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THE "NEW EDITION" AT WEST BEND NEWS



The long awaited arrival of Dean Thomas Klingler has finally come! He was born on October 5th, 2016 at Dupont Hospital in Ft. Wayne, IN. He weighed 7lbs, 1oz. and was 21.5 inches long. His parents are Jason and Sarah Klingler (WBN employee) of

Oakwood, OH. Proud grandparents are Tom and Lisa Klingler of Oakwood, OH, and Judy Tope (and the late Dr. Lonnie Tope) of Paulding, OH. Proud Great Grandma is Lu Lu Belle Klingler of Paulding, OH. Welcome to the world, little man!

FORMER PAULDING COUNTY DEPUTY AUDITOR OWES \$6,263 FOR THEFT

A former Paulding County deputy auditor who pleaded guilty to theft in office in September owes the county \$6,263, according to an audit released today by Auditor of State Dave Yost.

The audit found instances where former Deputy Auditor Meredith Davis cashed customer checks at the county treasurer's office and/or removed cash for personal use. Auditors identified \$5,228 in conveyance fees that were collected but never submitted to the county treasurer or deposited into the county bank
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ANTWERP TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Trick-or-Treat: Saturday, October 29 Trick-or-Treat in the Village of Antwerp will be Saturday, October 29 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Halloween Pa-

rade will line up at 3:15 p.m. at VanCrest Assisted Living. At 3:30 p.m. they will parade over to the Fire Hall for costume judging.

Costumes will be judged by age groups: Little Treats (under 18 months and 18 months to 3 years), 3 winners in each of the two groups;

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LOCAL NON-PROFIT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



Look who's 50! This year, LEARN Resource Center (LEARN) is celebrating 50 years of serving East Allen County, Indiana. LEARN Resource Center originally opened its doors as Eastside Neighborhood Center in River Haven, Indiana in 1966. It was one of the first rural Headstart Programs in Allen County and served residents of Riverhaven and eastern Allen County.

In 1979, Eastside Neighborhood Center was re-named Arthur J. Blaising Social Services for Arthur Blaising, a Riverhaven resi-

dent, who was hired by the Allen County Economic Opportunity Coalition to serve as a liaison between
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STROMSKI 30TH ANNIVERSARY



Joe and Cheryl (Nehls) Stromski, Antwerp, Ohio, were married October 18, 1986 in Dixon, IN.

Both are employed at G.M. in Fort Wayne, IN, have four sons: Anthony, Alex, Adrien

and Joseph and are the proud grandparents of eight.

They will be celebrating their 30 years together with a trip to their favorite vacation spot in January.

COLLEGE FAIR OCTOBER 19TH

The Canterbury College Counseling Department will host a College Fair open to the region Wednesday, October 19, from 6:00 to 7:30

p.m. at the High School, 3210 Smith Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Representatives from more than 50 colleges, universities and scholarship programs will be on site.
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Staff from specialty care units will have booths to talk one-on-one with attendees interested in a specific area of care and will accept resumes and discuss available positions at that time.

Specialty units with booths and tour opportunities during the showcase include: • Intensive care • Lutheran Children's Hospital • Medical/surgical • Neurosciences • Telemetry/heart failure • Surgery

Light refreshments will be provided. Free parking is available in the adjacent south parking garage.

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ANTWERP, OH

Pearl Bok, 76, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, October 13, 2016 at Indiana University Health Center. Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp assisted her family.

LUTHERAN INVITES NURSES TO EXPLORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITH STAFF AND PHYSICIANS AT CAREER SHOWCASE

Lutheran encourages current registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and upcoming graduates seeking a rewarding career in patient care at Lutheran Hospital to participate in a RN & LPN Fall Showcase on Thursday, October 20, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital. Lutheran currently has openings for compassionate applicants with a desire to serve the community in a team-based environment.

The open house will begin at 3:00 p.m. with formal introductions starting at 4:00 p.m. Attendees can meet nurses and physicians throughout the open house and listen to brief presentations. The showcase will take place in Lutheran Hospital's south lobby, located in Medical Office Building Two, 7910 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Reservations are appreciated and simply completed online by October 19 at Lu-



(seated) Diane Hunter Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, (standing) Harold Gerig Member, Loretta McCann Member, Wayne McCann Member, Douglas Peconge Asst. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Community Programming Mgr., Gloria Gerig President — Woodburn Com. Hist. Soc., Helen Frost Author of children's Book "Salt" (1812 History).

MIAMI INDIANS VISIT WOODBURN

The Woodburn Community Historical Society met Thursday, September 22, at the Woodburn Library. The meeting was opened by Pres. Gloria Gerig, who welcomed the speakers who included 2 spokespersons for the MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA, Diane Hunter, Preserv. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Doug Peconge, Asst. Tribal Preserv. Officer & Community Programming Mgr.

Their office is in the Cultural Resource Extension Office that the Miami Tribe opened last year in Fort Wayne. The speakers spoke in Myaamia, the native language of the Miami people, for a greeting. There are about 500 Miami Indians or Miami Tribal citizens in NE Indiana at this time.

The Hist. Soc. Meeting was set aside after the Pledge to the Flag to the United States of America was said by all who were present. Also present was author of the children's book, "Salt", Helen Frost. It was written about the 1812 historical era and the times covered when the Miami Indians were struggling in the Three Rivers area. This book can be taken out of the library on loan or can be purchased through local book stores. She has written other literature along the same line.

The program given by Diane Hunter presenting the MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA was a slide program as well as covering life around 1812. "The domestic life during that time had many changes. Myaamionki means the land of the Miami. In the mid 1600s there were major changes: the Europeans came, along with their diseases, their goods, their people, their trades and tools, metal cooking pots, cloth, and sewing tools."

"By 1812 men and women still had very distinct roles. Men were hunters (they did not hunt buffalo in Indiana at this time) they did the trading, and spear fishing.

Men were responsible for making war and peace. There was a War Chief and a Civil Chief who was "chosen" in each village. Many knew more than one language (French, English, Spanish, etc.).

Women did cooking. They did the net fishing. Women stayed in the village with the children. It was the norm that women chose their own war and civil chiefs of villages.

By 1860 the Miami women were voting beside the Indian men. (White women did not have voting rights in this country until 1920).

(A slide of a "Wiikiaami" but was shown). This was a dome-shaped hut; it was covered with mats woven from cattail reeds. Women also made baskets and clothes.

The Indian men did the trading, many times trading for tools that the women used to make things they needed, such as clothing or food. The Indian women were farmers. There were huge cornfields in this area when soldiers came here in the early days. Each family had their own gardens. They grew beans, squash, and melon. Melon was dried to eat in the winter as well as other fruits and berries.

The women would make the Indian corn into flour. The Indian men would take the flour to trade. The corn was not to be sold, but the flour was.

Cattle and pigs were traded. In 1812 food was traditional and limited. However, metal pots and pans made it easier for the Native Americans to cook.

The Native American women were responsible for making and decorating the clothes and wearing apparel (Buffalo robes). Paints were used and "Diamond Patterns" portrayed on their belongings (as well as animal and Nature patterns by other Indian tribes.)The Diamond Pattern was unique to the Miami.

In the mid 1700, trade items with the Europeans included silk ribbons. By 1812 this was popular as a "Diamond Pattern" as these ribbons were shown sewn onto

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only he will release my feet from the snare."

—Psalm 25:14-15

Indian clothing, cut and folded with the "ribbon work" put on everything from leggings to moccasins. (The speaker showed an old picture of her great-grandparents wearing garments with ribbon work on them). This "Ribbon Work" became a fine art for their "Good Finery". This would be clothes worn to a treaty-signing or other very special places. It was sold and now it is in museums. Now it is a lost art (until the 1990's). There are now "Ribbon Shirts" (Miami) that have a distinctive pattern - "Myaamia".

Speaker: Asst. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer — Doug Peconge

"On the Political and Military views of the "Myaamia" (Miami) Native Americans at the Treaty of Greenville. Rarely are the Native American views shared. The Miami and Delaware people lived on the Wabash River by Peru, Indiana. The Americans thought all of the Indians were bad. By moving away from the conflict, they felt they would be avoiding war.

However, the Americans attacked their villages. The Native Americans went to council at Peru, Indiana. They wanted to pick up the war club. (He showed what a "war club" looked like). The attackers could not really tell the difference between the Indian tribes.

At this time in the program a question was asked: Which tribe of Indians WAS the most threatening to the Americans, white people or British forces? (At that time these tribes were or had been in the area: Ottawa, Miami, Shawnee, Delaware, or Potawatomie.)

