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COOPER FARMS RELEASES FIRST-EVER CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORT



The Cooper Farms Corporate Leadership Team

Cooper Farms was built on a foundation of giving back and doing things the right way. It's also been the goal to maintain those values and make them better than the way they were found. Now, all of these efforts have been compiled into the first-ever Corporate Social Responsibility Report.

The 60-page document covers topics of environmental stewardship, animal care, community involvement and food innovation. The company has been known for these things for years, but Corporate Communications Manager, Cassie Jo Arend, believes this is a great opportunity to be transparent.

"Everyone knows Cooper Farms is heavily involved in the area communities, whether it be through monetary or food donations or

supporting local organizations," she said. "But this book will be packed with facts and figures that really put into perspective what we have the pleasure to do every year."

COO Gary Cooper is excited that this report also reveals the intangibles, like the efforts put into reducing the company's environmental impact, whether it be in the plant locations or the multiple company-owned farms.

"Between all of our different locations and farms, we own a large amount of land, and we do a lot of things to take care of that land," Cooper said. "This responsibility report reveals a lot of those steps we take to make the land better for the future than the way we found it."

To view the report in its entirety, visit cooperfarms.com/responsibility.

PUBLIC INVITATION TO LIVE VIRTUAL PRESENTATION ON CONVERTING AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT FOR NO-TILL/LOW-TILL FARMING

Live from Avilla: Converting Agricultural Equipment for No-Till/Low-Till Farming
April 13, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting a free live workshop on Converting Agricultural Equipment for No-Till/Low-Till Farming. Conventional farming methods that turn over the top layer of soil before seeding promote soil erosion and an imbalance in soil health. No-till farming methods require special equipment (disc seeders or agricultural drills) that deliver the least soil disturbance possible. The benefits of no-till farming far outnumber those of tillage-based systems. It allows soil structure to stay intact and also protects the soil by leaving crop residue on the soil surface. Improved soil structure and soil cover increase the soil's ability to absorb and infiltrate water, which in turn reduces erosion and runoff preventing pollution from entering nearby water sources.

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STALKER SAM OBTAINED BY ANTWERP PD

The Antwerp Police Department received its Stalker Radar trailer recently. ON March 29th it was placed at its first location on East Canal Street near the school.

Chief George Clemens stated: "I am pleased with the amount of support that was given toward this project. I believe this is a great tool that will be used to make our community safer. If this trailer causes one person to slow down or to become more aware, then it has done its job."

"We live in a great community and I am so proud to be part of. Nearly every entity that I approached about the

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PCHD SERVICE RECOGNITION

Association of Ohio Health Commissioners Resolution in Recognition of Distinguished Service 2020 Paulding County Health Department CoVID-19 Response



WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Journal Entry making COVID-19 a Class A reportable disease in Ohio, and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and

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Many Thanks!

Thank you so much to the Antwerp Fire Department for their quick response to the call for help in the wee hours of the morning!

-Larry L Elliott

Community Calendar

April 7

- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6pm

April 8

- PC TWP Assoc Fish Fry 5-7 pm at PC Fairgrounds

April 9, 10, 11

- Antwerp Local Schools - Guys & Dolls - 9th - 7pm; 10th - 2pm & 7pm; 11th - 2pm

April 10

- Paulding Fish & Game Gun Show 8am - 2pm
- Wayne Trace Softball Classic 10:20 am

April 11

- Paulding Cemeteries Spring Cleanup deadline
- Wholeness Seminar Cecil Community Church 6pm

April 12

- Lippert hiring event @ Payne

April 14

- Antwerp Conservation Club Social Night 6-8p; Hot sandwiches popcorn, games

April 17

- Food Distribution

April 18

- Cecil Community Church Healing Service 6pm

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OBITUARIES

CECIL, OH
Marilyn Louise Wiswell, 72, of Cecil passed away April 2, 2021 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

WHAT WONDER, POWER AND MIGHT

By: Doris Applegate

We have heard it said: "This is true both for our physical and spiritual bodies." Without the blood - we die! Now in the spirited body that we have, we are DEAD already if we have not been saved (born again). Because of Adam and Eve eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we are all in sin until we are saved by accepting the blood of Jesus Christ.

"When we were dead in trespasses and sins, we were quickened (made alive) by God's grace."

"For by grace we are saved through faith, not of ourselves, it is the gift of God - not of works, lest any man should boast."

"When we were far off, we were made nigh by the blood of Jesus Christ"

Read Ephesians 2:1-13, this shows us just how powerful the divine blood of Jesus is. When we are ill in our physical bodies, we depend on our life-giving blood to make us well. If our blood is contaminated and "sick" we will die. It must be working for us.

So also is the spiritual side of us - because we were born in sin - because of Adam and Eve sinning, we need to be made righteous. Jesus Christ, the sinless, second Adam came to earth to "set us back on our feet." The price has been paid (you are bought with a price) 1 Corinthians 6:20.

We are not our own after we are saved, we must live our lives in holiness. There is NO sin that the blood of Jesus Christ will not forgive (NOT ONE). The most important question to ask is "What can take away my sin?" Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

"What can make me whole again?" Nothing but the blood

of Jesus.

Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow. No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Robert Lowry 1826-1899).

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing blood? Oh, be washed in the blood of the lamb. There is power, power, wonder - working power in blood of the lamb of God!

Amen



KID'S KORNER

Hi, again. Welcome back!

We read in Matthew 28:1-10 that early on the Sunday morning after Jesus was crucified and buried that "Mary Magdalene and the other Mary" went to the tomb. Their purpose was to prepare Jesus' body for permanent burial. But how would they move the stone that had been rolled into place to seal the tomb?

When they arrived, there was a great noise, and an angel moved the stone away. When the women looked into the tomb, they saw that it was empty. Jesus wasn't there. The angel told them to not be afraid, because Jesus had risen from the grave just as He had said. Then the angel told them to go and tell the disciples what they had heard and seen.

While they were on the way, Jesus met them and greeted them, and they recognized Him. They took hold of Him and bowed down and worshiped Him.

Can you imagine how joy-

ful that moment must have been for them? They had seen Jesus die, and now they were seeing Him alive! And, because He had risen from death, He assured the truth of His promise that we, also, through faith in Him, will rise from death to live with Him forever.

One of the disciples, though, would not believe that Jesus had risen until he saw Him with his own eyes and could feel the wounds that Jesus bore from His crucifixion. For next week, which disciple was that? For a bonus, what phrase uses his name to describe people who won't believe something until they see it for themselves?

See you next week.

Pastor Tim

mhrtim1951@gmail.com

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,

Is there anything in the Bible contrary to contemporary Christian rock music?

Godly music is orderly (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40). The very nature of rock music is off beat and musical confusion. Moses and Joshua were sent down from Mt. Sinai by God to stop the corruption of nude dancing and false worship. They heard a confusing, loud noise that sounded like war. As they drew near they said it was the noise of them that sing. It was not God's kind of music (Exodus 32:7-26)

Also, God's order for music makes the melody prominent (Ephesians 5:19). Rock music makes the beat prominent.

Godly music is to be spiritual and becoming to the Lord (Colossians 3:16; Philippians 1:27). Most rock music is sensual and excites the flesh more than the spirit. Just observe the physical and emotional response of most listeners and participants in rock performances. Can you picture Jesus rocking out?

Besides rock music's tendency towards almost hypnotic musical disorder and sensuality, the lyrics in Christian rock are often unworthy of God's honor and majesty.

Even when the message is right, the manner in which it is presented and the lifestyle of the musicians or singers can be a reproach to God. The demonic girl who kept following Paul had the right message. She cried out, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation" - (Acts 16:17). Because of her lifestyle and manner of speech, however, she was making a mockery of God's message. Paul finally turned and cast the demonic spirit out of her. See Acts 16:16-18.

On the other hand, when spiritual David played godly music skillfully and humbly before troubled King Saul, Saul was refreshed, made well, and the evil spirit departed - (1 Samuel 16:14-23).

Finally, because of rock music's strong addictive nature, I have seen many get ensnared, losing discretion and not following Paul's example in 1 Corinthians 6:12 - "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS HINDER SPREAD OF BREAST CANCER, STUDY SHOWS

Electricity may slow - and in some cases, stop - the speed at which breast cancer cells spread through the body, a new study indicates.

The research also found that electromagnetic fields might hinder the amount of breast cancer cells that spread. The findings, published recently in the journal Bioelectricity, suggest that electromagnetic fields might be a useful tool in fighting cancers that are highly metastatic, which means they are likely to spread to other parts of the body, the authors said.

"We think we can hinder metastasis by applying these fields, but we also think it may be possible to even destroy tumors using this approach," said Vish Subramaniam, senior author of the paper and former professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at The Ohio State University. Subramaniam retired from Ohio State in December.

"That is unclear at this stage, but we are working on understanding that - how big should the electromagnetic field be, how close should it be to the tumor? Those are the next questions we hope to answer."

The study is among the first to show that electromagnetic fields could slow or stop certain processes of a cancer cell's metabolism, impairing its ability to spread. The electromagnetic fields did not have a similar effect on normal breast cells.

Travis Jones, lead author of the paper and a researcher at Ohio State, compared the effects to what might happen if something interfered with a group running together down a path.

The effect, Subramaniam said, is that some of the cancer cells slow down when confronted with electromagnetic fields.

"It makes some of them stop for a little while before they start to move, slowly, again," he said. "As a group, they appear to have split up. So how quickly the whole group is moving and for how long they are moving becomes affected."

The electromagnetic fields are applied to cancerous cells without touching them, said Jonathan Song, co-author of the paper, associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at Ohio State and co-director of Ohio State's Center for Cancer Engineering.

Song compared the cancer cells with cars. Each cell's metabolism acts as fuel to move the cells around the body, similar to the way gasoline moves vehicles.

"Take away the fuel, and the car cannot move anymore," Song said.

The work was performed on isolated human breast cancer cells in a lab and has not been tested clinically.

The electromagnetic fields appear to work to slow cancer cells' metabolism selectively by changing the electrical fields inside an individual cell. Accessing the internal workings of the cell, without having to actually touch the cell via surgery or another more invasive procedure, is new to the study of how cancer metastasizes, Subramaniam said.

"Now that we know this, we (Continued on Page 3)

Scripture of the Week

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

—II Corinthians 5:14-15

ANTWERP MANOR HAPPENINGS



Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living located at 204 Archer Dr. in Antwerp, Ohio. We are currently accepting new residents. Pictured is Diann Bergmann who recently moved to Antwerp Manor from Defiance, Ohio. She is standing beside the wonderful Easter flowers that each of our residents received from the generosity of our awesome community and Denise Coleman, owner of

Petals and Vines. Diann and all of our residents appreciate each and every one who contributed to this amazing gift. We truly appreciate our community and the many ways that we are blessed.

Despite our COVID restrictions we are still able to party! Pictured is our very own Tony Billman, dressed in his festive party attire. Each year the NHS from AHS/JH host a St. Patrick's Day event with the residents. Although no guests were allowed this year, we still had a great time playing games and enjoying both sweet and salty snacks.

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Event Schedule

- 1) April 8TH- Monthly Meeting at 7pm
- 2) April 14TH- Social Night 6-8pm. We will have hot sandwiches and popcorn available. Will be playing euchre and other types of card games. This is open to the public and for all ages.
- 3) April 24TH- NRL22 Match. Registration opens at 8am with match starting at 9am. You can go to NRL22 website and see the April Course of Fire. This is open to the public.

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By order of the Village of Paulding Cemetery Board, all old wreaths, flowers, grave blankets and decorations on the graves at Live Oak and Paulding Memorial Cemeteries are to be removed by Sunday, April 11, 2021. Anything left on the graves after that date will be removed by the Cemetery Board. New flowers can be placed on the graves beginning Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Due to safety concerns, shepherd hooks, plant hangers, decorative stones, mulch, statues, solar lights, perpetual lights, wreaths, etc. are prohibited. Any items not directly on the grave stones or its foundation will be disposed of. This will be enforced!

Please refer to the rules and regulations posted on the south end of the Mausoleum at Live Oak Cemetery. The rules are also available on our website at www.villageofpauldung.com

Cemetery Board, Village of Paulding



TALKING TO THE MAN IN THE MOON

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

CROONERS have sung about it, astronomers have studied it and man has walked on it. The moon has had a powerful influence on our lives since time began.

I have always been a moon watcher, believed in the signs of the moon and I am in awe of the big light which bright-



ens our way at night. The other night as coming home from a music gig, the moon was full and appeared to be so close that I felt like I could reach out and touch it. I told my friend, "I can see his face tonight."

