COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 5
- PERI meeting @ PC Senior Center, 10am

December 6
- Police Express Celebration @ Paulding Library, 6-7:45pm
- Ladies Night @ Downtown Antwerp, 9pm

December 7 & 8
- “Just Me” Holiday Open House @ 8641 City Rd, 144 Paulding OH, 10-7pm

December 8
- Downtown Jolly Jamboree, Payne, 4:30pm
- Shop the Square, downtown Paulding, 10a-3pm
- Ecumenical Ladies Potluck @ St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding, 6pm
- The Angel’s Gift @ Payne Elem., 7pm
- Santa @ Antwerp Fire Dept & Secret Santa Shop, 1-3pm
- “Two at a Time” Holiday Open House @ 8641 City Rd, 144 Paulding OH, 10-2pm

December 9
- Town Christmas, Auglaize Township FD, 12pm
- “Cheers at Christmas” play @ Woodburn Square, 6pm
- Celebration of Christmas @ Crystal Fountain Auditorium, Sherwood, 6:30pm

December 11
- PW Comm. Band Holiday Concert at Paulding Heart Music Center, 7:30pm
- PW Mad Ams clinic @ MAC gym, Antwerp, 6-3:30-7:30pm

December 13
- Holiday Penguin Party @ Oakwood Library, 5:30-7:30pm
- Santa arrives @ Oakwood Fire Dept.

Warrior Basketball Preview Page

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

Come on, come all for Ladies Night Downtown Antwerp, Thursday November 29, 2018. Come alone or bring a group, you’re sure to find some last minute gift items or something for your self. Don’t forget to grab dinner while you’re in town too. Make sure to stop at Pets and Vines

Antwerp Pharmacy
Shop 302 - Barnwood Creations and 81thque

The General Stores Shops will extend their hours until 8:00 p.m.

Make a night of Christmas fun strolling the streets of Antwerp. Hope to see you!

NORTHWEST OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLABORATION ANNOUNCES LIVES 5TH ANNUAL LEGACY PROGRAM - LIGHTS FOR LIVES

The six annual “Lights for Lives” was a successful operation once again, showing what can be accomplished by law enforcement working cooperatively in a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional effort. In the spirit of collaboration, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Findlay District in conjunction with nearly 30 law enforcement agencies in Northwest Ohio from the following counties: Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Defiance, Henry, Wood, Putnam, Paulding, and Hardin Counties participated.

“Lights for Lives” is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, cooperative enforcement campaign focused on officers achieving their over head LIGHTS and stopping as many vehicles that have committed traffic violations to save as many LIVES as possible. It started at midnight, November 20th at midnight and ran to save as many lives as possible.

The LEPC Meeting met on November 28th at the Paulding County Administration Office. Dale Goebel is the new village Administrator of Paulding. The LEPC Meeting has completed the for the Mitigation Grant Process has been completed for the villages of Antwerp and Broughton; in the village of Payne’s should be finished soon. The qualification for grants must be applied for soon.

At the fall conference, Ed Bohn said that the county project would be eligible for a funding grant. The cost for a warming system will be looked into and will see if the grant could be used.

The training facility will be getting some doors and windows updated including a pallet holder. 10 custom built-trusses are being designed by R&D. Trus of Grower Hill for a roof simulator. A grain bin simulator is also being considered for the facility.

For the grant for the MARCS program, Buffalo Township Sheriff Jason Laird said the law enforcement side will go to bid in the Columbus Di.

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The athletic expansion allows us to give dozens of student-athletes the opportunity for a Christian education without having to “drop that option before,” said James Smith, Vice President for University Relations. “It also helps us maintain our health as a university by expanding our student base.”

The rising popularity of soccer in our community is expected to have a tremendous impact on the number of youth league participants in Knox County and throughout Central Ohio. MVNU wants its premier Soccer and Lacrosse Stadium to be part of the athletic fabric of the community and will pursue collaborative efforts inviting community use of the stadium. By fostering relationships through athletics, MVNU will position itself as a local hub to recruit quality soccer and lacrosse players who already have connection to a community. In addition, the Soccer and Lacrosse Stadium will be available for non-athletic campus and community events.

