endorsement or the ability to obtain one within six (6) months. Job-related experience is a plus. Drug testing is a condition of employment. Applications will be available at the Village Office, 116 S. Main St., Paulding, Ohio, Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. Applications will be accepted until February 17, 2020 or until the position is filled.

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PHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM COMPETE AT SYLVANIA SOUTHVIEW OLYMPIAD INVITATIONAL



The Paulding HS Science Olympiad team competed at the Sylvania Southview Science Olympiad Invitational recently. Competing against 23 teams from all over Ohio and Michigan, PHS brought home the 3rd place team trophy. Pictured are: Coryn Bennet, Sam Adams, Trace McKinley, Jon Clapsaddle, Megan Dearth, Quincy Porter, Gilian Porter, Cassie Weller, Isaac Smalley, Molly Adams, and Paige Jones.

STEAM NIGHT @ GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY

Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary will host a Family STEAM Night on Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 5:30-7:00.

- Registration/Photography: Maze Challenge- KA/KB Room
- Friction Ramps: 2nd Grade Room
- Cup Stack Challenge: 1st Grade R
- Electronics Dissection: STEM Lab:
- InSource Technology: 3A Room
- Bucket Elevators: 3B Room
- Paper Tower Challenge: 4th Grade Room
- Microscope Magic: 5B Room
- Paratrooper Challenge: Gymnasium
- Dash/Dot Robots: 6th Grade Room
- Motoman: Stem at Work:

Art Room

Family Math Bingo: Library

**Each station has 1-3 NHS student volunteers assisting.*

LUAU PARTY @ PAULDING COUNTY LIBRARY

The Children's Room of the Main Branch of the Paulding County Library will be hosting a Luau Party. The Luau will be on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

There will be food, games and lots of Hawaiian fun. The Children's Room is expecting a special visitor to make an appearance.

For more information on this or other programs please call 419-399-2032. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

EMILY VENDERLEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE

Purdue University Fort Wayne capped off its Homecoming 2020 celebration on Saturday by announcing the appointment of Emily Venderley as director of alumni relations.

No stranger to the Purdue Fort Wayne community, Venderley has served in the role of coordinator of university and development events since 2017. In her new role, she will work closely with the Mastodon Alumni Association board of directors to engage the university's nearly 61,000 alumni in meaningful ways.

"As an integral member of the Office of Development, Emily has had the opportunity to engage with our alumni and donors and has shown a passion for them and the university," said Ruth L. Stone, vice chancellor for development, Purdue Fort Wayne. "This is an exciting step forward for our alumni association and Mastodon community."

Venderley has significant experience in event planning, communication, and customer relations. While at Purdue Fort Wayne, she has managed several high-profile events including the Top 50 Award Dinner, Mastodon Roast, Celebrate Philanthropy, Omnibus Speaker Series VIP receptions, and more.

"I have a strong connection with the university and Fort Wayne community, and believe I can use these connections to ignite pride in all those whose lives were positively shaped on this campus," said Venderley. "I am eager to reach out to our alumni to learn what they want to see in the future from the Mastodon Alumni Association and how we can best serve them."

A lifelong Fort Wayne resident, Venderley earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality and tourism management from Purdue West Lafayette. Prior to arriving at Purdue Fort Wayne, she held multiple event leadership roles in Bloomington and Indianapolis.

Venderley will officially start as director of alumni relations on March 1.

For additional information, contact Geoff Thom-

as at 260-481-4106 (office), 260-437-7657 (mobile), or geoff.thomas@pfw.edu.

PAULDING COUNTY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES LAROSE DIRECTIVE TO BOOST ELECTION SECURITY

The Paulding County Board of Elections announced the successful completion of security upgrades required by Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose.

On June 11, 2019, Secretary of State Frank LaRose issued Directive 2019-08, a comprehensive, multi-faceted security strategy for local boards that provides the redundancy required of a strong election system infrastructure. Counties had until January 31, 2020 to complete the Secretary's requirements. The effort has made Ohio the national leader in election security.

The directive included a checklist of 34 separate requirements that must be met in order to be considered compliant. The specifics of the checklist essentially serve as Ohio's detailed defense plan against adversaries who seek to disrupt our elections. The requirements fall under five separate sectors:

- Physical security assessments and improvements
 - Background checks of personnel
 - Secure website and e-mail domains
 - Cyber-hacking detection, system hardening and network defense
 - Security Training
- "The voters in Paulding County should be proud of their local Board of Elections for successfully embracing such a big challenge," said Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose. "By elevating their defensive posture, they've helped make Ohio a national model for election security."

In January of 2017, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated Election Infrastructure as part of the nation's critical infrastructure. By its very nature, each and every election system is vulnerable to ever changing security environments. By implementing this elevated security posture that is a model for the nation, Ohio will be in the best possible standing to deter any threats to our election system, both foreign and domestic.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The public is invited to our First United Methodist Preschool Art Show and Fundraiser Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 5:00-7:30pm in Krout Memorial located at 113 W. Central Ave Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

Join our little artists as they display their masterpieces. Works of art will be available for purchase to parents and family members by donation.

The silent auction is open to all guests. It will contain works by talented local artists and themed gift baskets filled with lots of goodies.

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ARCHERS STAY UNBEATEN WITH ROUT OF BOMBERS

EDON - Antwerp pulled away from host Edon in the second quarter and never looked back as the Archers rolled to a 65-38 victory over the host Bombers Saturday night in non-league boys basketball play.

The blue and white held a 13-8 lead at the end of one quarter but opened the game up in the second stanza.

Antwerp scored 25 points in the period compared to nine for the Bombers as the Archers expanded the margin to 38-17 at the intermission.

The Archers then bucketed 18 more points in the third quarter while holding Edon to eight as Antwerp

widened the lead to 56-25 entering the final period.

Jayvin Landers paced all scorers with 23 points for the Archers while Jacob Savina also reached double digits with a dozen markers.

Austin Lichty and Jagger Landers posted eight points apiece for Antwerp and Owen Sheedy recorded six points.

Other scorers for the Archers were Jake Eaken (four), Dylan Hines (two) and Kaden Recker (two).

Edon was led by Dawson Kiess with seven points while Jack Berry, Cameron Siebenaler and Drew Gallehue all scored six points apiece.

Nathan Myers chipped in five markers for the Bombers followed by Austin Kiess (four), Cassius Hulbert (two) and Henley Dye (two).

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