It is hard to fathom that people all over the world see the same moon and just how long that old moon has been spinning around. Now it has been said that when there is a full moon, that people tend to act different. I have heard it said, "Oh it's a full moon tonight, wonder who is going to howl?" Also if you just want to act strange, you can blame it on the moon.

My Grandma, who hailed from Kentucky, practically lived her life by the signs of the moon. She planted her garden at a certain phase of the moon. She made cookies based on telling how damp it was going to be that day by the sign of the moon. She believed that if it was going to be rainy or damp, that her cookies would not turn out crispy.

Many times, prior to the world of television and the Internet, Grandma could predict a rainstorm by looking at the moon or maybe a dry spell. I also heard someone

say not to put up a fence post in the full of the moon because it would not stay standing.

When I say I see the moons face, I think I see eyes, nose and a smiling mouth. However, legend says that the man in the moon is an old man carrying a bundle of sticks on his back, a forked stick, a lantern and being accompanied by a little dog. The German version of this story goes, "Ages ago, there went one Sunday morning an old man into the woods to hew sticks."

"He cut a bunch and put them on a staff and headed home. On the way home, he met up with a stranger who was in his Sunday suit who was on his way to church.

"The stranger said, "Don't you know that this is Sunday and that all good Christians should be resting from their labours?"

The old man said, "I don't care if it is Sunday or Monday in Heaven, it's all the same to me."

The the church goer then cursed the old man saying that he would bear his burden forever and banished him to the moon. Therefore, a Man in the Moon legend.

In China, the man in the moon is a symbol of love who unites a couple while in Alaska it is the keeper of souls.

It seems as if cabbages and other fleshy leaved plants are said to be sacred to the moon. It is said that if you leave the stump of a cabbage in the ground after harvest, it will grow small cabbages which we know as Brussel Sprouts. Some gardeners consider it important to cut a cross in the stump of a cabbage plant to encourage growth.

We are not all turning into werewolves or vampires (although one wonders where those stories come from) but it is an established fact that more crimes occur during a full moon. And if you observe your own mind during the full moon phase, you may also feel that everything during that period is just a little more hectic and intense.

There are a lot of legends connected to the moon and it

is believed that you can tell a lot about the weather from the moon.

Do you like watching the moon and do you exhibit any weird behaviors during a full moon? Do you plant potatoes and your garden based on the moon signs? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

WILL INVESTORS CHANGE BEHAVIOR AFTER THE PANDEMIC?

The COVID-19 pandemic may end up changing our lives in some significant ways. To cite one example, it's likely we'll see a lot more people continue to work remotely, now that they've seen the effectiveness of tools such as



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

videoconferencing. Education, too, may be forever changed in some ways. Perhaps just as important, though, is how many people may now think more about the future - including how they invest.

If you work with a financial professional, you may have connected with this individual over the past several months through a videoconferencing platform, rather than in person. Some people like this arrangement because it offers more scheduling flexibility and eliminates the time and effort of traveling to and from an appointment. Others, however, still prefer face-to-face contact and look forward to when such arrangements will again be practical and safe for everyone involved. But if you're in the first group - that is, you prefer videoconferencing - you may now wish to use this communication method in the future, at least some of the time.

But beyond the physical aspects of your investing experience, you may now be looking at some changes in your investment strategy brought on, or at least suggested, by your reactions to the pandemic.

For example, many people - especially, but not exclusively, those whose employment was affected by the pandemic - found that they were coming up short in the area of liquidity. They didn't have enough easily accessible savings to provide them with the cash they needed to meet their expenses until their employment situations stabilized. Consequently, some individuals were forced to dip into their long-term investments, such as their 401(k)s and IRAs. Generally speaking, this type of move is not ideal - these accounts are designed for retirement, so, the more you tap into them early, the less you'll have available when you do retire. Furthermore, your withdrawals will likely be taxable, and, depending on your age, may also be subject to penalties.

If you were affected by this liquidity crunch, you can take steps now to avoid its recurrence. Your best move may be to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the funds held in a separate, highly accessible account of cash or cash equivalents. Of course, given your regular expenses, it may take some time to build such an amount, but if you can commit yourself to putting away a certain amount of money each month, you will make progress. Even having a few hundred dollars in an emergency fund can help create more financial stability.

Apart from this new appreciation for short-term liquidity, though, the foundation for your overall financial future should remain essentially the same. In addition to building your emergency fund, you should still contribute what you can afford to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement plans. If you have children you want to send to college, you might still explore college-funding vehicles such as a 529 plan. Higher education will still be expensive, even with an expansion in online learning programs.

Post-pandemic life may contain some differences, along with many similarities to life before. But it will always be a smart move to create a long-term financial strategy tailored to your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE PAULDING COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO ATTEND this Thursday evening, April 8th, from 5pm-7pm the Paulding County Township Association will serve their annual meal but only through "drive and go" service. Small changes were made to the menu this year to simplify the drive-thru meals & eliminate excessive handling of bulk items due to

COVID protocols. Meals will come with your choice of fish or chicken or a mix of both, along with a bag of chips, and choice of cookies. Please come out to the Paulding County Fairgrounds OSU Extension building and follow the signs/cones for the drive-thru.

Please consider making the short trip to the fairgrounds and allowing your township officials the chance to serve you a great meal.

Chad Benschneider
Paulding County Township Association Vice-President

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PRAY FOR AMERICA

I'll be blunt. This America I've loved for almost 85 years is on the chopping block today/ Our socialist leaders are out of control and Christians conservatives, including you, haven't demonstrated guts enough for God, truth and morality.

America has done more for our people and others than anyone. You're either not very sharp, insane or God hating to want to destroy us.

This administration's action will finish removing God and morality, taking us down to their level. When their liberalism becomes communism, just remember, you liberals are responsible.

Any person wanting to take God from America like Obama-Biden or the Biden-Harris administrations only serves Satan.

Biden-Harris preached unity and openness but practice secretiveness and greater divide. They're destroying everything American that Trump accomplished. Unless our states immediately act as one under God, this administration will destroy us.

They swore on the Bible to protect America which includes keeping God as our standard. I believe it was just words to them. They appear more interested in money, power and divide than in God and the American people.

Today's Democrat party doesn't have anyone equal to President Trump. He accomplished more for America and

the world than anyone since Lincoln. You don't like Trump because Democrats with major media preached "Hate Trump" 24/7 for over four years.

If you believe in God and Heaven, process being a Christian, how can you support Democrats who own censoring pastors, abortion, gay marriage, removing God from school - military, transgenderism, open restrooms - borders and more. Those are anti-God, anti-American, anti-human.

Most thought it terrible when Obama-Biden forced "Obamacare" on us. It's the first step into communism and opened the door for the "Hell" Biden-Harris promised us. They've already started changing voting laws so that Washington controls all elections just as in Russia. Individual states won't have any say. That's plain communism.

America had better wake up and wise up to what these goose stepping Democrats are doing. They will turn America to communism in just months. Your voice is your weapon, so use it before they steal that too. Save America for our kids.

We must consciously pray for America everyday. You may think it useless but you're not a true Christian. Proof says God can and will save America if enough pray for it.

I said PRAY - now get with it.

Richard Mastin,
Venice, FL (formerly Hicksville).

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can start to answer other questions, too," Subramaniam said. "How do we affect the metabolism to the point that we not only make it not move but we choke it, we completely starve it. Or can we slow it down to the point where it will always remain weak?"

This research is an extension of two previous pioneering studies, published in 2015 and 2019, that showed electromagnetic fields could hinder breast cancer metastasis. (Read an Ohio State News story about the 2019 study here.)

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

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- 1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
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On Wednesday, March 31, 2021 Paulding County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Nick Cunningham (right) and his K-9 Veteran and Deputy/SRO Bill Lyons and his K-9 Duke (left) visited Oakwood Elementary.

The Deputies spoke with and explained to 3rd grade teachers Beth Thornell and Erin Schroeder's students' on their duties and their dogs capabilities. Each student received a K-9 trading card too!

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Derek Thompson, District Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will share his first-hand knowledge of what changes need to be made to conventional farming equipment to accommodate no-till farming methods. Participants will be able to ask Derek questions.

Registration is not necessary. Visit the Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District's webpage: allenswc-d.org and follow the "Live from Avilla" Zoom link to join the workshop.

HEALTHY PLANTS CREATE HEALTHY SOILS

By: James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

Spring is a time for new growth by plants, animals, and microbes. As temperatures warm, microbial populations double with every ten degrees Fahrenheit increase in soil temperature. As days get longer, the sun's energy is captured by plants and that energy feeds microbes and almost all living organisms on earth. Keeping ourselves well fed depends not only on the sun's energy but also having healthy microbes, healthy plants, and healthy soils recycling soil nutrients.

When plants are healthy, they transmit more energy into the soil in the form of root exudates and sugars to feed the microbes. Unhealthy plants do the opposite which means soils become unhealthy. In a typical unhealthy soil, plants are operating at about 15-20% of optimum photosynthesis efficiency so they are putting less energy in the form of sugars

into the soil, the microbial population is lower and less diverse, which results in inefficient mineral uptake. Unhealthy plants and soils then tend to have more insect problems, diseases, and of course weeds which are the first soil colonizers.

Healthy soils create healthy plants which can increase photosynthesis rates 30-60% resulting in higher sugars and root exudates to feed diverse expanding microbial populations for efficient mineral nutrient uptake by healthy plants. Insects and diseases are kept in check by predator and due to healthy plant competition, forces pests to look for sick plants. Healthy plants taste good because they have higher mineral content, test weights, protein, and lipid or fat content and other factors.

Many plants have the potential for a much higher yield capacity. The genetic potential of modern corn varieties is at least 1,100-1,500 bpa; however, less than ideal environments decrease yield potential. A corn seed needs to support the newly emerging corn plant for 10-12 days. Healthy soils produce healthy corn seed packed with many nutrients to get that corn seed off a great start. It's too late now, but farmers might want to think about what environmental conditions their crop seed was grown and what impacts that might have for next year's growing crop.

The environment determines genetic expression in all living organisms. As humans, only about 10% of genes that control our bodies come from our ancestors. The other 90% are determined by the environment and the microbes living in our bodies. Environment determines what genes are ex-

pressed. One prominent scientist (Luther Burbank) noted, "Heredity is nothing more than stored environment!" and "Environment is climate mediated by nutrition!" So healthy soils produce healthy plants and healthy people and vice versa.

Keeping plants healthy and producing higher yields is every farmer's goal. For a corn plant, the first 9-12 days of growth determines the number of ears that plant will grow. Days 14-21 determines the number of rows of corn kernels and around 42-49 days, the number of corn kernels per plant. Environmental stresses such as drought, excess water, cold or very hot temperatures, and soil conditions will determine the nutrient needs of that plant and how healthy the plant will be to produce that yield.

Plants need adequate light, water, carbon dioxide, good chlorophyll, and manganese to produce healthy plants. Farmers can sometimes control water with irrigation and good drainage, but the two most limiting elements are carbon dioxide and plant available manganese to split the water molecule. Ohio soils have lost 50-70% of their soil organic matter levels, so carbon is almost universally deficient for optimum growth. Growing cover crops, adding manure or compost, and avoiding excess tillage conserves carbon dioxide. Soils need high SOM, good aggregate stability, and porosity to maximize plant uptake of carbon dioxide.

Three nutrients that increase chlorophyll in the plant are nitrogen, magnesium, and iron. While many of our soils have plenty of iron and manganese, often these two elements are not in a plant available form. Iron helps the plant make chlorophyll for optimum photosynthesis and turns the plant leaves dark green, maximizing photosynthesis. Manganese deficiency is a hidden hunger in most plants and is easy to see. If plant veins are lighter green then the plant tissue between the veins (almost always the case) then manganese is lacking. The easiest short-term fix is to apply foliar applications of iron or manganese, commonly done on soybeans.

Healthy soils require good plant nutrition from diverse and expanding microbial populations. Keeping the soil undisturbed, keeping the surface covered with residue, maximizing live plants and roots year-round, and increasing diversity keeps soils, plants and humans healthy.

complex system. There are so many hurdles you have to jump over and loops you have to jump through. At any point, any of them can be a problem."

Garcia, as part of an effort to serve Ohioans, organized a team from CFAES that created a free online "toolkit" with questionnaires, links, and other resources to help people fully think through starting up a meat-processing facility.

Using the toolkit, a prospective entrepreneur can discover livestock inventories by county throughout Ohio, business model options, guides to creating a business plan, contacts in the meat industry, and a host of other resources.

"If they can go through and answer questions from the questionnaires, they'll have a good idea of what's involved," Garcia said.