“Athletics is important to the future of MVNU’s long-term enrollment plans. It is also a part of a holistic education,” said MVNU President Dr. Henry W. Spaulding II. “The Soccer and Lacrosse Stadium will further enhance our capacity to attract and retain student-athletes. We are especially excited to work in partnership with the local community to maintain a truly unique program.

The increased use of the current grass field for practices and competitions is completely maxed out on the field. This illustrates the need for a stadium that will quickly become a signature facility for the MVNU campus and community. Just as important to university officials, the success of both men’s and women’s soccer on the national level and the increased popularity of lacrosse, this project highlights the relevance of providing student-athletes with a complex that exhibits “Cougar pride.”

The have quickly realized that our current field simply isn’t adequate for the demands of these five teams,” Smith said. “Our hopes are high for an expansion of the women’s lacrosse or future junior varsity teams.”

Smith announced plans for the Soccer and Lacrosse Stadium during Homecoming Weekend’s Golden Gala emphasizing $140,148 has been raised to date. “We would like to thank our Trustees and Senior Leadership Team. Even more exciting is the pledge from a local donor to match every dollar raised by MVNU up to $1 million. An additional $306,000 in gifts and pledges has already been received.

While many details have yet to be finalized, officials have committed the first $3 million of the campaign to install the new turf field and lights, with a completion goal of Aug. 1, 2019.

The dream is big, but we can already see the excitement of this project across our campus and around the community. We are excited to see this dream become a reality for MVNU and another signature athletic venue for our local community,” Smith said.

To donate at the 50th Anniversary, visit www.mvnu.edu and click on “Project 50,” or call University Relations at 740-392-6886 ext. 690.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students, working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and locations in Columbus, Grove City, and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to community. MVNU offers a variety of both men’s and women’s programs.
The National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE), the nation’s leading organization focused on promoting entrepreneurship through community colleges, has announced that President Michael Thompson, of Northwest State Community College, has taken its President for Entrepreneurship Pledge. Through the pledge, presidents of community colleges throughout the country have agreed to take five action steps that will increase their focus on entrepreneurship and the impact the colleges have on the economic well being of the communities they serve. NSCC business faculty member Lisa Becher (left) is instrumental in Entrepreneurship education, training and networking opportunities at the College. For more information on NSCC, visit NorthwestState.edu.

The presidents of NSCC have on the economic well being of the communities they serve. The economy of college graduates is strong in many regions of the United States, more than 200 communities colleges throughout the country have signed the entrepreneurship pledge, and by doing so have committed to playing a greater role in stimulating economic development in the communities they serve.

“The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in northwest Ohio, especially on the campus of Northwest State,” said Dr. Michael Thompson, NSCC President. “Our Entrepreneurship Forum is a highly-anticipated event each year in the schools, and have been in place. Training for their use has also been common for many years. Anita Stechschulte gave an update on the growth that took place this year in the Chamber circle. She said that there have been problems with community colleges throughout the country on getting things done. Ed expressed his frustrations and said that if someone does not happen soon, he will ask the County Prosecutor to get involved.

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NSCC GIVES DONATION TO PATH CENTER IN DEFIANCE

Members of the Student Body Organization at North-West State Community College recently delivered a check for $514 to the Path Center in Defiance. The donation rep-

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A former secretary who stole $34,400 from the Shawnee Local School District targeted payments made by students and their parents for field trips, yearbooks and oth-

where she was treasurer. In this role, Hall stole $21,729 from the booster group and attempted to conceal the theft by listing $8,437 in unreg-

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LADY RAIDERS OPEN SEASON WITH CONVINCING WIN

by Auditor of State Dave Yost's Pub-

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"It's distressing for the en-
tire community when a trust-
ed public employee turns out to be a thief," Auditor Yost said. "Now that justice is se-
cured in this case, the district needs to deter other would-be thieves by enhancing its monitoring of cash collection processes."