The answer was: "All Native Americans were considered enemies".

Then there was the GREENVILLE TREATY-SIGNING. The Treaty of 1840 was the beginning of the end to go to Kansas. The "Trail of Tears" began its march. Many of the Miami Indians from Indiana went out of Indiana by Canal boat to St. Louis and on to Kansas. (Some of them stayed around the Peru, Indiana area.). A small fragment even worked for the Peru circus that houses there for their winter quarters.

Eventually the group that went west ended up in Oklahoma. In 2016, they are now the Miami Tribe that owns Miami Nation Enterprises "MNE", their economic division. It is a regular government. In 2016 Doug Langford was the "chief". There is a Gen.

Council Meeting one time per yr. There is tribal police, a pre-school, gambling casinos, movie theater. Language classes are being taught; Dances and Native Dances are held. There is story telling in the WINTER. There are camps for the young people. There are games for the young people (Lacrosse) that are centuries old."

There is now a "Cultural Resources" Extension Office in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. There are about 500 Miamis living in NE Indiana presently. This office is located at 10901 Trentman Rd. (near 469) Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46816. For more info contact this address.

Speakers were thanked by Pres. Gerig. The next meeting will be Oct. at the Community Bldg. Meeting closed.

—Submitted by Caroline Zimmerman, Secretary

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Animals, 3 winners; Monsters and Hairy Scaries, 3 winners, Cartoon, Movie and TV characters, 3 winners; Pirates, Witches, Ghosts and Devils, 3 winners; Angels and Princesses, 2 winners; Cowboys, Cowgirls and Indians, 1 winner; Disney and Storybook characters, 3 winners; Miscellaneous one, 3 winners; Miscellaneous two, 3 winners; Gypsies, Tramps and Political Parties; One Grand Prize Winner

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10/19 - Pork cutlet, herbed potatoes, green beans, pineapple salad, dinner roll, fruit & grain bar, milk
 10/20 - Hot dog, baked beans, california blend, applesauce, yogurt, milk
 10/21 - Meatloaf, hash-brown bake, Scandanavian blend, ambrosia, dinner roll, rice krispie treat, milk
 10/24 - Spaghetti w/meat-sauce, tossed salad, hot cinnamon apples, garlic bread, milk
 10/25 - Pork cutlet, sweet potatoes, Normandy blend, orange juice, w.w. bread, lemon pudding, milk

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 10/19 - 10/25

10/19 - 90+ birthday & anniversary celebration; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Ohioans Home Health presentation after lunch; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.
 10/20 - Blood Pressure & Toe Nail Clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Penny Pitch with Meadows of Kalida at 12:00 p.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; Evening meal and square dancing at 5:00 p.m.
 10/21 - Commodity Distribution at 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 10/24 - "Shedding Pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.
 10/25 - Euchre 9:45 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 p.m.; Trivia with Nocole at 12:00 p.m.

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DRINKING HABITS TO APPEAR AT OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS.

Play review by Lacy Allen
 Directors Dan Bulau and Amy Schoppell have comedy gold in this year's production of Drinking Habits by Tom Smith.

The sisters of Perpetual Sewing and Convent have a problem... and it's enough to drive one to drink.

A declaration has been made that any convent not of "consequence" will be closed, so the sisters take matters into their own hands to protect the place they call home... even if it's just three... or six of them.

Cunning Sister Augusta (played by Mary Yackey) and Confessional Sister Philamena (played by Kecia Pontius) have devised a plan to secretly sell wine instead of grape juice to make their convent more profitable, even if it means dragging innocent groundskeeper George (played by Daniel Sanderson) into their scheme. But someone's wine has just won a half million-dollar prize, spurring reporters Paul and Sally (played by Matt Krol and Amy McConn) to the steps of the convent in search of the mysterious winner. As Paul (Krol) and Sally (McConn) go under cover as Father Paul and Sister Mary Mary, things get even more twisted with news that not only will there be a new arrival at the convent, but that the Cardinal is sending spies around to infiltrate and determine what convents will be closed.

With the arrival of Sister Mary Catherine (played by Kelly Smith), even the level-headed Father Chenille (played by Steve Bricker) is doubting the intentions of all the new arrivals.

With a Mother Superior (played by a perfectly stern Jewell Kurtz) who is against drinking, so much so that even the word is banned at the convent, and the threat of closure looming over

21ST CENTURY VISITS THE GARDENS OF PAULDING



Paulding Elementary's 21st Century after school program recently enjoyed a visit to The Gardens of Paulding. During the visit the children worked together with the residents to complete a wreath of thanks. The children also wrote letters and shared an ice cream

bar with the residents before they came back to the school to complete their homework. This 21st Century program is in its second year at Paulding Elementary and currently has 41 students attending for homework help, tutoring, and hands-on learning activities.

GOOD EARTH RUN SUPPORTS HOSPICE FUND



The Good Earth Health Food Shoppe in Van Wert celebrated 40 years of business, partnering with CHP Hospice on a 5K/10K run-walk on Aug. 27, to benefit the local hospice agency's patient care fund.

On Tuesday, October 11th, Deb Ford, owner of the Good Earth, presented the event's proceeds to Kim Mason, CHP volunteer coordinator. Also present were (L-R) Karla Laukhuf, Chalmer Huston, Cheryl Schaffner, Neil Ham-

mons and Karen Hammons. The Good Earth Run 5K/10K drew around 160 participants and included a celebration with food and music following the run. As a community-based, nonprofit organization, CHP works with local families regardless of financial situation. Its patient care fund helps to offset costs in cases where Medicare or insurance doesn't cover all the charges incurred for hospice services.

their heads, the sisters of the convent will do just about anything to keep the doors open... even if it means covering up their own "sins" with a little lie....

As the lies get bigger, the cover-ups bolder...it's hard to tell who's who in this twisted tale of mistaken identities, speculated spies, and behind the scene secrets.

Can the girls keep the cork in their secret, or is their cover and livelihood blown? Come See for yourself!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of their performances on Friday & Saturday October 21st & 22nd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at the Van Wert County Senior Center (220 Fox Road, Van Wert, OH). A buffet style meal provided by Romer's Catering from Saint Henry, OH will be served starting at 7:00 p.m. and the show will begin at 8:00 p.m.

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 10/19 - 10/25

Breakfast:
 10/19 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
 10/20 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk
 10/21 - Cinnamon roll, juice, milk

10/24 - Ham & cheese ripper, juice, milk

10/25 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

Lunch:
 10/19 - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, dinner roll w/butter, chocolate chip cookie, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR Variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

10/20 - Walking taco w/ meat, cheese & iceberg lettuce, corn, refried beans, goldfish, crackers, assorted juices, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR Variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

10/21 - Pepperoni pizza, romaine lettuce salad w/ dressing, carrot sticks, assorted canned and fresh fruits, milk; ALSO Chef salad OR Variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

10/24 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, baked beans, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO Chef salad OR Variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

10/25 - chili soup, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, carrot & celery sticks, elf grahams, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR Variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

(Continued from Page 1) the organization and Riverhaven residents. Later "Social Services" would be changed to "Community Center" to reflect the agency's purpose and programs.

In 2005, the name was changed again to East Allen Family Resource Center as a way to let people know the agency aimed to serve the entire East Allen community, not just the citizens of Riverhaven. However, so many people thought the organization was part of the East Allen County School system that the organization began doing business as LEARN Resource Center to eliminate confusion in 2012.

Over 50 years, LEARN Resource Center has offered many services including: preschool and school-age programs, GED preparation, clothing and food banks, and adult computer and job training programs. Today, LEARN serves elementary aged children in East Allen County Schools. It offers before and after school programs for children at New Haven Primary, New Haven Intermediate, and Heritage Elementary. The programs aim to provide children with a safe place to play and learn while their parents are at work. LEARN works to enrich the learning and well-being of children and their families by promoting personal, social and educational development for a lifetime.

LEARN Resource Center also operates a summer program that takes place at Grace Gathering church. The summer program is designed to prevent the learning gap that often occurs for students in the summer. The program lasts from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and the children receive breakfast, lunch and a snack. The staff plans theme weeks with activities that keep the kids busy all day long.

Even though the programs offered through LEARN are viewed as childcare to some, they are much more than that. Children receive homework help, social engagement and enrichment opportunities. The programs are designed to have a balance of affordability, quality programming and accessibility so parents can have peace of mind when they can't be there for their kids.