As COVID-19 spread through the nation's largest meat-processing facilities last spring, some temporarily closed or reduced hours because so many employees were out sick. Meanwhile, orders piled up. Some local processing facilities took the orders instead, but then they quickly got backed up too.

And they are still working on overdrive. Most Ohio meat-processing plants are booked until 2022 with orders, Garcia said.

In response to that demand, at least eight new meat-processing facilities have started up in Ohio since last fall, she said.

Among the challenges for people launching a meat-processing business are finding land for the facility, securing a bank loan, getting commitments from enough producers, and attracting a customer base, Garcia said.

"There are a lot of moving parts many people don't realize," she said.

A business owner will need to decide whether the facility will follow and be inspected for state standards, allowing the meat to be sold within Ohio, or federal standards, allowing it to be sold out of state.

"The whole intent of the toolkit is to give people an idea of what's coming their way," Garcia said. "We've provided about 70% of what they need to know. The other 30%, they're going to have to learn as they go."

To access the free meat toolkit, visit go.osu.edu/meattoolkit.

To find out about a series of meat-cutting workshops, visit go.osu.edu/meatworkshops.

STATEMENT FROM AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK ON THE PRESIDENT'S AMERICAN JOBS PLAN

Statement from Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack regarding the release of the American Rescue Plan by President Biden and the White House.

"Just as the American Rescue Plan is helping families recover from the pandemic and recapture hope for a brighter future, the American Jobs Plan will help us rebuild our economy and rural communities and create good-paying jobs with staying power—enough to support a family, have a good home, and give our children a brighter future. President Biden believes this is the moment to reimagine and rebuild our country's infrastructure and reinvest in American competitiveness and leadership. "It is clear in the American

Jobs Plan that USDA is central to the President's strategy to build a strong economy for working people, restore the safety and integrity of our nation's infrastructure from broadband to water to power and electricity, and to renew America's leadership in science, research and development to give us the tools to make and create U.S. products to be sold around the world. The American Jobs plan invests in clean, safe drinking water in our rural communities, with specific emphasis on underserved and Tribal areas. The plan promises to close the broadband gap in rural America for millions of Americans, which is so critical for health care, education, and employment in our digital age. The American Jobs Plan makes significant investments in power and electricity infrastructure and affordable housing. The President's plan investing in our children by upgrading schools, childcare facilities, and early learning centers, with investments in physical infrastructure as well as technology and connectivity. And true to his commitment to invest in American manufacturing and working families, the President's plan makes once-in-a-lifetime investments to retool and revitalize American manufacturers and small businesses. This investment in manufacturing will allow an expansion of biobased products and renewable fuel production, giving U.S. growers and producers another market for their goods and supporting good-paying American jobs. Finally, the American Jobs Plan puts Americans to work managing our forests, grasslands and watersheds from the community-level, ensuring what's good for the environment is good for jobs while protecting our forests from burning up in increasing catastrophic wildfires.

"The American Jobs Plan is a once-in-a-century capital investment in America that will meet our current infrastructure needs and invests in a brighter future. I look forward to working with Congress to make these plans a reality for American workers and rural communities and thank President Biden and Vice President Harris for their vision and commitment to rebuilding the middle class."

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration under Secretary Vilsack, USDA is committed to transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

USDA INCREASES EMERGENCY SNAP BENEFITS FOR 25 MILLION AMERICANS; ENSURES COVID-19 RELIEF REACHES THOSE STRUGGLING THE MOST

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) took action to provide \$1 billion per month in additional food assistance to an estimated 25 million people in very low-income households that are participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and struggling to put food on the table due to the pandemic.

Starting this month, households that had not received at least \$95 per month in in-

creased benefits through emergency allotments during the pandemic – because they were already at or close to receiving the current maximum benefit – will now be eligible to receive additional benefits. Benefit levels will remain unchanged for households that have been receiving increased payments of at least \$95 per month. States may need a few weeks to update their systems and get the additional benefits to participants.

"The emergency SNAP increases authorized by Congress last year were not being distributed equitably, and the poorest households – who have the least ability to absorb the economic shocks brought about by COVID – received little to no emergency benefit increases," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "As part of President Biden's commitment to deliver economic relief, and ensure every family can afford to put food on the table, today's actions will provide much-needed support for those who need it most."

• State-level benefit estimates (PDF, 138 KB)

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act authorized emergency allotments to SNAP households to help address temporary food needs during the pandemic. Since the start of the pandemic, USDA has issued about \$29 billion in additional benefits, to bring all SNAP households up to the maximum benefit for their household size. Unfortunately, households already at the maximum SNAP benefit received no additional support. Among households that received little to no benefit increase, about 40% have children, 20% include someone who is elderly and 15% include someone who is disabled.

On Jan. 22, President Biden, issued his Executive Order on Economic Relief Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, directing all federal agencies to consider administrative actions to better address the current economic crisis resulting from the pandemic. At that time, the White House called on USDA to consider allowing larger Emergency Allotments for the lowest income SNAP households.

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MILITARY HISTORY OF PAULDING COUNTY

Francis Byron Dewitt, was born March 21, 1849 in Jackson County, Indiana, the son of Francis and Sarah (McLane) Dewitt.



His father was Born June 26, 1819 in Richland County, Ohio. His mother was born January 3, 1821 in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Francis is from the "old stock" of Scottish descent. Francis was the fourth child of ten children. Francis early life was passed on the old homestead, where a good opportunity was afforded for plenty of hard work and a county education.

As a child he was fixed on the notion of beating a drum. In 1860 he came across an old

drum for \$1.00 in boys work, husking corn. He became friends with an old Mexican War drummer, who gave him some points in this kind of music. In 1861, he could pound the sheep skin so that the neighborhood boys who had military dreams could keep step quite well in their home drill.

Seeing others go off to war, when the Civil War broke out, he was wanting to go along. He enlisted at the age of 12 in Company B. 46th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (now some unofficial records do not show that he served, I have other more accurate records stating that he did serve). Francis was at the Battle of Shiloh, April 6-7, 1862.

On the campaign to Corinth, Mississippi, April 30, 1862, Francis acquired a temporary disability, from which, after the fall of Corinth, he was discharged, August 21, 1862, at Columbus, Ohio. Remaining out of service for about five weeks, he re-enlisted on September 12, 1862, in Company C. 121st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving as a musician. Francis stated that food was always in short supply. That short rations created soldiers to covet the mules ear of corn. Carefully guarded commissary made the musty cracker more appealing.

March 3, 1865, Francis, wondering out to far ahead during the Carolinas Campaign, was captured near Pedee River, South Carolina and he became a prisoner of war. Francis spent time in Salisbury, Danville and Libby Prisons. Upon release, through prisoner exchanges, Francis was released and returned to his Company. On June 19, 1865, Francis was mustered out of service at

Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, by order of the War Department.

Francis returned to Paulding County in the spring of 1867, worked through the summer and attended school in the winter. His collegiate course was between 1870 - 1872, where he taught school and attended Ohio Wesleyan University, studying law. The summers were spent working as a brick maker in Berlin, Ohio. The beginning of each school year found Francis with a sun burned complexion, calloused hands and a strong determination to acquire knowledge. After graduation in 1875, Francis was admitted to the bar in 1875. He practiced law in Paulding under the direction of Thomas B. Holland. He was starting to gain a reputation as a prudent criminal and civil lawyer.

In the spring, on April 29, 1875 he married a gal by the name of Delila (Dell) Virginia Williams, born in 1854, the daughter of Enoch and Hester (Ballinger) Williams. This marriage produced 6 lovely children. Practicing law, Francis, Dell and children lived in Crane Township on their 700 acre farm. Francis took an interest in agricultural matters, on June 25, 1891, Francis was nominated by the Republican Convention of Paulding County, as the first representative for that county to the Ohio legislature.

Paulding never had the sufficient amount of population, under the Ohio Constitution, to entitle Paulding County to have a separate representative. He was elected to serve from 1892 - 1895 in the House of Representatives. In 1895, Francis was elected to serve as a Republican Congressman to the 54th Congress, serving until 1897. His bid for another term failed. He left Paulding County and moved to Standish, Arenac County, Michigan in 1903, where he practiced law, served as register of deeds.

In 1901, Francis mother, Sarah, passed away on December 21. His father, Francis, passed in 1910 on February 28. They were buried in Beachlow Cemetery, Lewis Center, Delaware County, Ohio. Francis became a farmer in Whitney, Arenac County, Michigan. On March 8, 1914, Francis' wife, Dell, passed away from cancer in Whitney, Michigan.

On September 26, 1915, in Standish, Michigan, Francis remarries to Virginia Victoria Hawn. She was a widow woman who lost her husband in 1912. She was born Sep-

tember 6, 1872. Francis became an elected member of the Michigan House of Representatives, 1920-1922 and served as a Prosecuting Attorney of Arenac County, Michigan from 1926 until Francis will pass away, March 21, 1929, at age 80. His body was taken to Paulding where he is buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding. His second wife, Virginia, passed away November 25, 1953, and is buried in Woodmere Cemetery, Standish, Arenac County, Michigan, beside her first husband.

Francis was known as a good man with character, well intentions and honest convictions, known as the first representative of Paulding County, as well as our county's youngest veteran.

Until Next Time

NORTHWEST STATE NURSING PROGRAMS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL FROM OHIO BOARD OF NURSING FOR MAXIMUM 5-YEAR PERIOD

Northwest State Community College nursing programs have received Certificates of Approval from the Ohio Board of Nursing for both the Registered Nursing (RN) and Practical Nursing (PN) programs. Each approval is for the maximum period of five years, through 2026.

WHAT IT MEANS

The Ohio Board of Nursing regulates over 300,000 licenses and certificates for registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), dialysis technicians (DTs), community health workers (CHWs) and medication aides (MA-Cs).

The Board is part of a comprehensive professional licensing system, known as Ohio eLicense, used by most of Ohio's licensing boards. The system includes features to better serve our licensees and the public. The Board verifies that individuals meet the statutory and regulatory requirements to practice in Ohio.

The Ohio Board of Nursing seal of approval indicates that Northwest State offers nursing programs of the highest quality, fully preparing its graduates to enter the workforce and help make a difference in our regional healthcare community.

Dr. Kathy Keister, NSCC Dean of Nursing, noted "Calendar year 2020 has been a momentous year for the nursing programs. The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) conducted an on-campus site visit in February 2020 and reaccredited the Associate Degree RN Program for the allowed maximum of 8 years. In December 2020, the Ohio Board of Nursing conducted a remote visit of both the Associate Degree RN and the Practical Nursing Certificate Programs, reapproving the programs for the allowed maximum of five years. These evaluations by external reviewers serve to demonstrate NSCC's and the nursing faculty's accountability to students, the community, and the nursing profession in providing quality educational programs."

NSCC President Todd Hernandez added, "Receiving this approval from the Ohio Board of Nursing is proof positive that Northwest State has the finest nursing educators in the region. Our local healthcare providers rely on our nursing graduates to enter the workforce ready to perform critical jobs, providing top-notch patient care. I truly believe students who enroll at Northwest State will receive that high-quality education, leading to great career opportunities with our region's finest facilities."

Additional information on Northwest State Community College nursing programs, as well as all other degree and certificate programs, and the Bachelor's Bound transfer pathway, are available at NorthwestState.edu.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO HELP LEAD TEAM BUCKEYE FOR PELOTONIA 2021

Ohio State University President Kristina M. Johnson will serve as the honorary captain for Pelotonia's Team Buckeye when the ride to fight cancer returns this summer.

"I am honored to serve as Team Buckeye's honorary captain for this year's Pelotonia," Johnson said.

Pelotonia hosts a three-day experience, this year Aug. 6-8, that includes a weekend of cycling, entertainment and volunteerism. Since its founding, Pelotonia has raised over \$217 million for cancer research for

the university's Comprehensive Cancer Center - Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, including The Pelotonia Institute for Immuno-Oncology.

"We are excited for President Johnson to join us this summer as we come back safely together for our Ride Week-end," said Pelotonia President and Chief Executive Officer Doug Ulman. "Her leadership and compelling personal story are the inspirational fuel that powers Pelotonia."

Johnson will captain the university's superpeloton. Team Buckeye members include all participants in Pelotonia who are currently Ohio State students, faculty, staff or alumni, as well as their family and friends.

"The fight to cure cancer is personal for me. When I was a senior in college going into graduate school, I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system," Johnson said.

The diagnosis upended her life, and she said relied on a team of friends, family and colleagues to make it through her treatment. That support and teamwork is vital to fighting cancer, Johnson said, noting that the power of a collective effort vastly exceeds what individuals can accomplish alone.