As a middle school secre-
tary, Hall was responsible for collecting student fees and submitting them to the dis-
trict treasurer. The district's audit report released shows that Hall stole $33,680, while she held this position.

Hall's theft continued after she was promoted in March 2016 to facilities administra-
tive assistant, a position she used to steal an additional $720 from rental fees during the three months that fol-

By: Joe Shouse, Sports-
writer

Haviland – The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders opened the season with a 21-point win over Defiance.

"We came out and hit some-thing for us this year. We basically had contributions from everyone and that's the way we will need to succeed this year," said De-

The red-white-and-blue started two seniors, Sadie Sinn and Kaylee Shepherd, two juniors, Claire Sinn and Miriam Sinn, and sophomore Katrina Stoller.

The quick start came when Sadie Sinn connected on a 3-point shot followed by another triple from Mir-

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By: Stan Jordan

**ANOTHER EAGLE PICTURE**

By: Stan Jordan

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The Nutcracker is not just a ballet. A reindeer from North Manchester, IN visited the people at Paulding's Merry and Bright on Sunday! Nutcracker is the reindeer's name and is owned by Animal Grants. Reindeer are unique because both the male and female deer have antlers. They shed their antlers in the March and grow new antlers from April to July each year. The felt falls off in October and they harden. Their grow so fast in this time period that you can almost watch them grow! Nutcracker is a young deer at only 7 months old. You can see her and her husband and run up to them with tears in her eyes. "Darling, oh how I've missed you!" The husband extends her arms stopping her fromembracing him and says, "Wash there woman. The contract was until death."  

- What do you call a hooker with no legs? A night crawler.
- What time is it to go to the dentist? 7:30.
- Tooth hurty
- Best joke about prostitution ever done was by Ber- nard Shaw. He was at a party once and he told this woman that everyone would agree to do anything for money, if the price was high enough. "Surely, not she said." "Oh yes," he another great person, I wouldn't," she said. "Oh yes you would," he said.

(Marry & Bright Continued from Page 1)

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Chad Hartson of Ice Creations in Napoleon, OH is shown placing the outdated North America-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA) on the shelf. Chad said, "I'm a darn good American. Now I am going to write George HW Bush, a darn good American.

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**STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ON SIGNING OF USMCA**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue issued the following statement regarding the signing of the new trade pact, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), on Monday.

"I have often said that we live in the best neighborhood on Earth – North America – and the signing of a new trade agreement with Mexico and Canada will cement our highly integrated relationship as nations. President Trump and the United States Congress have worked hard to ensure that this new agreement is better than the old one. As nations, this agreement will help ensure that the American and Mexican economies continue to thrive and create jobs and new opportunities for American workers and farmers."

"The new USMCA makes important specific changes that are beneficial to our nation’s agricultural producers. We have secured greater access to the Mexican and Canadian markets for many of our products. The deal eliminates Canada’s unjustified tariffs and expands critical access for U.S. poultry and egg producers, and expands Canadian dairy market access for U.S. dairy growers. The agreement also presents new opportunities for U.S. farmers and ranchers, and expands critical access for U.S. poultry and egg producers, and expands Canadian dairy market access for U.S. dairy growers. The agreement also presents new opportunities for U.S. farmers and ranchers, and expands critical access for U.S. poultry and egg producers, and expands Canadian dairy market access for U.S. dairy growers. The agreement also presents new opportunities for U.S. farmers and ranchers, and expands critical access for U.S. poultry and egg producers, and expands Canadian dairy market access for U.S. dairy growers. 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- Thu Nov 15: Hamilton Scrimmage, 6:00 PM Home
- Wed Nov 21: New Haven, 7:30 PM Home
- Sat Nov 24: Bellmont High School, 7:30 PM Home
- Tue Nov 27: Garrett, 7:30 PM Away
- Fri Nov 30: Jay County High School, 7:30 PM Away
- Tue Dec 4: Angola, 7:30 PM Home
- Sat Dec 8: Blackhawk Christian, 7:30 PM Away
- Fri Dec 14: Adams Central, 7:30 PM Away
- Thu Dec 20: Fremont High School, 7:30 PM Home
- Fri Dec 28: Wayne Trace, 7:30 PM Away
- Wed Jan 2: Churubusco, 7:30 PM Away
- Sat Jan 5: Burrville, 7:30 PM Home
- Tue Jan 8: ACAC Tourney, 6:00 PM Away
- Fri Jan 11: ACAC Tourney Round 2, TBD Away
- Sat Jan 12: ACAC Tourney Championship, TBD Away
- Sat Jan 12: ACAC Tourney consolation, TBD Away
- Tue Jan 15: Prairie Heights H.S., 7:30 PM Home
- Fri Jan 18: Heritage, 7:30 PM Away
- Thu Jan 24: Lakewood Park Christian School, 7:30 PM School
- Thu Jan 31: South Adams, 7:30 PM Away
- Mon Feb 4: Antwerp High, 7:30 PM Home
- Fri Feb 8: Southern Wells, 7:30 PM Home
- Tue Feb 12: Eastside, 7:30 PM Away
- Sat Feb 16: Norwell, 7:30 PM Away
- Fri Feb 22: Leo, 7:30 PM Home
- Tue Feb 26: Sectional, TBD Away