Sharon Wilson, Executive Director of LEARN, had been with the Center for nearly twenty of those fifty years, and she would tell you that her passion for the organization comes from knowing that everything is "for the kids." In her experience, Wilson has seen just about everything, and her favorite memories are when she gets the chance to see a student's behavior, social skills, or grades improve because of their participation in the LEARN Program. Wilson says the longevity of

this grassroots nonprofit is truly something special, and she hopes LEARN Resource Center can continue serving the community for many years to come.

LEARN Resource Center is an official 501(c)(3) and the majority of funding for the organization comes from a grant through 21st Century Learning Centers. 21st Century Learning Centers is a national program that supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. Additional funding comes from donations and nominal program fees that are charged to participate in the programs.

In the future, LEARN Resource Center hopes to expand its programs to additional sites, and have the resources to accept more children into its current programs. Additionally, LEARN is establishing a scholarship fund to cover the weekly fees of children who otherwise would not be able to attend program. If you would like to make a donation to the organization to help with these efforts you can do so by going to www.learnresourcecenter.org/donate.

WOODBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OCTOBER MEETING

There will be an October meeting of the Woodburn Community Historical Society at the Community Building on Thursday, October 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This will be a Community sharing meeting of historical items. Please come and share your family history with us.

Some refreshments will be there; if you would like to bring a treat, please do so.

President Gloria Gerig
 1-260-632-5268 Historical Preservation Committee

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sat., October 29th

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UNLIKELY STORIES OF REDEMPTION EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Real-life examples of hope growing out of hopelessness will be explored at Lifetree Café on October 20th, 2016 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Redeemed: A Real-Life Cinderella Story," features interviews with destitute Filipino children whose lives changed dramatically after the children were accepted into a ballet school.

"These are not only human beings who want bread, clothes, and a roof over their head," says Father Rocky Evangelista, a priest who was instrumental in connecting the children with ballet. "These are children who want to change the world."

During the program, participants will have the opportunity to share stories about times they've seen difficult situations redeemed.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at The Bachwell Center, 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, OH. Please park behind the courthouse and enter on Court Street.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual, comfortable setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to First United Methodist Church at 419/238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com.

MESSIAH CHORUS BEING FORMED

Paul Hoverman, director of the biennial Van Wert Community Messiah performance has announced the rehearsal schedule for the volunteer chorus. The first rehearsal will be Saturday, November 5 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church 113 West Central Ave. Van Wert, OH. All other rehearsals will be on Sundays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. beginning with Sunday, November 13. The performance will be Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the First UM Church in Van Wert.

A volunteer chorus of approximately 75 singers joins a professional chamber orchestra and four professional soloists. Anyone high school age and older wishing to sing in the chorus is invited to attend the first rehearsal. The ability to sing in tune and the desire to be a part of a wonderful musical and Christmas tradition are the only re-

quirements. Music books are available for those who do not have their own copy. Those who own their own copy are encouraged to bring them. It is highly recommended for singers to attend the majority of rehearsals.

The Van Wert community tradition of a Messiah performance dates back to pre-WWII years. Since 1992, it has been a biennial tradition. Hoverman will be conducting his eleventh performance of Messiah. The December performance will include Part I as well as The Trumpet Shall Sound, Worthy is the Lamb/Amen, and the Hallelujah Chorus.

The performance is sponsored by The Van Wert County Foundation in cooperation with First United Methodist Church in Van Wert. Any questions may be directed to paulhoverman@gmail.com.

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!' When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him - and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you well.'" Luke 17:11-19 (NIV).

Gratitude is a quality that is in short supply these days. While not everyone is guilty of gross ingratitude, many people fail to be thankful for the many good gifts they receive each day. Between God's gifts and their response lies a gratitude gap.

"A society that feels entitled to what it receives does not adequately express gratitude," observes Robert Emmons, a professor of psychology. "We believe the universe owes us a living." When we feel entitled to health, food, shelter, clothing, money and work, we don't pause to thank God for being the source of

PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE TO HOST TRUNK OR TREAT



On October 26th Paulding Church of the Nazarene will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat. The event will take place from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 210 Dooley Drive, Paulding. Come for a fun and safe trick or treat experience. Free hot dogs and chips will also be provided. If the weather does

what we need for life. Instead of being deeply grateful for what we have, we complain that we do not have more. The gratitude gap is an empty expanse of not giving thanks.

On the whole, we have developed blindness to our blessings. We've come to see the good things of life as an entitlement instead of a gift, and we've lost the sense of wonder and surprise that gives birth to true thankfulness. "I think when we recognize that we are being given a gift, we feel joy," says John Sandel, a pastoral psychotherapist in Milford, Connecticut, "and gratitude is the experience that flows from this joy."

Sandel counsels individuals to understand and practice gratitude as the one quality that can make a person truly happy. But many people have the sense that material goods are the key to happiness. And that they deserve them.

The gratitude gap will grow smaller when we realize how fortunate we are. This does not mean that we will not encounter illness, hardship and failure, but as people who stop to give thanks, as the tenth leper did, we will find ourselves better able to make the most of the life that God has given us. Life doesn't become perfect when we pause to give thanks. But clearly, as Jesus said, an attitude of gratitude can make us well.

BIRDSALL TO SPEAK AT MELROSE UMC

Story of redemption, from being raised in a Christian home to a life of alcohol and drugs to spending over 3 years in prison to being totally being set free from the inside out.

Mr. Dave Birdsall will be bringing a message on his life of alcohol addiction and his time in prison on October 23 at the Melrose United Methodist Church. Worship time is 10:30 a.m.

The public is invited to attend. Melrose is located on State Route 613 just west of Oakwood, Ohio at 712 State Street Melrose, Ohio

CELEBRATE THAT IS THE WORD FOR THE COMING YEAR AT MT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS) IN ANTWERP

The congregation is planning what they have termed the "50/500" for the year 2017: celebrating fifty years at the current church location and 500 years of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther. (See Lutheranreformation.org).

not cooperate the event will be held inside. The church has worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays, a teens' service Sundays at 6:00 p.m., and children's program and prayer meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Call 419-399-3932 for more information.

The present church building located at 3497 County Rd. 424 in Antwerp was dedicated in September 1967, twenty-eight years after the congregation's first Christmas Eve Service in Antwerp in 1939.

A re-dedication service at the church with a fellowship meal at Grant's Catering Hall in Antwerp will be held on September 17, 2017. All present and past members of the congregation and friends in the community are invited to help celebrate on that day. The occasion will include attendance of former pastors, special music from Concordia Seminary and recognition of the "firsts" in the building: baptisms, confirmations, marriages, etc. Call the church office to reserve your ticket.

In September a year of celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation began which will culminate on October 31, 2017. A video series on Martin Luther continues every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. through the fall. (see LutheranHour-Ministries.org). On October 30, 2016, the congregation will be learning about the Luther Rose designed by Martin Luther: Look for the Rose displayed as window clings on vehicles and homes around Antwerp.

Special services are planned throughout 2016-17. These will be held at the regular worship time of Sundays at 10:15 a.m. These dates include November 6, 2016 with the Chamber Choir from Concordia High School and a fellowship meal; the 77th Christmas Eve service on December 24, 2016; Mission Sundays on January 29 and April 30, 2017 and the Lutheran Men of Song on June 25 with a picnic after.

The congregation has had a head start with its celebration. For Antwerp's Day in the Park, the church created a parade float and sponsored a walking taco stand; held worship at Riverside Park in August; sponsored a chicken barbeque for the community in September and will have a Family Fun Night on October, 23. A service event is in the planning for October 29.

Rev. Derek Evans is Pastor of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church "proclaiming a changeless Christ in a changing world." Christian Education for all ages is Sunday mornings at 9:15 with Worship at 10:15. Communion is celebrated the first and third Sunday of each month. Bible Study is each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. with Catechism during the school year on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

NOAH'S ARK FUND SUPPLIES ITEMS FOR HOSPICE CENTER



Generous donations collected at the CHP Hospice dinner/auction in April are enabling the Noah's Ark Fund at Van Wert Area Inpatient Hospice Center to purchase items to benefit hospice patients and families during their stay at the center.

Tisha Fast and Tonia Verville, members of the Noah's Ark Fund committee, posed recently with some of the materials purchased through the fund. These include roll away beds, fans, video monitors, games, toys, bird feeders, and other things intended to

make patients and visitors feel more at home.