"Thankfully, the treatment worked, and I have gone on to have so many amazing opportunities, which have brought me here to The Ohio State University and this incredible Pelotonia community of dedicated, caring individuals who are united in their belief in the power of many," she said.

Registration is open for this year's Ride Weekend. Pelotonia 2021 will include both in-person ride experiences and self-guided participation options. Those interested in registering can sign up at pelotonia.org/register.

As in previous years, 100% of every dollar raised by participants goes to Ohio State's cancer-fighting treatments and research.

"When we pool our resources, our knowledge and our research, we are far more likely to succeed in triumphing over life's challenges," Johnson said. "Together we will move forward and conquer cancer - one mile and one dollar at a time."

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Subway, Antwerp Manor Assisted Living
Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon

Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Valero Gas, Marathon

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop

Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store
Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General

Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of

Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Paulding Kwik Mart

Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza

Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, **Scott:** Scott Post Office

Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
New Haven: New Haven Tan McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS

Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop
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PANTHERS ROLL TO SEASON OPENING WIN



PAULDING - The Lady Panthers of Paulding got the 2021 high school softball schedule underway in style on Saturday with a 13-1 win over Continental in non-league action.

The maroon and white jumped in front with a five-run first inning and the Panthers never looked back, pulling away for the easy victory.

Paulding added three runs in the second inning to extend the lead to 8-0 before scoring five times in the third inning, widening the margin to 13-0. Continental picked up its lone run in the top of the fifth frame.

Gabbie Stallbaum paced the Paulding offense with a double and a home run, driv-

ing in four runs and scoring twice. Alivya Bakle posted a pair of singles while scoring three times and posting a pair of runs batted in.

Leigha Egnor and Morgan Iler each scored twice and drove in one run while adding a single and a double apiece as well. Kaeli Bustos recorded a double with Jalynn Parrett and Megan Harpel finished with a single each.

Egnor recorded the win on the mound for the Lady Panthers, pitching five innings and giving up three hits, one earned run and three walks while striking out six.

Tygre Troyer had a double with a run batted in for Continental while Catelyn Etter and Madison Rayle each added a single. Alli Scott scored the

RAIDERS INTRODUCE SPRING TEAMS



WAYNE TRACE GIRLS TRACK TEAM

The Wayne Trace Lady Raider track team is has begun preparations for the upcoming 2021 season under the direction of head coach Troy Branch along with assistant coaches Anita Branch, Brian Yenser and Josh Kuhn. Members of the squad for the red, white and blue include Kiara Bahena, Alexa Campbell, Cassidy Campbell, Maggie Cox,

Kailyn Dienstberger, Brianna Draper, Alyssa Greathouse, Harley Halliwill, Kacy Hornish, Lexi Johnson, Rylee Johnson, Ariel Landwehr, Astrid Martinez-Sandoval, Libby Meraz, Brandy Miller, Elizabeth Mohr, Abby Moore, Mallory Moore, Hannah Sanderson, Gracie Shepherd, Molli Shepherd, Sydnee Sinn, Abbie Stoller, Kara Stoller, Katrina Stoller, Rachel Stoller, Meg Thompson and Malia Wittwer.



WAYNE TRACE BOYS TRACK TEAM

Good numbers and good depth are two big reasons that expectations are high for the Wayne Trace boys track team in 2021. Members of the Raider squad include Connor Blankenship, Elliott Boroff, Douglas Bradtmueller, Kaden Clark, Derrek Dangler, Richie Dunno, Isaac Head, Jarrett Hornish, Devin Huffine, Austin Lyons, Owen Manz,

Jeremiah Molitor, Eli Moore, Ethan Moore, Joe Munger, Brayson Parrish, Carson Rupp, Cameron Sinn, Trevor Sinn, Kyle Stoller, Riley Stoller, Jacob Stouffer, Gage Tinlin, Maddox Treece, Graiden Troth, Ryan Weninger, Zach Wobler and Kaden Woolbright. Coaches for the boys track squad are Head Coach Troy Branch along with Assistant Coaches Brian Yenser, Anita Branch and Josh Kuhn.



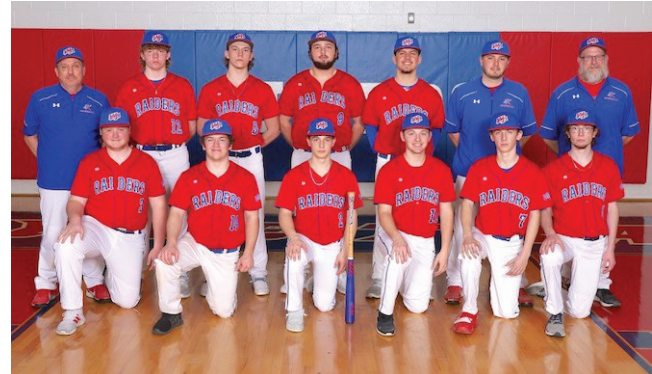
WAYNE TRACE SOFTBALL

After a year away from the field due to Covid-19, the 2021 season is here for the Wayne Trace softball team and the Lady Raiders are excited to get things underway. Members of this year's squad include (front, L-R) Tiffany

Sinn, Carlee Mead, Allison Dyson, Elizae Alejo, Cara Davis, Emma Crosby and Della Stokes. In the back row are (L-R) Head Coach Amber Showalter, Macy Doster, Kaitlin Slade, Laura Thornell, Tatum Tigner, Katie Anna Baumle, Alivia Miller and Assistant Coach Mark Crosby.

lone run for the Lady Pirates. Troyer took the loss for the vblue and gold, giving up two hits, five earned runs and three walks. Scott also saw

time on the mound, allowing nine hits, eight runs (six earned) and four walks while striking out three.



WAYNE TRACE BASEBALL

The Wayne Trace baseball team is looking forward to the start of the season after a year off due to the Coronavirus. Members of the 2021 squad include (front L-R) Jayden Molitor, Kyle Slade, Tucker

Antoine, Dane Moore, Allen Minck and Brendon Bidlack. In the back row are (L-R) Assistant Coach Mike Jerome, Cooper Wenzlick, Jerome Cox, Carter Baksa, Trevor Speice, Head Coach Ryne Jerome and Assistant Coach Jeff Morman.

VWCF ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Van Wert County Foundation serves as a philanthropic vehicle for individuals, corporations, and organizations by administering grants to charitable organizations. Together we create a well-resourced and thriving quality of life for our community.

This grant cycle culminates one-year since the release of the updated application process and program. The Online Grants Manager compiles information and support materials for The Van Wert County Foundation's software system for managing online applications and grants. This process allows grantees an easy way to see the status of a grant, check due dates, and submit electronic grant reports (if required).

"We recommend that applicants continue to carefully read the instructions and reference materials found on our website before updating, registering, and starting their application. If an applicant encounters issues or has questions, we ask that they email info@vanwertcounty-foundation.org," shares, Amanda Miller, Development Director.

Grant applications and additional information can be found here.

Grant applications and all requested materials must be submitted by midnight on Saturday, May 1, 2021, to be considered eligible for potential funding in the current grant cycle.

BIG FOURTH INNING DOOMS PATRIOTS

MONROEVILLE - A big fourth inning broke open a

close game and Northrop went on to post a 9-1 win over Heritage in high school softball action Tuesday afternoon.

The Lady Bruins scored single runs in the first and third innings before a five-run fourth inning pushed the Northrop lead to 7-0.

Heritage plated one run to get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fourth to pull within 7-1 but the Bruins wrapped up the scoring with two runs in the seventh.

Grace Guenther had the lone hit on the day for Heritage, a single, with Caylen Schane scoring the Patriot run.

Ella Bickel tossed the complete game, allowing ten hits, nine runs (five earned) and one walk with four strikeouts.

WARRIORS ROLL PAST CADETS

FORT WAYNE - Woodlan's Lady Warriors hit the road on Wednesday afternoon and cruised to an 11-1 victory over host Concordia in a non-league softball contest.

Woodlan seized control of the contest with a seven-run second inning and expanded the lead to 11-0 following a four-run third inning.

Concordia picked up its lone run of the contest when Ruth Kaiser scored in the home half of the fourth frame.

Abby Horn recorded the win on the mound for Woodlan, tossing the five-inning complete game with six strikeouts while allowing three hits, an unearned run and two walks.

Brianna Roney had a single and double along with scoring a pair of runs and driving in another. Olivia Wilson added a double with three runs batted in and a run scored. Alivia Ulmer also chipped in a single and a home run while adding three runs batted in and two runs scored.

Austin Gaff, Abigail Cowan and Macy Dietel all had singles as well for Woodlan. Adrienne Spieth, Mya Jones, Horn, Samantha Koos, Cowan and Gaff each scored runs for the Lady Warriors. Spieth drove in a pair of runs while Horn and Koos added runs batted in as well.

Addison Kaiser, Ruth Kaiser and Sydney Reynolds each had a single for the Lady Cadets.

Samantha Hoffman took the loss on the mound for Concordia, giving up nine hits and five earned runs along with five walks in three innings. Alli Dubay tossed the final two frames, recording three strikeouts.

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PANTHERS HOLD OFF APACHES FOR WIN

PAULDING – The Panther baseball team opened a 5-1 lead and then held off a late Fairview rally for a 5-4 victory in non-league action Tuesday afternoon.

Paulding struck first in the contest, getting a single run in the bottom of the first, before the black and gold evened the game at 1-1 with a run in the top of the third.

The Panthers, though, plated a quartet of runs in the bottom of the third to seize a 5-1 advantage. Fairview would make things interesting, getting two runs in the fourth and another in the fifth, but was unable to get the tying one as Paulding held on for the 5-4 victory.

Caleb Frank had a single and a double for Fairview with Austin Bostater adding a double and scoring a run. Brady Karzynow, Jackson Grine and Austin Lashaway scored the other Apache runs. Ryan Richards and Lashaway each drove in runs for the black and gold.

Cade Ripke, Grine and Lashaway added singles as well for Fairview.

Hunter Kauser topped Paulding with two singles and a run scored while Blake McGarvey, Sam Woods, Andrew Adams and Payton Beckman added a single apiece.

McGarvey also scored twice with Kauser, Beckman and Deacon Sanders touching home plate once each. Woods and Adams drove in a run each as well.

Grine took the loss for Fairview six hits, five runs (two earned) and a walk with a pair of strikeouts. Caleb Frank pitched the final three frames, striking out three.

Woods recorded the victory on the mound, throwing five innings giving up four hits and four unearned runs with nine strikeouts. Hunter Kauser picked up the save, fanning two in two innings of work while giving up two hits.

LATE RALLY COMES UP SHORT FOR LADY PANTHERS

BRYAN – Visiting Paulding tried to rally in the final innings but came up short as Bryan held on for a 7-5 victory over the Lady Panthers Tuesday afternoon in softball action.

A five-run fifth inning proved to be the difference for the Golden Bears, who turned a 2-2 tie into a 7-2 advantage.

Paulding answered with two runs in the sixth and a single run in the seventh but it wasn't enough as Bryan held on for the victory.

Leigha Egnor suffered the loss on the hill for the Lady Panthers, tossing the six-innings giving up ten hits, seven runs (six earned) and four walks with four strikeouts.

Addie Arnold picked up the complete-game win for Bryan, surrendering eight hits, five earned runs and two walks while fanning nine.

Egnor paced the Panther offense with two singles and a double while Jalynn Parrett recorded a single and a double.

Morgan Iler, Megan Harpel and Alivya Bakle finished with a single apiece. Parrett, Gabbie Stallbaum, Egnor, Bakle and Maci Kauser all scored runs for Paulding. Parrett, Stallbaum, Egnor and Harpel all drove in runs as well for the maroon and white.

Alex Vreeland and Bre Long each had a single and a double for the Lady Golden Bears while Scout Smith picked up a triple.

Arnold, Delilah Taylor, Ella Voigt, Olivia Moore and Kailee Thiel had a single each for Bryan. Smith scored twice for the Golden Bears with Arnold, Vreeland, Long, Voigt and Brooke Taylor all scoring once for the Williams County squad.

Vreeland drove in a pair of runs as well for Bryan with Moore, Long and Thiel picking up a run batted in as well.

PATRIOTS ROLL PAST BULLDOGS

NEW HAVEN – Heritage scored early and often in rolling to a 22-4 victory over host New Haven in high school baseball action Tuesday evening.

The visiting Patriots plated five runs in the first before adding three in the second and four more in the third as Heritage opened a 12-1 lead.

Heritage then put the game away with a ten-run fourth inning, sealing the easy victory.

New Haven scored one run in the bottom of the first before adding three more in the bottom of the fourth.