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ARCHERS GET SEASON OPENING WIN OVER PANTHERS

ANTWERP – After four quarters wasn’t enough to find a winner, it was host Antwerp who pulled away in overtime for a 67-58 win over county rival Paulding Saturday night in boys basketball action.

The Archers led 17-15 after one quarter before the Panthers rallied to grab a 33-30 lead at halftime. Antwerp answered to close the period and outscored the visiting Panthers 14-2 in the second half to stretch the margin to 42-31. The Archers were led by Aswan McMichael with 17 points while Colton Disabato added 16 and Austin Lichty paced Antwerp with 16 points while Luke Brewer and Kevin Costello bucketed 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the Panthers.

Antwerp controlled the battle of the boards, out-rebounding the Panthers 34-24 on the night, while Paulding had fewer turnovers, 5-14.

The Archers junior varsity rolled to an 8-3 victory over the Panthers in the early contest.

LADY WARRIORS TOPPLE RAILROADERS

The Lady Warriors, Hanna Albertson and Kate Mendenhall, are on the floor and getting the ball back from the Blazers! More pictures at westbendnews.net.

The 8th grade lady archers were: Ally Cape added nine and Bree Hug paced the Bulldogs with 15 points while Abby Cape added nine and Halle Siebenaler chipped in three as the Bulldogs jumped out to a 17-8 advantage after eight minutes of action but the visiting Bulldogs trimmed the deficit to 24-21 at the break. The Lady Panthers of Paulding answered to close the half and outscored the visitors 17-6 in the third period to fall short 19-20. Scoring for the 8th grade lady archers were: Keatyn Pierce 8, Hayleigh Jewell 6, Kartrina Fish 5. Antwerp Junior High Girls.

The Lady Archers traveled to Ayersville on 11/29/18. The 7th grade lost 8-34; scoring for the Archers were Saman Seslar 4, Arwyn McMicha- 2, Hailey Hammer 2. The Lady Archers lost 9-22. Scoring for the 8th grade were Hayleigh Jewell 5, Lydia Krouse 2, Kar- trina Fish 2.

PANTHERS GET PAST LADY BULLDOGS

PAULDING – The host Lady Panthers of Paulding jumped in front early and then held on late for a 57-52 win over visiting Edgerton in non-league girls basketball action Thursday night.

Paulding jumped out to a 17-8 advantage after eight minutes of action but the vis- iting Bulldogs trimmed the deficit to 24-21 at the break. The Panthers widened the margin to 37-32 at the end of three periods before each team scored 20 points in the final period.

Brin Hug paced the Bolldogs with 15 points while Abby Cape added nine and Halle Siebenaler chipped in three as the Lady Archers of Antwerp were led by Aswan McMichael with 17 points while Colton Disabato added 16 and Austin Lichty paced Antwerp with 16 points while Luke Brewer and Kevin Costello bucketed 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the Panthers.