The Noah's Ark Fund was established in memory of Noah Martin, a 14-month-old child who received care at the hospice center shortly after it opened in 2009. Supported entirely through donations, its goal is to make available comfort measures not typically covered in hospice care.

Van Wert Area Inpatient Hospice Center provides personalized, around-the-clock care focused on comfort at the end-of-life.

IAB FINANCIAL BANK PROMOTES ARNOLD AND FELGER TO ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

iAB is pleased to announce promotion of Joel Arnold to Assistant Vice President, Agribusiness Officer and Nicholas Felger to Assistant Vice President, Business Banking Officer.

Joel Arnold is now an Assistant Vice President, Agribusiness Officer with proven experience in the partnership opportunities between farming operations and iAB agribusiness banking. Arnold is a graduate of Indiana Institute of Technology and was raised working on the family farm. He works out of iAB's Warren office and enjoys learning from his customers as well as finding news ways to help them grow their farming business. Outside of his work with iAB, he volunteers with the Warren

Chamber of Commerce and Hope Missionary Church, and enjoys spending time outdoors with family and friends.

Nick Felger has also been promoted to Assistant Vice President and serves as a Business Banking Officer, working from iAB's Dupont office. Nick attended Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne and has over 25 years experience in the financial services industry. He looks forward forming true and long-lasting partnerships with his clients in his role as a business banker. In his spare time, Nick enjoys spending time with his family.

iAB Financial Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Independent Alliance Banks, Inc., is one of the largest locally-owned community banks in the area and employs approximately 270 people throughout Allen, Huntington, Marshall and Wells counties.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I submit this letter in support of Michael Wehrkamp for Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Judge. I have gotten to know Michael over the past several years, and I believe he is just what our county needs at this time. Michael has a vision for improving the court and its services to Paulding County's taxpayers. He shared this vision with me, and it was refreshing to hear. Among other things, Michael feels strongly about establishing a relationship between the juvenile court and the county's school districts. As a parent, grandparent, and former school board member, I firmly believe this sort of partnership would pay dividends for our county's students and the community at large.

Michael has the experience necessary to tackle the most pressing challenges facing our county's families and children. In his position as a judicial attorney at the Ohio Third District Court of Appeals, he works closely with

the judges at the court and works on a variety of cases, including probate and juvenile cases. Working on those cases has impressed upon him how critical it is to be as proactive as possible to help kids stay on the right track and help prevent them from veering off course. This is more than an abstract idea to Michael—it is something he practices on a regular basis. He visits schools and speaks with students about the role of the courts in our form of government. He also mentors an at-risk high school student through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

In speaking with Michael about his decision to run for probate/juvenile judge, it is evident that he did not take the decision lightly. He researched the position, including the current state of the Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Court. He and his wife, Laura, gave the decision several months of prayerful thought, and he spoke with those close to him as well as to leaders in our community to gather their input. After all of this, he concluded that the time is now for him to run for probate/juvenile judge. I am pleased that he did. With his experience and values, Michael Wehrkamp will make a very strong judge. I look forward to voting for him in this election. I urge you to do the same.

—Rex L. Williamson
Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

About five months ago, I wrote an article in the West Bend News in response to a private meeting between Obama and Hillary Clinton. The meeting was private and held in the oval office. It lasted for one and one half hours. Although I was not present at the meeting of course, I did render my opinion on what took place and I believe that the events that followed that meeting have proven my assessments to be correct.

I stated that the deal that was struck between the two went as follows: Obama is

concerned about his legacy, of which he has none. I believe Hillary made this deal with him: Keep the F.B.I. and the Department of Justice off my back until after the election and I will carry on of what remains of your administration, i.e. Obamacare and amnesty of more than 5,000,000 illegal immigrants just to name a couple.

Now, follow this, if you might. The only people that could bring charges against Hillary Clinton would be the F.B.I. The F.B.I., of course, is under the auspices of the Department of Justice? The Department of Justice, headed by Loretta Lynch who was appointed by Bill Clinton to be a federal prosecutor in New York, is also an appointee of Obama's. Now, here's the key. Director Jim Comey, head of the F.B.I. was in the pocket of the Attorney General, Loretta Lynch. Loretta Lynch is in the pocket of Obama and when Hillary left the meeting in the White House, she had all three in her pant suit!

Now that Wikileaks has all of John Podestas hacked emails, many things are coming to light. There is proof that the Clinton campaign was in touch with the Department of Justice while she was under investigation. There is proof that Hillary wants compliant citizenry in a "dumbed down America. Hillary stated that, "she has begun to hate every day Americans!" I believe this is why she has a difference between what she says in "private" and what she says in "public".

Her director of communications has demeaned Catholic parents who have their children baptized, she also has demeaned evangelical Christians for numerous things pertaining to their faith. By the way, the Catholic voting block, has since 1972, only missed one presidential election where they voted wrong and that was in the year 2000 when they went for Al Gore. I do believe this election will be a major factor on our religious freedoms. We should take serious care.

One last thing before I close, Donna Brazile, a journalist on the left for MSNBC and CNN gave Hillary a heads up on a question about the death penalty while she was campaigning against Bernie. Ms. Brazile, then became the head of the democratic national committee, replacing Debbie Wasserman Schultz who was conspiring also against Bernie. Go figure.

Consider where America is today. Are we better off than we were eight to ten years ago? Instead of being stuck in the mire, shouldn't we stand up together and move forward?
—Kenny Barnes
Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Benefits of zoning: Improve the public health, safety, convenience and welfare of its citizens. Plan for the future development of communities to the end that transportation systems be carefully planned. Develop new community centers with adequate highway, utility, health, educational, and recreational facilities.

Recognize the need for mineral resources and the needs of agriculture, indus-

try and business in future growth.

Provide residential areas with healthy surroundings for family life.

Preserve agricultural and forestal land.

Assure that the growth of the community is consonant with the efficient and economical use of public funds.

Provide for adequate light, air, convenience of access, and safety from fire, flood, impounding structure failure, crime and other dangers.

Reduce or prevent congestion in the public streets.

Facilitate the creation of a convenient, attractive and harmonious community.

Facilitate the provision of adequate police and fire protection, disaster evacuation, civil defense, transportation, water, sewerage, flood protection, schools, parks, forests, playgrounds, recreational facilities, airports and other public requirements.

Protect against the destruction of or encroachment upon historic areas.

Protect against the overcrowding of land, undue density of population in relation to the community facilities existing or available, obstruction of light and air, danger and congestion in travel and transportation, or loss of life, health, or property from fire, flood, panic or other dangers.

Encourage economic development activities that provide desirable employment and enlarge the tax base.

Provide for the preservation of agricultural and forestal lands and other lands of significance for the protection of the natural environment.

Protect approach slopes and other safety areas of licensed airports, including United States government and military air facilities.

Promote the creation and preservation of affordable housing suitable for meeting the current and future needs of the locality as well as a reasonable proportion of the current and future needs of the planning district within which the locality is situated.

So why would it be smart to repeal zoning in Auglaize Township? Who in their right mind would want zoning repealed? Only those who want to make the township a junk yard, or cause neighbors' property to lose value.
—Keith Foster
Oakwood OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wehrkamp Has Integrity, Vision Needed to be Judge

When I drive around and see all the political signs or hear the many political ads on the TV and radio, I choose to think - how fortunate and blessed we are to live in America where we have the freedom to vote for the people we feel would be the best leaders for our community and country. Every vote counts and this is a freedom we should all celebrate by voting. On November 8th, I urge all Paulding County voters to support Michael Wehrkamp for judge of our probate/juvenile court.

I worked for many years in Children's Protective Services and I saw first-hand the impact that a probate/juvenile judge has on the lives of children and families. For that reason, it is imperative that a probate/juvenile judge be very knowledgeable, conscientious and hard-working to do what

is best for our county's court cases. I have known Michael Wehrkamp for 20 years and I feel he possesses all these necessary, important qualities. When he talks about his vision for this county, there is a passion in his voice about what he would do to take a very proactive approach to serving our county's youth.

Michael cares deeply about this community, where he was raised and is now raising his own family. He wants to make positive changes and a difference in the lives of our young people. Michael has many years of experience practicing law and he realizes the importance of establishing a good working relationship with all of the community agencies, organizations and schools. As judge, he would work with the community leaders to ensure that everything possible is being done to assure our youth that we care about them, they have worth and we are willing to invest in their future.

We are indeed privileged to vote for a person with the genuine integrity of Michael Wehrkamp, as Paulding County's Probate/Juvenile Judge.