Austin Buuck, Dalton Wasson and Leroy Lepper each had three hits for the Patriots, who totaled 17 hits overall. Jackson Bearman and Chris Baker both added a pair of hits for Heritage with Cody Hoffman, Barry Lomow, Cody David and Morgan Andrews also having hits.

Lomow and Lepper scored four times apiece for Heritage while Wasson touched home plate three times. Dylan Hale, Bearman, Dalton White and Gavin Dinius all scored twice. Baker also drove in four runs with Buuck, Bearman and Wasson recording three runs batted in. Lomow and Andrews picked up two runs batted in each.

Vinnie Wallace, Augie DiFederico and Jake Kortember all had two hits for New Haven with Sam Golden, Cam Mason and Ben Cosle having one hit each.

Mason scored twice for the Bulldogs.

Wasson got the win on the mound for Heritage, striking out eight while allowing three hits, one run and two walks in three innings of work.

PATRIOTS PULL AWAY FROM BULLDOGS FOR WIN

NEW HAVEN – Leading by one run after four innings,

LITZENBERG, COPPES LEAD ANTWERP TO WIN



ANTWERP – Emerson Litzenberg struck out six hits and gave up only one hit in a five-inning, complete-game effort to lead the Antwerp Lady Archers to a 26-0 win over Hicksville in high school softball Tuesday night.

Litzenberg allowed a single only to Izzie Smith in keeping the Aces at bay and securing the Archer victory.

Antwerp scored twice in the first inning and added three more in the second, pushing the lead to 5-0. The blue and white then seized control with a dozen runs in the third frame before wrapping up the win with a nine-run fourth inning.

the Heritage Lady Patriots pulled away from host New Haven over the final three frames to record a 12-4 win over the Bulldogs Wednesday afternoon.

Heritage took the lead in the top of the third with a single run before scoring three times in the fourth for a 4-0 advantage.

New Haven, though, quickly trimmed the deficit to 4-3 as the Bulldogs answered with three runs in the home half of the fourth.

The Patriots responded as well, scoring three times in the top of the fifth, before New Haven added a run in the bottom of the fifth to cut the Heritage lead to 7-4.

From there, Heritage wrapped up the contest with a three-run sixth and plated two more in the seventh to seal the 12-4 win.

Ella Bickel tossed the complete game win for the Lady Patriots, surrendering five hits, four runs (two earned) and two walks while fanning three.

Saalfank took the loss for New Haven, striking out five and giving up 16 hits and one walk in six innings of work.

Ella Bickel also led the Heritage offense with four singles, two runs scored and two runs batted in while Shelby Schane added three singles and three runs batted in.

Amber Buuck picked up three singles and scored three times with Claire Bickel posting a single and a double. Grace Guenther (double), Layla Meyer (single), Myra Berning (single), Caylen Schane (single) and Lydia Schultz (single) also had hits for the Lady Patriots. Caylen Schane also scored twice while Schultz and Berning drove in a pair of runs apiece.

Hammond had a pair of singles for the Lady Bulldogs while Reader, Hammond and Weekly added one single apiece.

PANTHERS FALL IN SEASON OPENER

LIMA – Paulding struck first in Monday afternoon's high school baseball opener with Lima Shawnee.

However, it was the Indi-



Astianna Coppes had a pair of home runs, a triple and a single while driving in eight runs and scoring five times to lead the way for the blue and white offensively.

Litzenberg also had a double and two home runs with four RBI's and two runs scored for Antwerp. Molly Reinhart chipped in a single, double and home run while driving in four as well.

Heaven Bruce posted two singles and a double along with four runs scored and three runs batted in. Lauren Schuller, Kennedy Trabel and Madison Ruen all had singles for the Lady Archers.

ans who took control from there in scoring the game's final seven runs for a 7-1 win over the Panthers in non-league action.

The maroon and white scored their lone run in the top of the first before the Indians answered with a pair of runs in the home half of the inning.

Lima Shawnee extended the lead in the fourth with a single run to make it 3-1 before putting the game away in

the bottom of the fifth.

The Indians scored four times in the frame to seal the 7-1 victory.

Jarin Bertke recorded the win on the mound for Lima Shawnee, tossing three innings and allowing only five hits while striking out four. Caden Vermillion came on in relief for three innings of his own, surrendering one hit and one walk with three strikeouts. Luke Cowan tossed the final frame, giving up one hit and one walk with one strikeout.

Wyatt Beckman took the loss for Paulding, pitching three innings and giving up six hits, two earned runs and three walks with one strikeout. Reid Johanns pitched 1-1/3 innings in relief with one strikeout while allowing five hits, five earned runs and two walks. Jacob Martinez also tossed 1-2/3 innings with a pair of strikeouts and gave up one hit and one walk.

Payton Beckman had a pair of singles for Paulding with Hunter Kauser scoring the lone Paulding run and added a single. Sam Woods, Ethan Foltz, Deacon Sanders and Andrew Adams also had singles for the maroon and white.

Logan Maxwell topped the Lima Shawnee attack with a single, two doubles and a home run while driving in three runs and scoring one. Sage Ebling chipped in a single with two runs batted in and one run scored while Tyler Windau posted two singles and scored twice.

Luke Cowan, Keaton Cooper, Derek Lyons and Chase Sunderland also had singles for Lima Shawnee while Caden Vermillion posted a double.

RAIDERS CRUISE TO SEASON-OPENING WIN OVER PIRATES

CONTINENTAL – Freshman Tucker Antoine had three hits and junior Allen Minck struck out 11 as the Wayne Trace baseball team cruised to an 11-1 win over Continental Monday afternoon.

The red, white and blue struck first with a pair of runs in the first and never trailed in the game. Continental did pull within 2-1 on a Blake Elkins home run in the bottom half of the opening frame but it was all Raiders from there.

Wayne Trace added a single run in the second before plating two more in the top of the fourth. The Raiders wrapped up the game with a six-run fifth inning.

Minck pitched the five-inning win for the Raiders, allowing only two hits and one run in his 11-strikeout effort.

Sam Newsome took the loss for the Pirates, giving up ten hits and two walks while fanning two Raiders in throwing 4-2/3 innings. Ethan Sullivan recorded the final out for Continental.

Antoine finished with a pair of singles and a triple for the Raider offense, which totaled 11 hits in all.

Kyle Slade added a single and a triple for Wayne Trace while Cale Winans finished with a single and a double.

Cooper Wenzlick, Brendon Bidlack, Allen Minck and Dane Moore all added singles as well for Wayne Trace.

Tim Shepard picked up the remaining hit for Continental.



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species.
 The annual value of insect pollinated crops is \$29 billion per year and about 80% of flowering plants need pollinators to survive according to a Cornell study. Domestic honey bees have loss is estimated to be 30% annually but only a 15% loss is acceptable. USA honey sales are about \$5 billion per year with Ohio pollinator services valued at 216 million. Most of the decline in pollinators is the result of a loss of pollinator habitat and pesticides which either kill or weaken certain species and makes them susceptible to diseases and mites.
 The domestic honey bee only pollinators about 33-40% of our crops. Native wild bees like bumble bees, ground nesting, and wood tunneling bees generally increase domestic honey bee pollinating efficiency along with other native flies and insects. Bumble bee colonies contain no more than 300 bees while domestic honey bees have 30-50 thousand bees. Bumble bees may have a lower number, but they are extremely efficient at pollinating flowers due to their long tongue. Bumble bees are the favorite pollinator in most greenhouse operations and are used to pollinate strawberries, plums, zucchinis, melons, sweet peppers, tomatoes as well as seed crops like alfalfa, red clover, cotton, and sunflower. Wild bees tend to make domestic bees more skittish, which means they move more often from flower to flower which increases pollinator efficiency.

The ideal farm setting for bee and butterfly conservation are smaller fields (10 acres) separated by fencerows or buffer strips. A diversity of flowering plants throughout the growing season offers these pollinators refuge and extra food. Most wild bees only forage a short distance from their nests, often less than 200 yards while domestic honey bees may travel 4 miles round trip. Two-thirds of all native bee species nest underground so they need a stable habitat to survive.

PRACTICES THAT PROMOTE BIRDS, BEES, AND BUTTERFLIES

The birds are chirping while bees and butterflies will soon be flying as spring starts to blossom. Pollinators are an important food source for over 4,000 species of wild native bees and 725 species of butterflies in North America. The monarch butterfly population has declined dramatically and may soon be an endangered species. Many wild bees, flies, and butterflies pollinate many crops humans consume. Providing healthy pollinator habitat is a way to preserve these beneficial

Bees and butterflies like diverse crops with diverse flowers. Ideally, promote nectar early spring, mid-summer, and late fall. For early spring; dandelions, henbit, and crimson clover are great pollinators. Kale and rapeseed can be pollinators for certain species. For mid-summer flowers, plant buckwheat, winter peas, and



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 WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19, and
 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency for the entire State of Ohio to protect the well-being of the citizens of the Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, and
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 Sandy Goodwin
 Executive Director, Tri County ADAMHS Board

flowering legumes like sweet clover, hairy vetch, red clover, white clover, and alfalfa. In late fall, sunflower, wild carrot (Queen Ann's Lace), and goldenrod make great pollinators. Keep soils high in SOM (mulch) and biological activity to provide a winter refuge for native species. To attractive humming birds, try planting cardinal flowers. For butterflies pollinators try common milkweed, swamp milkweed, asters, butterfly bush and wild lupine.
 Farmers need to be aware of how they may increase bee and butterfly termination when using air-assisted planters. Neonotocinoids (Poncho, Cruiser, Gaucho) are used as seed treatments with a talc coating to improve seed flow. When farmers raise and lower their planters or clean out their planters, the dust can be extremely toxic to foraging bees and butterflies. There is enough seed treatment on one kernel of corn to kill an entire hive of domestic bees.
 Purdue University suggests eliminating or reducing flowering weeds in fields before planting. Also, avoid adding excess dust from the bottom of the seed container to the planter. Follow planter recommendations for use of talc or graphite (avoid using more than recommended) and minimize off-site movement of dust. Especially around bee hives or sensitive areas, plant in early morning or in the evening when bees tend to be less active. Be aware of wind speed and direction, especially in regards to nearby areas with

eral health care in departments like Veterans Affairs.
 U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-IN) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) introduced companion legislation in the United States Senate.
 "During my time in Congress, I have worked to make sure veterans are provided with the resources they need to successfully reintegrate into civilian life," said Latta. "I'm honored to join Representative Rice and my colleagues in the Senate to reintroduce the bipartisan Hire Veteran Health Heroes Act, which will make it easier for veterans to use the skills they learned in the service to help other veterans. At the same time, the VA will benefit from employing qualified and hardworking professionals who have already proven their love and dedication to this nation. Moving this legislation should be a no-brainer."
 "The Hire Veteran Health Heroes Act will help the VA finally fill lingering employment vacancies and provide veterans with quality job opportunities after completing their military service," said Rice. "I'm proud to co-lead this bipartisan legislation with Representative Latta, and I thank Senators Braun and Hassan for leading it in the Senate. We must work to push this common-sense bill through both chambers of Congress and get it signed into law."
 "The VA Inspector General has reported that staff shortages are a challenge for solving problems in Veteran care. This bill will empower the VA to proactively recruit active duty medical personnel who are separating from the military at the conclusion of their contract or at retirement to improve health care services for Veterans," said Braun.
 "This commonsense, bipartisan bill will help address two critical issues: It will expand opportunities to recruit VA health care providers, as well as help increase veteran employment by recruiting newly separated veterans to work in VA Medical Centers," said Hassan. "I will continue to advocate for innovative solutions like these in order to support our veterans' health and job opportunities."

LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

Mowing
 The grass is (or will be) growing and we'd like to share with you a few guidelines on mowing. Many homeowners take mowing for granted not realizing how much impact it has on the health and appearance of the lawn. Each of the following tips play an important part in your lawn's appearance.
 1. Sharpen your mower blades. Do this at least once a year or as frequently as needed to keep them sharp for the best cut. Sharp mower blades give a clean even cut to your lawn. Additionally they help prevent tearing and shredding the grass blades, which can give your grass an off-color appearance.
 2. Adjust the cutting height on the mower throughout the season. For spring and fall, mower settings should be at a medium height. By doing this in early spring, mowing at medium height will remove the top brown part of the blades and let more sunlight reach the grass plants to encourage early green-up. Avoid mowing too low which causes stress to the lawn. Mowing too low eliminates the leaf surface. Losing leaf surface reduces the plant's ability to perform photosynthesis. During summer or drought, higher adjustment settings should be used during the hotter months when the grass growth is slower. This also helps your lawn maintain better drought tolerance with hotter temperatures and less rain. Remember, the hotter and drier, the higher you should set your mower.
 3. Never cut off more than one-third of the grass height. Cutting off more than a third creates a physiological shock that can make it more susceptible to disease. Frequent mowing with a regular mower or using a mulching mower will avoid the necessity of bagging your lawn clippings; however, you may catch the clippings if you prefer. The important thing is not to let the grass get so high that mowing removes more than one-third of the grass blade. For best results, mow your lawn approximately every five days.
 4. Mow when your lawn is dry to avoid clogging your mower. Wet grasses stick to your mower, and clogs can cause problems. However, if you absolutely have to mow when it is wet, make sure to wash out the cutting area of the mower immediately when you are finished. This makes it much easier to keep the mower problem free and clean.
 5. Alternate mowing direction. This aids in achieving a quality appearance. For instance, if you mowed horizontally last time, mow diagonally next time. Cutting in different directions tends to keep the grass blades more erect and ensures a more even cut.
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 The Hire Veteran Health Heroes Act of 2021 directs the VA to create a program that will help actively recruit medical personnel, who are within one year of completing their military service, to remain in fed-

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PAULDING COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS SHOP FOR EASTER



By: Hayleigh Jewell, News Reporter

Three members of the Paulding County Junior Leaders went shopping for Easter baskets at Dollar General, for the Paulding Foster Home. Members Hailey Weiden-

hamer, Autumn Zuber, and Hayleigh Jewell went shopping and bought baskets, candy, toys, and stuffed animals for the ten kids at the Foster Home on March 18, 2021.

COKUNDIAWTHAH - MOHAWK CHIEF (KILLED IN THE BATTLE NEAR KEKIONGA ON OCT. 22, 1790)

By: Caroline Longardner

A few days ago a friend of mine took me past the grave of this Mohawk Chief who is buried across the Maumee River from Ft. Defiance along the highway. His stone reads: "The Grave of COKUNDIAWTHAH — Mohawk Chief— 1790.

The following information is what was sent to me by a director of the Tuttle Museum on the above Native American (I have a lot of info on Indian history, however, I was not able to make the connection. I was sure he was a relative of COOH-COO-CHEEH as she was buried near him and was also a Mohawk). I appreciate the info. from Mr. Rosevink. COOH COO CHEEH was a Mohawk Princess and Medicine Woman. She was the wife/widow of COKUNDIAWTHAH.

WAWPAWMAWQUAW was the son of COOH COO CHEEH. He was "WHITE LOON". In 1792 White Loon captured 11 year old - Oliver M. Spencer on a bank of the Ohio River near Ft. Washington (Present day Cincinnati, Ohio). Spencer was taken to an Indian Village located on a site where the Auglaize River flows into the Maumee River in what is now NW Ohio. (Defiance). He was given to Cooh Co Cheeh, the widow of Cokundiawthah.

The following passages were taken from the narrative "Indian Captivity" by O. M. Spencer which include descriptions of the Mohawks relationship with the British; his relationship with Cooh Co Cheeh (his wife); and his burial.

"The Mohawks were the early and firm allies of the British, and maintained their supremacy over the

northern tribes, until about the year 1770, when, being totally defeated by the American colonists, they lost their ascendancy, yielded their claim of paramount authority, and, reduced and scattered, were in turn incorporated with other Indian nations, over whom they had one ruled.

After this signal defeat and loss of the Mohawks, the husband of Cooh Co Cheeh, with his family, consisting of his wife, three sons, and a daughter, had removed from the St. Lawrence, and settled at the Shawnee village, a mile below the mouth of the Auglaize. In the victory of the Indians over a part of the army of Harnar, under Hardin and Willis, in Oct. 1790, in a furious charge made against the regulars, while in the act of tomahawking a soldier, he received a mortal wound from a bayonet, and dying on his way home, was buried on the bank of the Maumee, about 20 miles from the battle ground. Soon after his death his widow chose her residence, and erected her bark cabin on the spot now occupied by her; and having only a few months before, at the feast of the dead, with pious affection removed the remains of her late husband from their first resting place, interred them only a few rods above her dwelling, near to the war path, so that she might not only enjoy the happiness of conversing with him, but that his own spirit might be refreshed from viewing the warriors as they crossed the Maumee on their war expeditions, until having ended his probation, and being prepared for his journey, he should travel to the final abode of good spirits in the land far west, abounding with fame, and enjoy all those sensual delights which, in the mind of an Indian constitute heaven.

TO BE CONTINUED

PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH

Harrison Township – On March 27, 2021, at approximately 7:25 A.M., troopers with the Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to a report of a single vehicle crash on Township Road 94 west of Township Road 21 in Harrison Township, Paulding County.

A 2005 Nissan Maxima, operated by Kathy Szumanski, age 41, of Coldwater, Michigan was traveling westbound on Township Road 94 when the vehicle traveled off the right side of the roadway and overturned. Ms. Szumanski and her passenger; Misty Miller, Age 38, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, were both ejected from the vehicle. Ms. Szumanski and Ms. Miller were pronounced deceased at the scene by the Paulding County Coroner's Office.

The Patrol was assisted on scene by the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Paulding County Coroner's Office, Payne Fire and EMS and Gideon's Towing and Recovery. The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages drivers and occupants to always wear their safety belts.

DIVISION III AND IV GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL-OHIO TEAMS ANNOUNCED

The Division III and IV girls basketball All-Ohio teams were announced Monday by the Ohio Prep Sports-writers Association.

The Division I and II All-Ohio teams will be announced Tuesday, followed by the Ohio Ms. Basketball Award on Wednesday. The boys basketball All-Ohio teams will be announced starting next Monday, April 5. More about the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association is posted at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA>. The OPSWA was created in 1972 to support, promote and recognize coverage of high school sports across Ohio and is endorsed by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. OPSWA members are invited to assist with selecting the all-district teams, with those award winners eligible for All-Ohio consideration.

2021 Division III Girls Basketball All-Ohio Teams

Player of the Year: Zoe Miller, Berlin Hiland

Coach of the Year: Ourtney Bryant, Warrensville Heights

First Team

Zoe Miller, Berlin Hiland, 5-10, sr., 20.1; Addi Dillow, Coal Grove Dawson-Bryant, 5-8, sr., 24; Rylee Leonard, Sardinia Eastern Brown, 5-6, so., 20.4; Kaylee Darnell, Wheelersburg, 5-6, sr., 19.8; Katherine Weakley, Worthington Christian, 5-10, sr., 21.1; Hailey Unger, Arcanum, 5-8, jr., 19; Brooklyn Troyer, Apple Creek Waynedale, 5-8, sr., 15.7; Izzy Lamparty, Canfield South Range, 5-9, sr., 20.2; Jade Salters, Warrensville Heights, 5-8, sr., 24.3; Makayla Elmore, Bascom Hopewell-Loudon, 6-4, sr., 20.7.

Second Team

Hannah Archer, Beverly Fort Frye, 5-8, jr., 17.4; Reagan Vinskovich, Belmont Union Local, 6-1, so., 22; McKayla Dunkle, Cadiz Harrison Central, 6-1, jr., 17.9; Al-

lison Basye, Chillicothe Huntington, 5-11, jr., 24; Arianna Smith, Columbus Africentric, 6-2, sr., 16; Ella Doseck, Anna, 5-6, sr., 16.1; Grace Mills, Garretttsville Garfield, 5-8, sr., 16.4; Annika Bredel, Elyria Catholic, 5-9, jr., 17; McKenna Stephens, Willard, 5-9, sr., 17.3; Brooklyn Thrash, Bloomdale Elmwood, 6-0, jr., 21.5.

Third Team

Morgan Yoder, Berlin Hiland, 5-9, sr., 10; Maliyah Johnson, Columbus Africentric, 6-0, sr., 18; Gabbie King, West Jefferson, 5-10, sr., 13.9; Abbie Riddle, Baltimore Liberty Union, 5-11, so., 16.9; Kaylee Dingee, Carlisle, sr., 8.2; Kenna Gray, Tipp City Bethel, 5-7, sr., 15.1; Kara King, Purcell Marian, 5-9, sr., 10; Selena Weaver West Liberty-Salem, 6-0, sr., 16.5; Caitlyn DeMassimo, Creston Norwayne, 5-9, sr., 15.3; Mahogany Cottingham, Garfield Heights Trinity, 5-9, so., 15.9; Kenedi Goon, Ashland Crestview, 6-2, sr., 14.9; Marisa Seiler, Wauseon, 5-9, jr., 19.

Special Mention

DeLaney Harper, Seaman North Adams, 6-0., sr., 12.4; Marlee Grinstead, Albany Alexander, 5-9, Jr., 18.1; Paige Tolson, Stewart Federal Hocking, 5-3, Sr., 23.0; Tomi Hinkle, Proctorville Fairland, 5-7, So., 17.0; Aubri Spicer, New Lexington, 5-8, So., 19.9; Emma Fouch, Leesburg Fairfield, 5-7, Jr., 17.5; Emma Gummont, Warren Champion, 5-9, sr., 13.0; Krista Perry, Columbiana Crestview, 5-11, sr., 15.4; Kelsey Wolfe, Apple Creek Waynedale, 5-8, sr., 12.4; Arora Levensgood, Zoarville Tuscarawas Valley, 5-8, sr., 16.5; Kenzie Dalton, Beverly Fort Frye, 5-3, jr., 10.4; Torre Kildow, Belmont Union Local, 6-0, so., 17.4; Beth Hardwick, Cardington, 5-8, jr., 14.0; Abigail Adkins, Johnstown-Monroe, 5-9, fr., 15.7; Blessing King, Worthington Christian, 5-11, jr., 12.6; Reilly Greenlee, Kirtland, Jr., 11.5; Jada Ward, Warrensville Heights, 5-5, Jr., 16.5; Emily Rapacz, Elyria Catholic, 6-1, Sr., 12.7; Kiersten Cline, Sherwood Fairview, 5-6, sr., 11.6; Emma Leis, Spencerville, 5-8, sr., 16.6; Allison Teglovic, North Robinson Colonel Crawford, 5-8, sr., 14.5; Kelsey Erford, Ottawa-Glandorf, 5-8, sr., 12.8; Lauren Gerken, Findlay Liberty-Benton, 5-11, fr., 17.2; Paige Fischer, Williamsburg, 5-10, sr., 17.5.

Honorable Mention

Kyli Horn, Berlin Hiland, 5-7, sr., 13.0; Maria Clark, Martins Ferry, 5-7, jr., 14.0; Madalynn Kennedy, Zanesville West Muskingum, 5-7, jr., 13.0; Casey Kildow, Belmont Union Local, 5-7, sr., 11.1; Ali Shane, Zoarville Tusky Valley, 5-9, sr., 13.2; Brooke Baird, Old Washington Buckeye Trail, 5-7, sr., 14.6; Mahaley Farmer, Williamsport Westfall, 5-10, Sr., 11.7; Jadyn Mace, Albany Alexander, 5-7, Sr., 11.2; Macie Graves, Chillicothe Southeastern, 5-10, Sr., 18.0; Emma Garrison, Frankfort Adena, 5-6, Fr., 10.0; Jadyn Smith, Frankfort Adena, 5-9, Jr., 10.0; Chloe Chambers, Oak Hill, 6-1, Jr., 13.4; Kaleigh Murphy, Coal Grove Dawson-Bryant, 5-10, Jr., 12.0; Bree Allen, Proctorville Fairland, 5-11, Fr., 15.5; Maddie Ward, Chesapeake, 5-11, Sr., 16.4; Karmen Bruton, South Point, 5-6, Jr.; 10.0; Evan Williams, Ironton, 5-5, So., 9.3; Hadyn Bailey, Rock Hill, 5-5, So., 12.2; Mackenzie Gloff, Sar-

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field, 5-10, so., 19.1; Alexis Giles, South Range, 5-6, jr., 13.0; Joclyn Fristik, East Palestine, 5-4, sr., 15.7; Grace Witmer, Columbiana, 5-6, sr., 20.0; Brook Stookey, Tuslaw, 6-0, jr., 9.8; Riley Rismiller, Coldwater, 6-3, so., 18.5; Elliana Schaefer, Castalia Margaretta, 5-6, sr., 16.1; Hayley St. John, Millbury Lake, 5-10, sr., 14.0; Aubrey Haas, Pemberville Eastwood, 5-8, jr., 19.2; Brooklyn Green, Delta, 5-9, sr., 12.0; Aricka Lutz, Swanton, 5-3, sr., 14.4; Ariel Page, Montpelier, 5-11, jr., 13.7; Sadie Arend, Carey, 5-11, sr., 11.3.