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All-league football selections

Schools with eight first team players:

1. Edon — 21-0-27-0-4 = 52

Antwerp — 12-6 at the end of eight minutes of action before the lead a 16-9 lead at halftime. Edon added 24-19 led at 26-19 entering the final quarter.

Score by the Quarter: Antwerp 12-6-10-7 = 25

Woodlan in the contest while Ella Smith chipped in ten markers.

Wayne Trace Junior Reid Miller stands at the line to deliver two points for the home team. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Joe Shouse, Sports writer

HAVILAND — The Wayne Trace Raiders countered the Columbus Grove Outreach school boys basketball Friday night in Putnam County. The Warriors also earned a 30-26 win over the Archers.

Clair Fleischer each scored a dozen points.

Giesige each scored a dozen points.

Riley Bloir added six for Edon while Ariaan Howard scored eight in four and Paiger Briner hit two foul shots.

Taron Miller hit two foul shots.

Woodlan put a pair of players on the list of offensive line. West Adams Central's senior offensive lineman Danie Casselman and senior wide receiver Jack Stuckey. The Warriors also placed two on the first team list with senior defensive lineman Isaac Meyer and senior line backer Sebastian Stuckey.

Other ACAC first team offense players included Ad- \n
Adams Central senior linebacker Jalen Ham- \n
Woodlan senior Jacob Gerths (offensive line- \n
Woodlan junior Trevor Wallace (wide receiver), Her- \n
Woodlan senior Jordan Reid (quarterback), Heritage se- \n
Woodlan senior Keegan Jones (line- \n
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Woodlan senior Conner Sowers (place kicker).

Local second team hon- \n
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BOMBERS SLIP PAST ARCHERS

Antwerp Junior Karsyn Brunnett gets for the layup and col- \n
Two points for the home ladies! More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - The high school girls basketball season opener for Paulding County took place Monday night at Antwerp when Edon posted a 30-24 win over the Arches.

Claire Radabough scored 18 points to pace the Blue Bombers to the victory, scoring four points each in the first, second and fourth quar- \n
Top two points for the home ladies! More pictures at westbendnews.net

in eight. Others scoring for Edgerton included Claire Fl- \n
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Archers to a 50-46 win over...
Once again, the Grover Hill Student Council will be organizing the annual food drive. All items collected during this time will be used to help the area churches food pantry. This year’s food drive will run from November 19th through December 14th.

Items needed include canned goods, boxed goods, baby wipes, diapers, and baby clothing, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies. If you wish to donate, you may do so by sending your canned food or school supplies to your children. If you do not have a child in school but would still like to contribute, you may bring your items to the school office between the 8:00 and 3:00.

For more information, please contact

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City of Antwerp
Council Meeting

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. on October 1, 2018 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Assistant Clerk Krystin Brown called the meeting to order. Standing Committee Chairperson, Claudia Ross, as well as Councilman Watts, Voris, Gerig, and Martin were in attendance. Superintendent Wells was not present.

Police Chief’s Report: The Woodburn Police Department had 197 incidents in August, and 118 incidents in September. The police department will again be participating in the City-Wide Halloween Event on October 27th. The police station will be open for all the trick-or-treaters and goody-givers we pass out candy to the 200-300 children we receive.

Superintendent’s Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Mayor’s Report: The mayor went over the progress of the mechanical plant and the potential dates of completion. The water and sewer master plan was presented by Commonwealth at the Board of Work meeting and was described by the manager. The mayor presented the contract from Allen County that describes the future improvements for the city. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to proceed with the contract as presented, seconded by Councilman Renner, all in favor. The mayor described the OCRA work of projects for the week of October 8th, 2018. Councilman Renner moved to read Ord. 18-1366 (the Lot Downtown Proclamation) in full, seconded by Mayor, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept the first reading of Ord. 18-232, seconded by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Councilman Martin moved to adopt Ord. 18-232 as presented, seconded by Mayor, all in favor. Resolution 232 is ratified as presented. The mayor signed the resolution for approximately a month and his wife, Mr. Gerig, moves to take over my duties for that time.