—Rhonda E. Smalley
Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I want people who read this to understand that I am not against all Republicans. I used to be a Republican for many years, until I saw their direction they took. Take our mis-Representative Bob Latta and our non-functioning Senator Rob Portman. With all the things Donald Trump has done publically to embarrass their party, these 2 have stood by completely idle, and must agree 100% with what their presidential candidate has said in public and private! Not 1 word from either one on the way Trump has spoken of minorities, women, other religions, our veterans, and all the rest! Not 1 word on how it takes 66% majorities in the House and Senate, and a majority of states to do away with the 2nd amendment, something Trump keeps saying Hillary Clinton will do away with! They are the ones who would make that decision, not Hillary Clinton! Trump says he'd take all the union employees out of their jobs, and threaten to move to the south, or Mexico and China, unless they take huge paycuts! Latta and Portman's statements? Oh I forgot! They said nothing, so they're for it! Attack countries because they're muslim! Bob and Rob...crickets! Cuts in social security and medicare? Bob and Rob.....silence! Outrage for how Trump's carried himself in this election...not a peep! I already

know how mis-Rep. Bob Latta feels about his constituents in Paulding County, by his statement of re-locating residents of Melrose, and flattening it! I'm sure Rob Portman would feel the same if asked for sewer funding for that community! If you like obstruction, wasted money on witch-hunts, people who raise their own pay, and deny a minimum pay raise for those who really could use it, vote against help for our veterans and elderly, not put out an infrastructure or jobs bill in 8 years, then these are your guys! But if you think it's time to replace the problems in Washington, this is where you start! I have heard how bad our country is by both of these guys, but listen... these guys have had control of Washington since 1994! They have been the mis-appropriation of gazillions of tax dollars that have not fixed roads and bridges, but instead have blown it on stupid wars, taxcuts for the rich, and pay companies to take the best-paying jobs out of north-west Ohio! We deserve better! Candidates John Neu and Ted Stricklin deserve a shot to fix a lot of what's been broken in our county and state for a long time! We deserve better!

—Mike Porter
Paulding Co.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear people of Paulding County. It appears that our elected officials need a lesson in Common Sense Budgeting.

Let's say I need to take a plane trip across the country and the ticket is going to cost me \$325 to fly commercially. But I could rent a privet plane for \$900. The private plane would allow me to skip those long security lines at the airport and I could fly directly to my destination without any layovers - those are nice benefits. However I'm on a budget and have many other financial obligations (house payment, utility costs, weekly groceries, college costs for my kids, etc. Since I only have so much money to spend does it really make sense for me to spend \$900 to get to my destination when I could get there for \$325? Probably not.

The voters of Paulding County face a similar question this November related to the Paulding County Jail proposal. Currently we pay ~\$325,000 each year to house inmates in neighboring county jails. There is a proposal on the ballot that will raise our property taxes in order to generate ~\$600,000 in additional tax dollars for the county to be used to re-open our own county jail. If you add the \$600,000 of new money to the \$325,000 of what we are currently spend-

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SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 3: STILL HERE AT GOTHENBURG

By: Stan Jordan

Here we are at the Goatville Pony Express station. We have had rain, sleet and blowing snow since right after noon. We are alright, the express rider (Luke) came in around four hours late, nearly froze to death and covered with sleet and ice.

Jim took care of the rider's horse and gear. The agent brought Luke in and laid him on the table. He didn't move a bit. He wasn't dead, but sort of stiff. Callie brought out a thick comforter, and Jim and I held it in front of the fire until it was very warm. We had stripped the rider of his clothes clean down to his long johns. Then we wrapped him up in the very warm comforter and laid him back on the table. People were rubbing each of his arms and feet to get circulation back. He soon sort of grunted and went off into a heavy sleep.

We just sat around and drank coffee waiting for Luke, the rider, to wake up, come to, or just make a noise. I guess it was about 3:00 a.m. when he started to stir a little. He moved his arms and legs and then opened his eyes and wet his lips and then he said, "I'm hungry." That was good to hear.

We gave him all his clothes and they were dry and warm now. After he dressed he sat down at the table with all of us and he tore into a platter of hot beef stew over biscuits.

Jim made another pot of coffee and all of us sat around that big table. Even though it is very late we wanted to hear why Luke, the express rider, was late.

Luke said, "It was a nice morning when he headed west out of the Express station at Levington. About noon the sky started to look bad." (That

is just what Jim and the others noticed).

Luke said he stopped his horse long enough to rest and refresh himself. He said, "I guess a winter thunderstorm came along as out of the clouds came a crash of thunder that scared my horse and he ran off down the trail towards this place, thank goodness."

"Well, the first hour wasn't too bad because the gravel on the road stuck up through the ice and traveling wasn't to bad. After that walkaway got to be treacherous and not easy at all.

"Boy, was I glad when I could see my horse standing by the road up the trail a ways. He was very scitterly, he was still scared. It took me quite awhile to get up to him and take hold of the harness. I walked and held his halter for the rest of the trip. The freezing rain and cold wind was making my coat very heavy and miserable to walk on the ice. I thought I would collapse before I got to this station. I didn't remember much of the last part. I do remember much of the last part. I do remember seeing the express station looming up in the darkness.

"I am so obliged to all of you folks for taking care of me. I don't remember anything until I woke up laying on the table. That sure was an experience."

It is still snowing outside. Jim said, "Maybe we could be snowed in here for awhile, so maybe we should watch our supplies. Like only have two meals a day. Breakfast around 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. and then supper around 3:00 or 4:00 p.m., but we do have plenty of coffee." All agreed that would be a good idea.

Jim and I went out in the storm and took care of the animals and Luke's Pony Express horse also. We both commented on how the snow is piling up fast.

Jim had been bustling around in the kitchen, outdoors and back again and he said, "If it's all right with you people I will get supper."

He went out to the potato bin and he found six big nice potatoes and stated, "I will fix what cook's call loaded baked potatoes."

Jim put all six of the potatoes on the hearth as close to the fire as he could. He had

CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY



By: Stan Jordan

My desk here at the West Bend News is probably one of the best locations in town. I have a nice window right in front of me that looks over on East River Street, that was remodeled a few years ago and is one of the prettiest streets in town.

I can see all the traffic on S.R. 49 and Old U.S. 24, now called 424. I can watch the farmers go by with their big wagons and trucks going to the elevator. My little corner

is very nice place to be, but it just got better.

My boss, Bryce Steiner, and his son, Jarrison, found this fantastic picture of a bald eagle on the internet, then he printed it on vinyl and the vinyl is adhered to my old glass desk top. This eagle's wing span, on the desk, is over 47 inches from tip to tip.

I am very, very proud of this picture and I am proud to show it to anyone.

See Ya!

gone to his wagon and got a piece of number nine wire about six feet long and bent it into a long u-shape and made a pair of tweezers to turn the potatoes by the fire so they would bake clean through.

Hazel, the station manager's wife, had some dried venison, it looked like beef jerky and Jim took his skinning knife and cut it up as small as he could, like number six shot. Jim took each hot potato and cut from top to bottom length a ridge but left a little on each end so the melted butter wouldn't run out. Every person got a plate with a cut potato on it and Jim set up a line of bowls with hot butter, dried venison, cheese (Callie had made cheese sandwiches for the trip and cut the cheese into small pieces for the potatoes), dill, sage, horseradish, salt and pepper and you filled the baked potato with whatever and how ever much you wanted. Hazel, from her garden, also had some onions chopped up in a bowl if you wanted some.

Everyone was plenty hungry and this huge potato along with Hazel's hot biscuits and coffee, it was fit for a king, and all said so over and over. Jim made another pot of coffee and all sat around the big table and ate, talked and drank coffee until after dark.

Jim looked outside and when he returned he said, "It is still snowing. We are going to be here awhile."

Next week: Still at Gothenburg Pony Express.

See ya!

THE PAULDING COUNTY JAIL

By: Stan Jordan

Quick and to the point. On November 8th, we will vote on many things but one of the most important issues for us is the levy of 1.35 mills for the Paulding County jail.

We already have grounds, the building, a fine sheriff's department and a lot of the jail is already furnished and ready for occupancy. I think it is good business to pass that levy and have our own Paulding County jail.

We had sixteen men and four women in the Putnam County jail and one in the Van Wert County jail, when I last looked into it for writing this. We spend nearly \$400,000 yearly to house and

transport our prisoners to Putnam County. That right there is more than half of our income from the new tax levy of 1.35 mills. That levy will more then support the jail and all of those funds will stay here in Paulding County.