2021 Division IV Girls Basketball All-Ohio Teams

Player of the Year: Emma Hess, Xenia Legacy Christian

Coach of the Year: Jerry Close, Waterford

First Team

Tory Hendershot, Shady-side, 5-7, sr., 15.7; Jacey Justice, Peebles, 5-8, sr., 32.1; Ava Hassel, Portsmouth Notre Dame, 5-5, sr., 20.8; Bella Kline, Sugar Grove Berne Union, 5-11, sr., 13.6; Molly Howard, McDonald, 5-9, sr., 20; Riley Stopp, Willoughby Cornerstone Christian Academy, 5-11, sr., 16.8; Morgan Hunt, Tri Village, 5-10, so., 19.9; Emma Hess, Xenia Legacy Christian, 6-0, sr., 18.6; Madison Royal-Davis, Toledo Christian, 5-10, sr., 25.2; Ivy Wolf, Minster, 5-10, sr., 20.3.

Second Team

Ashleigh Wheeler, Sarahsville Shenandoah, 5-4, sr., 12.1; Bri Claxon, South

(Continued next week)

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE
APRIL, 2021
SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE
The Village Utility Department intends to start hydrant flushing starting the week of April 7, 2021. The first area to be flushed will be located south of River Street, depending on weather this process should take the three weeks. Starting approximately, May 5, 2021 hydrants north of River Street will be flushed. The above schedule is contingent on weather and/or emergency repairs.
Residents may experience temporary discolored water during this process. If noticed, residents should run your tap water until the water is clear. This notice is being given to try to avoid discoloration to clothing during the hydrant flushing.
If you have questions, please call the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Joshua K. Clark, Paulding, OH; Possession of drugs; Preliminary hearing waived; Case shall be bound over; Bond continued

Joshua K. Clark, Paulding, OH; Resisting arrest; Preliminary hearing waived; Case bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Jackie S. McCoy, Crocker, MO; Possession; Cased bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Preliminary hearing waived

Jackie S. McCoy, Crocker, MO; Possession of drug instrument; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Chelsea S. Gholston, Port Huron, MI; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob A. Gibson, Oregon, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob A. Gibson, Oregon, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Benjamin T. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Open container; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice

Benjamin T. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Resisting arrest; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice

Benjamin T. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Flee/elude; Case dismissed, without prejudice

Benjamin T. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Benjamin T. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Case dismissed at state's request

Benjamin T. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed at state's request

Benjamin T. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Equipment regulation; Case dismissed at state's request

Michael Burkhart, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed with costs

Patricia K. Bilyeu, Greenville, IL; Distracted driving; Case was waived by defendant

Maria E. Bruce, Fostoria, OH; FRA suspension; Case

dismissed at state's request

Maria E. Bruce, Fostoria, OH; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Case dismissed at state's request

Jackie S. McCoy, Crocker, MO; Possession Schedule I/II; Preliminary hearing waived; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Dusty R. Filliung, Birmingham, MI; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Eric D. Jones, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brooke E. Paquin, Toledo, OH; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeffrey M. Hill, Denver, IN; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ronald S. Harsh, Paulding, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy A. Hohenberger, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension; Pay all fines and costs by 4/30/21

Daniel C. Jeffries, Lambertville, MI; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Haramritpal S. Gill, Brampton, ON; Distracted driving; Case dismissed; Defendant completed course

Kateri J. Watahomigie, Defiance, OH; Open container; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Kateri J. Watahomigie, Defiance, OH; OVI/breath high; Case dismissed at state's request

Kateri J. Watahomigie, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; Report to jail on 4/5/21 @ 9:00 a.m.

Kateri J. Watahomigie, Defiance, OH; OVI suspension; Case dismissed at state's request

Jason M. George, Hicksville, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jason M. George, Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jason M. George, Hicksville, OH; Physical control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/25/22; Defendant to report to jail on 4/1/21 @ 5:00 p.m. to serve 3 days

Jason M. George, Hicksville, OH; No operator's

license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/25/22

Jason M. George, Hicksville, OH; Marked lanes; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/25/22

Davasae L. Jordan, Rich-ton Park, IL; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bradie A. Strawser, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Jeremy S. Townsend, Antwerp, OH; No operator's license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21

Jeremy S. Townsend, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control; Case dismissed at state's request

Jeremy S. Townsend, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21

Kevin E. Patten, Edon, OH; Open container; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today

Megan E. Evans, Driving under suspension; Case dismissed with costs at state's request

Devon A. Shidler, Hicksville, OH; 12 point suspension; Guilty; Defendant placed on standard probation; Proof of insurance provided; Defendant to report to jail 4/9/21 for 3 day stay at 10:00 a.m.; Fine may be reduced or may be worked off in community service if working toward valid operator's license

Christopher M. Shepherd, Fort Wayne, IN; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kevin E. Patten, Edon, OH; OVI/under the influence; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; Standard probation; ALS vacated immediately; Must provide proof of insurance by 4/2/21

Kevin E. Patten, Edon, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Robert J. Batt, Ypsilanti, MI; Distracted driving; Case dismissed; Defendant took course

Marie Budd, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Marie Budd, Oakwood, OH; Distracted driving; Case dismissed; Defendant took course

Cameron G. Starr, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dustin W. Cole, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 7/30/21

Luz M. Becerra-Gamboa, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Zachary S. Horg, Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lee R. Tarczynski, Indianapolis, IN; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tiffini E. Aldrich, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Madison N. Hull, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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Mr. Vibbert was treated at the scene.

US 127 was closed for approximately one hour, however has since been reopened.

Assisting troopers on scene were Paulding County Sheriffs Office, Van Wert EMS, Scott EMS and Fire, Samaritan, Grover Hill EMS and fire, and Gideon's Towing and Recovery.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages drivers and occupants to always wear their seat belts, and never drive distracted or impaired.

PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH ON US 30

Middle Point - On April 4, 2021, at approximately 9:48 P.M. troopers with the Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to a report of a two vehicle crash on US 30 near Mile Post 20 in Washington Township, Van Wert County.

A 2015 Freightliner semi, operated by Glen Anderson, age 66, of Rochester, Indiana was traveling eastbound on US 30. A 2008 Chrysler van, owned by Jeffrey Brown, age 44, of Delphos, Ohio was disabled and parked on the right berm of eastbound US 30.

Mr. Anderson's semi traveled outside its lane of travel and onto the berm striking the left side of Mr. Brown's vehicle. Mr. Brown, who was standing on the left side of his vehicle making repairs, was also struck. Mr. Brown sustained fatal injuries as a result of the traffic crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Van Wert County Coroner's Office.

The Patrol was assisted on scene by the Van Wert County Sheriff's Office, Van Wert County Coroner's Office, Middle Point Fire and EMS and Hague Towing and Repair. The crash remains under investigation.

ONE KILLED AFTER SINGLE VEHICLE ROLLOVER CRASH

Liberty Township - On April 3, 2021, at approximately 3:56 A.M. troopers with the Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Putnam County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a single vehicle rollover crash on SR 109 just north of Road X.

A 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix, operated by Landon M. Bailey, age 16, of Ottawa, was traveling south on SR 109 when the vehicle went off the right side of the roadway. The vehicle re-entered the roadway, crossed the road and went off the left side of the roadway. The vehicle then overturned several times, ejecting the front seat passenger before coming to final rest on its top.

Landon Bailey was transported to Ottawa Ambulatory Mercy Health with non-life threatening injuries. The front seat passenger, Jagguare M. Rich, age 18, of Ottawa, was also transported to Ottawa Ambulatory Mercy Health and was pronounced dead by Putnam County Coroner Jennifer Maag. It is unknown at this time if Mr. Bailey was wearing a seatbelt. Mr. Rich was reportedly not wearing a seatbelt. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the crash.

Assisting troopers on scene was the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Leipsic Fire and EMS, Miller City Fire Department, Putnam County EMS, Putnam County Coroner's Office and Imm-Pressive Towing Services. The crash remains under investigation.

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RAIDERS SPLIT WITH BULL-DOGS

HAVILAND – Wayne Trace and Celina hooked up in a junior varsity softball double-header on Saturday with the Raiders and Bulldogs winning one game each.

In the opener, the Lady Raiders rallied with two runs in the bottom of the fifth and held on from there for a 3-2 victory. In the second game, Celina scored six times in the second and four more in the sixth in posting a 13-7 win.

Game one saw Celina strike first with a single run in the top of the second before Wayne Trace answered with a run in the bottom of the third.

After the Lady Bulldogs took the lead with a run in the top of the fifth to make it 2-1, the red, white and blue plated a pair of runs in the home half of the inning and then held on for the 3-2 victory.

Allison Schilt had a single and a double for the Lady Raiders while Brenna Parker and Logen Bland each added a single. Parker, Schilt and Ava Zartman scored the Wayne Trace runs with Bland and Schilt both driving in one run.

Logen Bland got the victory, pitching all seven innings while giving up five hits, two earned runs and four walks with 15 strikeouts.

In game two, Wayne Trace was unable to overcome ten unearned runs as the Raiders dropped to 2-1 on the season.

Anna Miller took the loss, pitching two innings surrendering five hits, two earned runs

and two walks with one strikeout. Ava Zartman threw the final five frames, allowing eight, one earned run and a pair of walks while fanning three.

Zartman posted a single and a triple for Wayne Trace while scoring twice while Makenna Elliott also had two singles. Storm Tracy, Paige Alber, Logen Bland and Allison Schilt also had a single each.

RAIDER JV'S BLANK HICKSVILLE

HICKSVILLE – Wayne Trace's junior varsity softball team picked up a season-opening win at Hicksville Friday to start the season in a positive way.

The Lady Raiders won 13-2 at the home of the Lady Aces as the red, white and blue took advantage of 11 unearned runs in the contest.

Wayne Trace scored four times in the first followed by one in the second, three in the third and five more in the fourth. Hicksville picked up its two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Makenna Elliott had a triple while Allison Schilt posted a single and a double and scored three runs. Brenna Parker also scored twice with Paige Alber driving in a pair of runs.

Ava Zartman, Logen Bland, Cassidy Lewis and Storm Tracy also had a single each for Wayne Trace.

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PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/24/21

This 24th day of March, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Mark Holtsberry, Clint A. Vance and Heather Barnhouse, Clerk absent: Roy Klopfenstein

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 267731 through 267761 or County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST
Brandon Wobler – Board of Elections Conference Columbus, OH on March 25-26, 2021

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on March 22, 2021, Warrants numbered 267659 through 267728 in the amount of \$1,942.63 and

WHEREAS, it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PAULDING COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO ACCEPT BIDS ON EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §307.12, when the county has personal property, including motor vehicle, road machinery, equipment, tools, or supplies, that is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired, and when the value of the property to be sold exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars, the board may sell the property by a sealed bid to the highest bidder; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Foust, Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District, has the following vehicle that has exceeded its useful life for the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District's office operation; to-wit: 2002 Chevy Silverado K1500 Pickup Truck VIN #:1GCEK14V12Z252169

Now therefore; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section §307.12, does hereby authorize the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District to sell the above-listed property by a sealed bid to the highest bidder.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

• Joe Burkard- updated the Commissioners by stating that the closings for properties 451 McDonald Pike and 900 Fairground Dr. are in process. Mr. Burkard also spoke to the Commissioners about his office not having a case management system. Mr. Burkard continued by stating that for his office to remain proficient and not dropping the ball while handling the increasing number of

caseloads between the 3 court systems (Municipal Court (which is operating full time now), Juvenile/Probate Court and Common Pleas Court) along with all other services required by his office that he is in need of a case management software system. Mr. Burkard also spoke that he has been putting this off for as long as he could due to the cost of the software system and the monthly administration fee. Mr. Burkard commented that his budget cannot handle the cost of this system and asked for funding help from the Commissioners along with a portion from a program fund. Mr. Burkard stated that out of the 88 counties in Ohio, 70 of these counties have a case management software system. Matrix, a company out of Cleveland, OH, supplies an integrated system that streamlines the justice process allowing clients to operate at optimum efficiency and effectiveness. Matrix platform has the ability to integrate law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts and defense attorneys into one comprehensive system. Mr. Burkard also explained with this software system in place, his office will have monthly cost savings for the general fund in postage, paper, copier charges and the cost of thumb drives that have to be purchased to upload law enforcement bodycam footage. Matrix system would allow my office to instantly upload documentation, videos footage and all information pertaining to cases into the system and eliminating unnecessary steps that are time consuming and outdated. Matrix would allow immediate access to a case for the parties involved instead of waiting for the information to arrive in the mail. Mr. Burkard also continued that with the current delays the postal service is experiencing, it is causing so much time to get these cases processed and moving forward. With the Matrix software applications, it offers automated processes for the electronic submission of cases by law enforcement (body cam videos, police reports, interviews etc.) processing of cases by the prosecutor, distribution of discovery to defense attorneys and filing of those cases with the courts. Mr. Burkard stressed this system would be a key function for his office, support staff and the court system because it will provide a single solution that meets all case and workflow from case intake through appeal. Mr. Burkard explained the attorneys can get on the system and immediately have access to all information pertaining to the case for review before the court hearings in return saving time for the court system. Commissioner Holtsberry replied that they will discuss this request next week when all three Commissioners are present.