Chief-Keeper’s Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the previous meeting, after discussion, Councilman Vigil moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 17th as corrected, seconded by Councilman Watts, all in favor. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, seconded by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. The check treasurer asked if there were any recommended changes to implement for the 2019 budget or amendment to the 2019 salary ordinances as presented. After hearing no discussion, Councilman Martin moved to read Ord. 18-1366 (2019 Budget) by title only, seconded by Councilman Voris, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the second reading of Ord. 18-1366 as presented, seconded by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Councilman Martin moved to adopt Ord. 18-1366 as presented, seconded by Councilman Voris, all in favor. Ordinance 18-1366 is ratified as presented. Councilman Martin moved to read Ord. 18-1368 (2018 Appointed Salaries) by title only, seconded by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Councilman Martin moved to accept the second reading of Ord. 18-1368 as presented, seconded by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Councilman Martin moved to adopt Ord. 18-1368 as presented, seconded by Councilman Voris, all in favor. Ordinance 18-1368 is ratified as presented. The committee manager for the city’s Title VI policy updates presented Ordinance 232 from INDOT going the city 20 business days to approve a list of items that need to be updated. This end date is November 9th of 2018. Trick or treat will occur on Saturday, October 27th from 5-7 p.m., with a costume contest for all ages at the Community Center hosted by the Lion Club. Councilman Vigil moved to accept Ord. 18-1367 as presented, seconded by Councilman Martin, all in favor. It was determined that there will be more consultation with a city council approves anything additional. Also he mentioned that he was selling to attend a conference by INDOT regarding Title VI training. There was no opportunity for public comment and there are sufficient funds to cover this out of 2019 budgeting. He also mentioned that anyone could attend the training.

Audience: A resident described some of the outreach that the police department has planned for the week of October 8th. Councilman Vigil moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

Recently, the Paulding SWCD held its 69th Annual Banquet with Supervisor Election “A Community Conservation Celebration.” The community came out to celebrate a year’s worth of many great accomplishments for the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District in the areas of environmental assistance, educational programming, nutrient management, education, and overall district achievements. The evening began with the election of supervisors with two can candidates running unopposed.

The evening’s audience had the opportunity to see the achievements and activities of the Paulding SWCD by watching a highlight reel and a high-light booklet. Conservation is just one of the many ways in which the Paulding SWCD reaches out to serve the people of Paulding County. Our office has a variety of programs that are offered to youth in all the school districts within Paulding County. Programs are offered to adult groups, 4-H clubs, and many more! Topics include: ecosystems, geology, soils, water quality, forestry, and wildlife to name a few. In 2018, our office gave 278 presentations to school or adult groups and groups for a total reach of 5,204 people. In addition to classroom visits to Paulding County schools, we also had field trips to the Black Swamp Nature Center. We had students from Paulding Elementary School, Paullding 4th Grade, and Boy Scouts take part in nature center scavenger hunts/tours. Our annual 5th grade field trip to the Nature Center was brought in nearly 300 students from across Paulding County. Many other programs throughout 2018 were also busy at the Black Swamp Nature Center and Paulding County Fairgrounds.

The Paulding SWCD was also busy at the Black Swamp Nature Center throughout 2018 with several improvements made to the area. The back driveway was paved, part of the property thanks to Loop Paving of Cecil. Landscaping was done in the Nature Center Building and road sign. Trails were cut back around the enjoyment of the trail system. A pollinator prairie garden is also in the progress on the lawn of the Nature Center with more to be seen as 2019 approaches. Creek bank stabilizations are also being worked on by Bob Williamson on the walls of the main hall in the Nature Center Building. The park kiosk was updated with current information and an educational display. It has been developed for visitors to be informed about the Nature Center’s features.