To me, it is just good business to pass that levy on election day and put the Paulding County jail into operation.

See Ya!

A HUGE SNOWY OWL

By: Stan Jordan

I was in the United Methodist Church parking lot last Sunday morning about 9:45 a.m. and up on top of the bell tower was a huge bird. At first I thought it was a young eagle because it was so big, but I know now that it wasn't an immature eagle.

It sat there about a minute and I didn't have a camera or my field glasses. Soon it just fell off to the right and sailed out of sight.

So here now, Monday morning at my desk, looking at my bird book. I know that what I saw was a huge Snowy Owl.

I didn't know they were back in our area again. but this was Snowy Owl. It didn't have any black on it like a young eagle, it was more white than anything.

I am still amazed at the sight of that bird, they are huge. I hope some else sees him. They are more native to Michigan than to here, but that isn't very far away.

See Ya!

SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES OVER 1 MILLION ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Just 28 days ahead of the 2016 Presidential General Election, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that as of Friday, October 7, 2016, an estimated 1,091,188 absentee ballot applications had been received by county boards of elections statewide. This includes 17,300 requests from military and overseas voters whose absentee ballots started going out on Saturday, September 24th. Of those military and overseas ballots, 1,445 have already been returned. Ballots for all other voters started being mailed October 12th.

tion By-the-Numbers

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Absentee ballot applications must be received by boards of elections by noon on Saturday, November 5, 2016, but voters are encouraged to submit their request as soon as possible to ensure sufficient time to complete and return their ballot to the board of elections.

Completed absentee ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election and arrive at the board of elections by the 10th day after Election Day in order to be counted. Ohio is one of only 12 states to allow late-arriving ballots to be counted.

If you have not mailed your ballot prior to election week, the Secretary of State's Office recommends voters take their completed ballot to the post office and request it receive a postage cancellation mark, or return it personally to their county board of elections prior to the close of the polls on Election Day at 7:30 p.m.

To encourage participation in absentee voting by mail Secretary Husted recently mailed applications to voters. Additional information about the statewide mailing is available here. Voters who want to vote by mail may also download an absentee ballot request form at www.MyOhioVote.com.

At this same point in time ahead of the 2012 Presidential General Election, approximately 1,120,682 absentee ballots had been requested (see October 9, 2012 release). That year marked the first-ever statewide mailing of absentee ballot applications and voters who took advantage of this option represented a third of all ballots cast in that election - a record 1.87 million absentee ballots were cast by mail and in person.

LIBRARY TO OFFER ALZHEIMER PROGRAM

The Paulding County Carnegie Library will sponsor the program "Know the 10 Warning Signs: Early Detection Matters" on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the main library. This program, presented by Linda Rae Pollitz, LSW, the Program Manager for the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will cover the basics such as the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, the difference between normal aging and dementia, as well as tips for encouraging brain health.

The program is free to the public. Call 419-399-2032 for more information.

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ing that means we are expecting to spend over \$900,000 each year to run our own jail.

In my personal budget it doesn't make sense to spend \$900 for something I can get done for \$325 - so how can it make sense in the County Budget to pay over \$900,000 to perform a task that we are currently paying only \$325,000? It doesn't! Our elected officials need to be good stewards of our money - spend where we have to spend, but spend wisely. Tripling the cost of housing the inmates of the county is not wise use of our resources.

Voters of Paulding County, I ask you to please hold our elected officials accountable on how they spend OUR money. Hold them accountable and reject the tax levy for the County Jail.

-Jim Reinhart
Antwerp, OH

FRIENDS OF THE PAULDING CHAMBER AWARDED GRANT FOR THE ARTS IN PAULDING

The Friends of the Paulding Chamber are pleased to announce that they have been approved for an Ohio Arts Council Fund Every County Initiative Grant. The OAC is prioritizing work with nonprofit organizations and local governments located in unfunded counties to ensure all Ohians have access to the Arts. The Friends will receive \$8000 several initiatives and events through June 30, 2017.

Downtown Banners are the largest part of the grant. "This is something that we have been working on for some time," said Peggy Emerson, Chamber Director. "The great thing about doing this through the FEC grant is that we are opening the design up to students in Paulding County. We will be announcing our goal to have students develop four sets of banners that will be used around the County Courthouse."

Other things that the grant will support will be a public concert early in 2017, the fourth year of the Summer Concert Series, a local artist show in June, and the potential creation of a piece of public art.

"We will have more information as we get closer to the events, but we wanted to share the great news with people right away," said Emerson. "We will be working with local businesses, organizations and individuals to make this happen. This grant will be a great benefit for our community."

Please watch www.pauldingchamber.com for information about the programs as it becomes available.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL businesses. Their advertising pays for your paper!

Flu Shots

Walk-in, No appointment
Mon., Wed., Thu.
2-4 p.m.
Other times, please call ahead

Thu. Oct. 13
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Antwerp Pharmacy

Wed. Oct. 19
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Cooper Community Library, Oakwood

Thu. Nov. 10
9 - 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Paulding County Senior Center

No Charge: Medicare Part B
Others age 18+: \$30

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250 Dooley Dr., Ste. A, Paulding
(419) 399-4708

Antwerp Conservation Club

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 29TH AND 30TH HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS
Sign up is available at the Ohio DNR website

NOVEMBER 5TH AND 6TH TRAPPER EDUCATION CLASS
Sign up is available at the Ohio DNR website

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*Any member not receiving monthly meeting minutes, please contact Mike Knight (mcknight269@gmail.com) w/ updated email address.

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WOODLAN FFA MEMBERS SOAR



Front L-R: Ellyssa Spieth, Evalyn Spieth, Breanna Allgeier, Ashley VanHorn, Sammy Ringenberg. Back Row L-R: Hannah Bennett, Colton Hathaway, Tori Miller, Alyssa Hubbard

Several Woodlan FFA members recently attended the SOAR conference held at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center. SOAR is an acronym for Seeking Opportunities and Achieving Results. The conference theme was "Soaring To New Heights", that was paired with a roller coaster setting. The students attended the three day conference to receive training on setting goals, team building activities, learning Career Development Events, and having fun learning new FFA opportunities. The conference

concluded with a morning session of reflections, writing happy grams and camp recognition awards. Woodlan FFA members on different camp teams received certificates for their achievements. The following students were recognized: Ashleigh VanHorn and Breanna Allgeier, 2nd place in Parliamentary Procedure and Top Roller Coaster team, Evelyn Spieth, 2nd in quiz bowl and Legendary Coaster Team, Tyler Miller, Most Thriller Coaster Team, and Ellyssa Spieth, Top Investor Coaster Team.

PAULDING & DIVINE MERCY GET THE SCOOP ON COMPOSTING

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District

Recently, students at Paulding Elementary and Divine Mercy Catholic School in Payne turned to the worms and learned all about vermicomposting. The term vermicomposting comes from "vermin" which is the Latin name for worms and then it is combined with composting to get vermicomposting. Vermicomposting is the art of allowing worms to take organic material (fruits, vegetables, leaves, grass, etc.) and turn it into a nutrient rich natural fertilizer that we all can use in our home gardens. The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District has two worm bins that are able to be brought in for presentations.

Students then learned about some of the characteristics of red worms which are the type of worms used in the compost bin. Red worms thrive best in the first several inches of the topsoil directly beneath decaying organic material. Everyone was then asked if worms breathed out of their noses like we do? Worms are able to take in oxygen through their skin! Worms also do not have eyes but utilize sensors on the side of their heads that allow them to detect between light and dark. Red worms do not like light and have an instinct to dig into the soil to get away from the light.

Worms are also living organisms. Students were questioned on the four essential things which all living things need in order to survive which are: food, water, shelter, and space. Red worms used in composting are rather picky eaters on what they like. Students learned that worms

in the Soil & Water Compost bin like to eat vegetable waste such as carrots, lettuce, beans or peas and also non-citrus fruits such as apples, grapes, bananas, plums, peaches, and pumpkin. Composting worms also like to eat crushed egg shells, coffee grounds, tree leaves, and grass clippings. Among the items that composting worms are unable to digest include citrus fruit, meat, dairy, and cooking oil because it is too hard for them to digest.

Once worms digest their food, they have to get rid of their waste and release castings or their poop which is the compost that is received from the worms. It is very high in nutrients and very beneficial for gardens and plants. Students also learned that worms need to stay moist in order to take in oxygen but that too much water in their environment can drown them. Red worms also like to live in colonies and will often congregate around a food source. There can be as many as 1,000 worms in a pound!