• Connie Smith - spoke of her views and opinions on her family's personal experience and obstacles regarding the welfare of a minor child in her family. Commissioners stated that they have no jurisdiction when it comes to these issues but thanked her for sharing her family's personal experiences and informing them of these events.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/29/21

This 29th day of March, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, Clint A. Vance and Heather Barnhouse, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 267794 through 267841 or County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

• Matt Miller & Mark Miller- presented their crop map for the Eaton Farm to the Commissioners.

• Economic Development Board Members, Bud Koenig and Greg White, discussed with the Commissioners about developing Economic Development's Strategic Plan for the county. Mr. Koenig invited the Commissioners to be in-

BIG INNINGS LIFT PATRIOTS TO WIN

MONROEVILLE – Heritage put together back-to-back big innings and the Lady Patriots cruised to a 15-0 victory over Wayne in season-opening high school softball action last week.

The Lady Patriots scored a pair of runs in the second inning for a 2-0 advantage before breaking the game open.

Heritage plated six more in the third inning to extend the lead to 8-0 and wrapped up the victory with a seven-run fourth, setting the final margin at 15-0.

Grace Guenther had a pair of doubles and a single to pace the Lady Patriots, scoring twice and driving in one run.

Caylen Schane added a double and a triple while totaling four runs batted in and scoring twice with Kendall Zelt recording a pair of singles.

Amber Buuck picked up a triple, four runs batted in and scored one run. Shelby Schane drove in three runs and had one single with Ella Bickel and Cassidy Myers picking up a double each.

Lydia Schultz and Claire Bickel finished with a single apiece as well for the Lady Patriots.

Ella Bickel took the win on the mound for Heritage with six strikeouts while allowing one walk in three innings of work.

Kendall Zelt tossed an inning with a strikeout and a walk and Cassidy Myers struck out one in an inning of work.

WARRIORS COME UP SHORT TO BLAZERS

BUTLER – Eastside had a pair of big innings and then held off a late Woodlan rally as the Blazers nipped the Warriors 9-8 in high school softball action Monday night.

After the Blazers scored once in the first, the Warriors

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3	2	1	4	9	6	8	5	7
9	5	7	8	2	1	4	3	6
6	8	4	3	7	5	1	9	2
4	6	2	1	3	8	9	7	5
1	3	9	5	6	7	2	8	4
8	7	5	9	4	2	3	6	1
2	1	6	7	8	3	5	4	9
5	9	3	6	1	4	2	7	8
7	4	8	2	5	9	6	1	3

answered with a run in the top of the second to even the game at 1-1.

Eastside responded with three runs in the bottom of the third but a single Woodlan run in the fourth pulled the Warriors within 4-2.

The Blazers scored four more times in the home half of the fourth to extend the margin to 8-2.

In the fifth inning, each team scored once to make it 9-3 before Woodlan tried to rally in the seventh.

The Lady Warriors plated five runs in the visitors portion of the seventh but it wouldn't be enough as the Blazers held on for the 9-8 victory.

Austin Gaff led Woodlan with a single, double, two runs scored and a run batted in while Avah Smith recorded a triple.

Alivia Ulmer picked up a double as well for the Lady Warriors. Adrienne Spieth, Mya Jones, Olivia Wilson and Abigail Cowan all had singles for Woodlan. Wilson scored twice for Woodlan and Ulmer drove in a pair of runs.

Olivia Wilson pitched 3-1/3 innings for the Lady Warriors, allowing five hits, three earned runs and a walk while striking out eight Eastside hitters.

Libby Fisher threw 2-2/3 frames for Woodlan, giving up five hits while fanning three.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

The Village of Antwerp will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers to consider the recommendations of the Planning Commission, which recommendations are as follows:

That resolution 2021-01, Gateway Commercial District language amended as written be approved and resolution 2021-02, the amendment to rezone certain lots adjacent to Erie Street as presented be amended to only re-zone the following properties:

518 Erie Street – Matt Hopkins – Parcel 12-17S-015-00 – Lot 1 SPT Johnson Addition

Erie Street – Matt Hopkins – Parcel 12-17S-016-00 – Lot 1/Pt 2 Johnson Addition

602 Erie Street – Rob Gerken – Parcel 12-17S-020-00 – PT W1/2NE1/4 Outlots S-34

Water Plant Dr – Rob Gerken – Parcel 12-17S-017-00 – Lot 1 PT Secor Johnson Addition

Detailed map of the proposed rezoning and the Gateway Commercial District Resolution may be viewed at Antwerp Depot, 504 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, during normal business hours or by calling the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371.

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THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs.

MELISSA ESCALERA, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 20 012

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 29th day of April, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., the real estate located at:

333 West Wayne Street, Paulding Parcel Number: 30-14S-045-00

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

Said premises appraised at Thirty Thousand and No/100 (\$30,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 13th day of May, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

The purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued.

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

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

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LIVE TO GIVE



The second grade students at Oakwood Elementary spent the afternoon on Tuesday, March 30th cleaning up part of the school yard. This was a "Live to Give" activity to go along with the Seven Mind-sets they have been learning

about all school year. The students did a wonderful job and enjoyed making their school yard look much more attractive. Their teachers are Mrs. Debbie Carter and Miss Sharyn March.

ARCHERS POST WIN OVER BLAZERS

BUTLER - Antwerp scored in each inning as the Archers cruised to a 13-1 win over host Eastside Tuesday night in high school baseball action.

The blue and white posted one run in the first before scoring twice in the second

and third frames for a 5-0 advantage. After getting a single run in the fourth, Antwerp sealed the victory with a seven-run fifth inning.

Hugh Henderson plated the lone Eastside run in the home half of the fifth frame.

Ethan Lichty had three singles, three runs batted in and scored once to lead the way for the Archers.

Luke Krouse posted a double for Antwerp while Austin Lichty, Parker Moore and Reid Lichty chipped in a single each.

Krouse also scored three runs with Austin Lichty and Reid Lichty scoring twice each. Dylan Hines and Reid Lichty drove in a pair of runs apiece as well.

Hayden Gardner had the lone Eastside hit in the contest.

Austin Lichty picked up the win on the mound for the blue and white, giving up one hit and two walks while fanning seven Blazer hitters.

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involved in the planning process. Mr. Koenig and Mr. White both stated that they are looking forward in collaborating together to address the needs of the county.

Austin Serna, MVPO, discussed with the Commissioners about the Village of Cecil Wastewater Treatment project contract. Commissioners reported that the contract states that the Paulding County Commissioners are the sole owner of the project. Commissioners explained that per the Prosecutor's opinion, the contract needs to be revised to state that the Village of Cecil is the sole owner of the project. Commissioners were dictated by the state to use RLF funds for the project and the county is not responsible for any other payments towards this project. Mr. Serna stated that he would contact the engineering firm and get the contract corrected.

Taylor Christian currently serves as the Ohio Field Operations Director for the Land & Liberty Coalition.

Mr. Cristian's role is to identify and organize rural clean energy supporters and leverage their support at local meetings across Ohio. Mr. Christian explained that the Land & Liberty Coal-

ition was formed in 2018 with the goal of giving local citizens a voice on their energy future. The Land & Liberty seeks to provide a forum for those within the community who already support utility-scale renewable energy projects coming into their community and works to spread awareness, offer resources to those looking to learn more about proposed projects.

Lou Ann Wannemacher and Claudia Fickel spoke to the Commissioners about the new Rescue Plan funding. Commissioner Klopfenstein stated that they have not received definite clarity on the criteria of the funding. All present agreed that a new fund will be created with revenue and expense line items for tracking purposes when the funding comes in.

Ed Bohn- Mr. Bohn stated that the last 3 Wednesday did not have a weekly siren check during the 1 o'clock hour. Mr. Bohn explained to the Commissioners that when there is an Emergency EMS /Fire run that has been dispatched out, the sirens will not go off due to tying up airways for individual tones. Mr. Bohn also noted that he reminded the villages and townships that they are to maintain their sirens.

RAIDERS BLANK BIG GREEN IN OPENER

OTTOVILLE - Wayne Trace put up six runs in the opening frame and the Lady Raiders never looked back in the high school softball season opener Monday night with a 23-0 win over Ottoville.

The Raiders scored six times in the first and Wayne Trace widened the margin from there.

Wayne Trace added 11 more runs in the second inning as the red, white and blue pushed the margin to 17-0 at the end of two frames.

The Lady Raiders then wrapped up the victory with six runs over the next three innings to wrap up the 23-0 win.

Tiffany Sinn picked up the win on the mound for Wayne Trace, allowing only two hits and two walks while striking out six over five innings of work.

Alivia Miller paced the Lady Raider offense with a pair of singles and a home run while scoring three runs and driving in four. Tiffany Sinn also had a single, double and home run and added two runs batted in for Wayne Trace.

"We had a lot of girls that contributed tonight offensively," noted Raider head coach Amber Showalter. "Tiffany Sinn did a nice job on the mound and we made plays defensively. It was a good season opener for us."

Tatum Tigner scored three times and also had a single, double and triple for the red, white and blue with Kaitlin Slade posting a single, double and two runs scored. Emma Crosby posted a pair of singles as well with two runs batted in and scored three times.

Macy Doster added a double and two runs batted in for the Lady Raiders while Carlee Mead finished with a single and scored three times. Allie Dyson chipped in a single while scoring once and driving in another run. Katie Anna Baumle recorded a double and a run batted in as well.

Alizae Alejo scored three times as well with Laura Thornell and Cara Davis scoring once each.

Hannah Wenzlick and Hannah Brinkman each recorded a single at the plate for Ottoville.

Alexa Honigford took the loss, tossing three innings while allowing 13 hits, four walks and a dozen earned runs. Honigford also struck out four Raider hitters. Hannah Wenzlick tossed the final two frames, giving up four hits, four runs (one earned) and a walk to go along with two strikeouts.

SIX LOCAL STUDENTS WIN \$6,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FROM NORTH WESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

North Western Electric Cooperative (NWECC) is proud to present \$6,000 in scholarships to six local seniors through three scholarship opportunities. A panel of Defiance College judges selected Riley Krill and Kiersten Cline both of Fairview High School as the first-place winners of the Children of Members Scholarship. Each senior was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the cooperative.



Kiersten will go on to represent NWECC in the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives statewide scholarship competition this spring, where finalists will compete for up to \$3,800 in additional funds. She will be majoring in psychology at a yet-to-be-decided university. Kiersten's parents are Pete Cline and Sarah Vogelsong of Hicksville.



Riley is the son of Jeremy and Amanda Krill of Hicksville and will be attending Georgia State University majoring in Film and Media Studies.

Second-place honors with \$750 scholarships go to Isaac Ridgway of Hicksville High School and Emily Singer of Fairview High School. Isaac is the son of Christopher and Amanda

Ridgway of Hicksville. Emily is the daughter of James and Jackie Singer of Defiance.

Gertrude Studer Memorial Scholarship

Audrey Schroeder (Edgerton High School) is the winner of the \$500 Gertrude Studer Memorial Scholarship, awarded by NWECC and the Edgerton Area Foundation. The scholarship honors the memory of the longtime member noted for attending all of NWECC's annual meetings throughout her lifetime. Audrey is the daughter of Gary and Mary Ann Schroeder of Bryan.



Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship

Morgan Rupp from Stryker High School is the winner of the \$1,000 Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship, which is awarded to a student who has overcome a significant challenge in pursuit of his or her goals. Morgan is the daughter of Doug and Melissa Rupp.



NWECC is committed to empowering the communities it serves through one of its cooperative principles, "Education, Training, and Information," which aims to uplift the next generation of leaders and help them with career preparation expenses. Each year, scholarship applications become available in December. Visit NWECC's website at nwecc.com/scholarship-programs to learn more.

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The major donors were: Antwerp Community Development Committ (ACDC), VFW and Antwerp Exchange Bank. Other contributors were: Antwerp Insurance, Dooley Funeral Home, Sarah Mowery Dentistry, Antwerp Alleys, Arlene Billman, H2O to Go, Gary Fry and John Rister.

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