In the area of technical assistance, a majority of the time was dedicated to drainage concerns. Currently, projects are in the works on Rockford Ditch in Lebanon Township, John Russell Ditch in Jackson Township, Truett Valley Ditch in Latty Township, Road 87 in Paulding Township, and a railroad ditch in the village of Broughton. The office is also working on a few grassed waterway projects and in stalling a few blind inlets along with cost-share payments for solutions. Staying afloat, Paulding SWCD paid out $255,495.28 in cost-share payments for conservation practices to the landowners of Paulding County. Coming soon to the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District is a new 8 acres of land. Thanks to a grant received from the US Environmental Protection Agency the grant will cover costs to purchase the land and tool, in addition to costs associated with running the tool. Stay tuned for further updates on this project or call the office if you have any further questions.

The Ditch Maintenance division of the SWCD office was quite busy in 2018 as well taking upon many projects. The Ditch Maintenance division maintains approximately 277 miles of ditches throughout Paulding County. They perform annual inspections of ditches as well as daily maintenance to include such duties as vegetation management, erosion control, and dipout and reconstruction. In 2018, they cleaned 15.75 miles of ditches, cleared 5 miles of brush, and hauled 5.88 tons of quarried rock used for bank stabilization. Control structures at 14 sites were repaired, including rock chutes, bank stabilization, and berm drains.

Prior to the intermission for the evening, the Ed- ucator of the Year Award was handed out. This year’s recipient is Mrs. Katie Scharf, first grade teacher at Antwerp Elementary School. Katie has been a great friend to the Paulding SWCD educators and holds us in her classroom each year to teach her students about the great outdoors and to enrich her curriculum. Students are always eager to learn and have great discussions on each topic. In addition, the first grade class of Mrs. Kaitlin Scharf taught their students about the importance of instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important value instilling the important 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OHIO CITIES SIGN AGREEMENT ALLOWING AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TESTING MAY MOBILITY SHUTTLE

COLUMBUS, Ohio — When it comes to testing autonomous and connected vehicles, Ohio is everywhere. The state offers the variety of conditions and locations for testing. Gov. John Kasich, executive director of DriveOhio.

“Autonomous Vehicle Technology can connect these companies with communities that want to serve as a testing site. When municipalities participate in the program, DriveOhio provides assistance to ensure the site can be located in Ohio. The state already has an unparalleled combination of assets from its collaborative environment and well-mainained infrastructure in the four seasons climate and exceptional research and educational institutions that make it an ideal location for researching, testing and deploying autonomous and connected vehicles. In addition, Gov. Kasich signed an executive order earlier this year by creating DriveOhio, a one-stop shop for researchers, developers and entrepreneurs to collaborate on autonomous and connected vehicle initiatives.

“Maintaining a lead ship role nationally and globally as a testing ground is in the state’s best interest,” Kasich said.

In serving as testing sites for autonomous and connected vehicle technology, Athens, Columbus, Dublin, Marysville have signed an agreement, to test autonomous and connected vehicles along with other smart mobility infrastructure.

The City of Springboro is close to finalizing an agreement. Several other municipalities across the state of Ohio are investigating the benefits and opportunities that exist in several areas.

DriveOhio provides assistance and locations for researchers, developers and entrepreneurs that can communicate with dedicated short-range units that can communicate with 1,200 vehicles with onboard units that can communicate with dedicated short-range units that can communicate with 1,200 vehicles with onboard units that can communicate with 1,200 vehicles with onboard units that can communicate with 1,200 vehicles with onboard units that can communicate with 1,200 vehicles with onboard units that can communicate with 1,200 vehicles with onboard units.

Pilot programs have already been initiated and connected vehicles have been tested.

The program gives companies involved in smart mobility an opportunity to locate in Ohio. The state already has an unparalleled combination of assets from its collaborative environment and well-mainained infrastructure in the four seasons climate and exceptional research and educational institutions that make it an ideal location for researching, testing and deploying autonomous and connected vehicles.

REp. REIDEl VOTES FOR “HEARTBEAT BILL”

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (D-Defiance) voted in favor of House Bill 258, otherwise known as the “Heartbeat Bill.” If signed into law by the Governor, it will put in place some of the nation’s strongest protections for human life.

The Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio estimates that the legislation could save the lives of nearly 200 children annually in the state. The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Matt Lunsford (R-Marlboro Township) and Rep. Rand Hood (Ashtabula), generalizes to a point at which pregnancy is from performing an abortion once the unborn child’s fetal heartbeat is detected. While specific times can vary, fetal heartbeats in children are usually detected around six weeks.


Exceptions exist in the bill to protect the life and safety of the mother and other emergency situations. Physi- cians who induce or perform an abortion after a fetal heart- beat has been detected would be subject to a five-degree felony.

The bill also creates the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support, which would be concerned with promoting adoption, as well as informing and educating about available options for adoption.

House Bill 258 now awaits consideration in the Ohio Senate.
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PULLED INTO LIBRARY'S CHILDREN'S ROOM; SANTA TO BE IN ATTENDANCE!

POLAR EXPRESS

Do you believe? All aboard the Polar Express! The Children's Room at the historic Carnegie library in Paulding will be hosting a holiday-themed family evening with a celebration of The Polar Express on Thursday, December 6th from 6:00 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. This contemporary children's classic was written and illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg and published by Houghton Mifflin in 1985. The book was awarded the Caldecott Medal in 1986 and has been the backdrop for children's holiday programming ever since.

During this event, children will be light in meeting the conductor who will help them find their way to Santa. Santa will meet with children and give them a special gift. Games, crafts and refreshments will enhance the evening and each child will receive a silver bell (while supplies last).

The Polar Express conductor is pictured with an elf-friend at a Polar Express program held at the Payne Branch Library.

Presenting the check to Post Commander Tim Baume and Financial Officer Norm Meyers are Student Ambassador Advisor, Ray Gibson, and senior student representatives Ethan Geise, Industrial Mechanics (Ottoville), Corbin Contreras, Construction Equipment Technology (Van Wert), Brock Schooley, Construction Equipment Technology (Paulding), and Austin Weyrauch, Precision Machining (Fort Jennings).

The Vantage Student Ambassadors held their annual Veteran's Day fund raiser and sold small flags.

PENGUIN PARTY AT COOPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY!

Cindy Bittinger, Early Intervention Developmental Specialist, reported that 35 kids are currently enrolled in Early Intervention, an increase with eight referrals coming in one month. Early Intervention provides family-centered services for infants and toddlers, from birth to age 3, with a developmental delay, disability or a medical condition likely to result in a delay.

New business included approval of the 2019 calendar, budget and annual contracts. The 2019 budget included a capital improvement increase to replace water lines and the purchase of a transit van. Board meeting minutes can be viewed at www.pauldingpld.com.

SPORTS CARD SHOW

Saturday, December the 8th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Ramada Plaza Center and Travel Hotel (formally the Hotel Fort Wayne) located at 305 E Washington Center Rd (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance with both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies … attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact 260-782-4867 or mcs@cloud.com or on facebook at mcs cards.

ANTWERP'S COMPOST SITE TO CLOSE FOR WINTER MONTHS

The Village of Antwerp’s compost site will close in March of 2019, depending on weather conditions. The site will be open to accept these materials as a result of the storm, in limb and branches fallings. The Village would post the compost site can be re-opened to accept these materials. The Village would post this emergency opening if it occurs. It is anticipated the compost site will re-open in March of 2019, depending on weather conditions.

The Cooper Community Library is hosting a Holiday Penguin Party on Thursday, December 13, 2018, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to decorate Christmas cookies, play games, make crafts, and hear a story by the fireplace. The first 85 children will receive the book, “Little Penguin Gets the Hiccups”, provided by the Ann Sherry Foundation.

Also on December 13, Santa will be arriving at the P tec’s Annual Veteran’s Day Flag Field Sale. The Cooper Community Branch Library was the third branch to open in the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. Opening in 2000 the branch has become the hub and heart of the community, sponsoring programs and events throughout the year. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming events.

VANTAGE STUDENT AMBASSADORS RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION POST

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