Students then received instruction on how they too can have a worm composting bin. All that is needed is two storage totes (12-15 gallon), 4 wooden blocks (4 inches high), soil, shredded paper for bedding, and red worms. Then everyone learned the song "Nobody Likes Me, Guess I'll Go Eat Worms" song and watched a video called "Herman the Worm" to review everything covered. After learning about vermicomposting, students had the chance to observe and handle red worms that are actively turning our food waste into fertilizer.

Each student received their very own worm to handle and were given the task of writing a "Worm Biography" where they gave their worm a name, its color, length, and a few things that their worm likes to eat as mentioned in

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account. "Stealing tax dollars is a bad idea to begin with," Auditor Yost said, "but stealing them from a county auditor is just plain stupid." The audit also noted three instances where Davis incorrectly processed warranty deeds as exempt deeds. Exempt deeds are only assessed a transfer fee, while warranty deeds are also assessed a conveyance fee. As a result, Davis collected \$1,035 in conveyance fees but never submitted the funds to the county treasurer. A \$6,263 finding for recovery was issued against Davis. On September 13, 2016, she pleaded guilty to a fifth-degree felony charge of theft in office. A sentencing hearing was scheduled October 11th at 10:30 a.m.

the presentation. Everyone had the chance to share their story in front of the class with some very creative stories coming from the students!

After the biographies were written, students embarked on a "Worm Relay" where they became birds and were given the task of transporting as many worms (pipe cleaners) into their bird nests (2-liter bottle) using their beaks (clothes pin) in one minute as they possibly could. Two students competed at a time to see who could get the most worms in their nest.

If you would like the "Vermicomposting" presentation for your classroom, group, or organization, contact Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist at the Paulding SWCD at 419-399-4771 or patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org!

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 9/26/16

This 26th day of September, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 227793 through 227862 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 008)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Sheriff's Reserve Fund (Fund 068), to-wit: 068-001-00008/Sheriff's Reserve/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-031)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit: FROM: 001-031-00003/General Fund/Commissioners' Miscellaneous/Contract Services TO: 001-031-00001/General Fund/

Commissioners' Miscellaneous/Postage AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEWING THE PROPERTY INSURANCE APPRAISAL FOR THE PAULDING COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND SELECTING PROPERTY VALUATION WITH RESPECT TO CORSA COVERAGE

WHEREAS, HCA Asset Management has performed an inspection and valuation service for the Paulding County Courthouse and has submitted its restricted appraisal report to CORSA (County Risk Sharing Authority), a risk sharing pool located in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of the appraisal was to express HCA Asset Management's opinion of the property value of the Paulding County Courthouse for insurance purposes only; and

WHEREAS, Replacement Cost includes the cost to repair, rebuild, or replace potential damage to the building with new materials of like size, kind, and quality; and

WHEREAS, Reproduction Cost includes the cost to repair, rebuild, or replace potential damage to the building with material of like kind and quality compatible to those originally used, including the cost of skilled labor and/or authentic materials necessary to restore the property as nearly as possible to its original condition; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby select the Reproduction Cost as the valuation method with respect to CORSA coverage for the Paulding County Courthouse.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 002)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Dog and Kennel Fund (Fund 002); to-wit: FROM:002-001-00006/Dog and Kennel/Workers' Comp TO: 002-001-00007/Dog and Kennel/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$168.75

Overview of Auditor's Monthly Financial Reports

General Fund receipts were \$952,958.23 for August, 2016, which is up \$508,678.63 from July. Large increase is due to second half settlement. 2016 Re-

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2016

The following is work scheduled to occur in the coming week on state highways within the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 which includes the counties of Defiance, Paulding, and Van Wert. For the latest in statewide construction visit www.ohgo.com.

Please contact us at 419-999-6803; rhonda.pees@dot.ohio.gov for information regarding highway construction in the area.

*Note: The highway construction report will not be issued for the week of October 10, 2016. Issuance of the report will resume for the week of October 17, 2016 and will continue each week until Thanksgiving. For the latest in statewide construction visit www.ohgo.com.

Defiance County

Ohio 49 on the south edge of the village of Hicksville will be closed beginning October 3 for four days for a storm drainage installation project. Traffic will be detoured onto U.S. 2, Ohio 18, U.S. 127 and U.S. 24 back to Ohio 49. Work is being performed by Vernon Nagel Inc., Napoleon, for the village of Hicksville.

Ohio 18 eastbound near the Henry County line will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair. Work is being performed by the ODOT Defiance County maintenance garage.

Berm work at various locations on the following routes will restrict traffic through the work zone. Work is being performed by the ODOT Defiance County maintenance garage: Ohio 111; Ohio 66; Ohio 15

U.S. 24 over Krouse Road is reduced to one lane through the work zone beginning August 31 for a slope and shoulder repair project. The project will continue until late fall. Work is being performed by Vernon Nagel Construction, Napoleon.

U.S. 24 throughout Defiance and Paulding County is restricted both eastbound and westbound at various locations throughout the corridor during repair of the concrete pavement. The project will require ramp closures at the interchanges. Work will continue through the

FIRE SAFETY



Oakwood fire dept. visited Oakwood Elementary School on Wednesday, October 12th. Students had the opportunity to learn many things about

fire safety. Shown in front of an Oakwood fire truck are Mrs. Thornell and her third grade students.

ceipts through August are \$4,275,738.76, compared to \$4,065,353.83 for the same time frame in 2015 (up \$210,384.93). General Fund expenses were \$394,959.60 for August, 2016, which is \$20,054.22 down from July. 2016 Expenses through August are \$3,677,992.70, compared to \$3,373,761.76 for the same time frame in 2015 (up \$304,230.94). Real Estate and Mobile Home Conveyance Fees were \$11,838.80 in August, compared to \$14,717.08 in July (down \$2,878.28) and \$10,744.64 in August, 2015 (up \$1,094.16). Sales tax revenue continues to be steady at \$181,916.12 for September, up from August by \$3,603.58; however, down by \$3,370.73 from September, 2015. Sales tax revenue has steadily increased since 2014.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Claudia Fickel, Paulding County Auditor - Ms. Fickel reminded the Commissioners the revaluation and new soil rates (CAUV) are on her website (www.pauldingcountyauditor.com) for the public's convenience. She also confirmed that November is open enrollment for County employee health insurance benefits. The Commissioners noted a 7.2% increase in premiums effective December 1, 2016. Ms. Fickel reported the estimated revenue worksheets are to be completed and returned to her office by this Friday, September 30. The budget commission will meet next week.

Ginny Shrimplin (CCAO/CORSA) and Don Foltz - Ms. Shrimplin presented copies of HCA Asset Management's Property Insurance Appraisal for the Courthouse. The report was prepared for CORSA (County Risk Sharing Authority), Paulding County's liability insurance company. Ms. Shrimplin explained the difference between Replacement and Reproduction costs and the difference in the premiums. (see resolution above)

fall. Work is being performed by Kokosing Construction, Columbus.

Upcoming closures related to the project are currently scheduled as follows:

Weekend ramp closures at the following locations will begin Friday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. and continue until Monday, October 3 at 6:00 a.m.:

Ohio 281 (Domersville Road) entrance ramp to U.S. 24 westbound

Traffic detoured to Elliott Road to the Ohio 66 interchange back to U.S. 24

U.S. 24 eastbound exit ramp to Ohio 281 (Domersville Road)

Traffic detoured to the U.S. 6 interchange and back

U.S. 24 westbound exit ramp to U.S. 127

Traffic detoured onto U.S. 24 west, Ohio 49 to U.S. 24 eastbound back to U.S. 127.

Entrance ramp from U.S. 127 to eastbound U.S. 24

Traffic detoured onto U.S.127 to U.S. 24 westbound to Ohio 49 back to U.S. 24.

U.S. 127 over U.S. 24 near Cecil is now open.

U.S. 127 from the interchange at U.S. 24 to a few hundred feet to the south is now open.

Ramp closures at the following locations have been completed:

Ohio 15/18 entrance ramp to eastbound U.S. 24, U.S. 24 westbound exit ramp to Ohio 15/18

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U.S. 24 eastbound exit ramp to Baltimore Street (County Road 424)

U.S. 127 from the interchange at U.S. 24 to a few hundred feet to the north is now open.

Through November, overnight lane restrictions, generally from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., are possible on I-75 between the I-75/I-475 interchange in Perrysburg and County Road 99 in Hancock County.

Through December, 11-foot lane width restrictions are in place on I-75 between U.S. 20 in Perrysburg and County Road 99 in Hancock County.

Paulding County

Ohio 66 between County Road 201 and County Road 209 near Arthur will close October 3 for four days for a culvert replacement. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 613, Ohio 634, Ohio 15 to Carter Road back to Ohio 66. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

Ohio 500 between the Indiana state line and Ohio 49 is now open.

Ohio 66 south of Ohio 613 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

Ohio 66 just south of Ohio 637 will close October 11 for four days for a culvert replacement. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

Ohio 111 between County Road 115 and County Road 133 will close October 17 for five days for culvert replacements at two separate locations. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

Safe Routes to School project which includes construction of a sidewalk along the north side of Canal Road between Kroos Drive and Harrmann Road, and also along the west side of Harrmann Road between Canal Road and the entrance to the Antwerp School began September 19. The project also includes new curbs, curb ramps, signage and crosswalk markings. The project is not expected to have a significant impact to traffic. The project will continue until late October. Work on the project is being performed

by Vernon Nagel Construction, Napoleon.

U.S. 127 from Jackson Street to Garfield Avenue, and Ohio 111 from Cherry Street to U.S. 127 in the village of Paulding is restricted for a resurfacing, handicap ramp installation and sidewalk project which began the week of September 26. Paving is complete. Within the next few weeks, installation of handicap ramps and sidewalks will begin. The project will continue until late October. Work is being performed by Gerken Paving, Napoleon.

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WARRIORS CLAIM ACAC CHAMPIONSHIP



Woodlan's Jordan Delagrang tackled, just crossing into the end zone, scores the touchdown. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Woodlan struck quick against Adams Central Friday night. But it was a late score by the Warriors that finally sealed a 28-16 win over the Flying Jets along with an undefeated season and an Allen County Athletic Conference championship.

Jordan Delagrang scored on a one-yard run and a two-

yard run on the Warriors' first two possessions as the Warriors opened a 14-0 first quarter advantage.

However, after a Woodlan on-side kick was recovered by the Flying Jets at the Adams Central 48 and ignited the visitors' offense.

Drew Schultz followed with runs of 12 and 11 yards

and the Jets converted a fourth and five set up their first score.

Schultz plunged in from one yard out with 13 seconds remaining left in the first quarter to get Adams Central within 14-7.

Woodlan, though, would answer quickly as quarterback Justin Durkes found Trevon McCarter on a 67-yard scoring strike at the 11:48 mark of the second quarter to make it 21-7 Warriors.

Adams Central's Skylar Douglas rounded out the first half scoring with a 27-yard field goal that pulled the Flying Jets within 21-10 at the intermission.

Schultz provided the lone scoring of the third quarter, a six yard touchdown run, to trim the Adams Central deficit to 21-16 at the end of three periods.

Woodlan, though, would seal the victory on a Jack Rhoades' one-yard plunge with 27 seconds left to wrap up the victory.

Durkes finished the night 10 of 16 passing for Woodlan, covering 160 yards. Rhoades led the Warrior ground attack with 122 yards on 28 carries and McCarter picked up five receptions for 79 yards. Donald Guerrant recorded four catches that covered 54 yards.

Andrew Hammond was 7 of 14 through the air for 92 yards for the Flying Jets. Schultz rumbled for 69 yards on 16 carries while adding five receptions for 53 yards.

Jantz Blackburn had six tackles for Adams Central as well. Delagrang topped Woodlan with nine stops while Malik Murray, Zack Zink and Guerrant all recorded six tackles.

Score by Quarter:

Adams Central: 7 3 6 0 = 16
Woodlan: 14 7 0 7 = 28

The Warriors return to action on Friday when they host Bluffton in the opening round of the playoffs. Bluffton finished the regular season with a record of 2-7 overall and 1-5 in the ACAC.

In the first meeting between the two schools, Woodlan jumped in front 14-0 after one quarter and led 41-6 at halftime in cruising to a 55-6 victory.

**BULLDOGS BREAKDOWN
RAIDER NATION**

The Bulldogs travelled to Wayne Trace on Friday, October 14, for a conference rivalry against the Raiders. The Bulldogs were the expected victors with a current record of 5-2. The Raiders, on the other hand, have only won 3 games.

Starting slow, neither of the teams scored within the first quarter.

However, the second quarter boasted a different story. The Edgerton football team was the first to score. It began with Clayton Flegal on a 1 yard run, scoring the touchdown. Carter Knecht kicked for the extra point, with 10:17 on the clock. Following that was Edgerton's Braydon Cape's 47 yd pass to Colton Roelfs, and Clayton Flegal ran the ball in for a 2 point conversion at 9:15 left on the clock. The Raiders posted their first points when Trae Sinn made a 30 yard pass completion to Jayden Sherry and Haydn Gillett kicked for the extra point at 7:46 on the clock. Next was Edgerton's Greg Roth on 47 yard run and Carter Knecht kicked with 5:49 on the clock. You can tell this was very active quarter when you had all these touchdowns. However, that wasn't the end of it. The last was by Wayne Trace's Trae Sinn on 72 yd pass to Jayden Sherry with 5:23 on the clock. The first half ended 13-22 with the Bulldogs in the lead.

The third quarter was also active with The Raiders' Trae Sinn's 26 yd pass to Seth Saylor, and the 2 point conversion was good with Trae Sinn passing to Eli Sinn with 5:41 time left. This narrowed the difference to 1 point. The last score of the game was by Edgerton's Isaac Hamblin with a 1 yd run. The 2 point conversion was good by Clayton Flegal running in the end zone with 3:33 left.

The fourth period was quiet for both teams, and the game finished 21-30.

Though it was a loss the Raiders did quite well at holding the Bulldogs down. The current record for Edgerton is 6-2, while Wayne Trace is at 3-5. This week Wayne Trace will play at Hicksville and Edgerton will play Ayersville at home.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 0 13 8 0 = 21
Edgerton: 0 22 8 0 = 30

**GMC CROSS COUNTRY HAS
FAIRVIEW AND HOLGATE AS
WINNING TEAMS**

The 2016 Green Meadows Conference championship took place at Edgerton. This meet for the Cross Country was on Saturday, October 15.

Boys: Fairview 30; Edgerton 74; Tinora 77; Ayersville 80; Holgate 118; Antwerp 139; and Hicksville 150.

Girls: Holgate 24; Fairview 44; Ayersville 81; Tinora 118; Antwerp 124; Hicksville 145; and Edgerton 158.

BULLDOGS BITE THE VIKINGS



New Haven's Kishawn Moore broke the school record on passing yards — receiving the game ball from coach Jim Rowland. Picture by Melissa Amstutz.

On Friday, October 14th, the New Haven Bulldogs traveled into Viking territory to take on Huntington North in football. The Bulldogs were as confident as ever, as their season record showed their impressive gameplay.

Going into the first quarter, New Haven wasted no time taking the lead, scoring the first touchdown of the game. Within this quarter, the Bulldogs went on to score the next two touchdowns as well. New Haven's defense was also on point, as they defended the field and would not allow the Vikings to score.

The second quarter had a similar outcome. The New Haven Bulldogs managed only one touchdown, but also scored a field goal, adding an additional 3 points. Once

again, the defense was able to hold off Huntington North's advancements. The score at halftime was 30-0.

Coming back from halftime, New Haven continued their momentum and brought in two more touchdowns. Huntington North was still unable to get on the board. In the fourth quarter, it seemed as if both teams ran out of steam and both teams did not score. The final score of the game was 42-0. The score by quarter goes as follows: New Haven-Huntington North: 21-0, 9-0, 12-0, 0-0; Final: 42-0

New Haven claimed the North East 8 Conference title, having gone the entire season undefeated. There was no question about their victory in the conference.

ACES SHOOT DOWN ARCHERS



Antwerp's Brett Fulk tackles the Aces' ball carrier, grabbing the fumbled ball. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Mike Taylor runs through the Hicksville offense to score the last touchdown for The Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Friday, October 14, the Archers hosted the Hicksville football team at the Antwerp home stadium. The Aces have been a strong team inside the beginning of the season. Hicksville entered the game with only two losses, while the Archers had only two wins. The odds were against

Antwerp from the beginning. In the entirety of the game, the Archers managed to score only two touchdowns. The first was scored by Keaton Altimus before half time. In the second half, Mike Taylor scored the other touchdown.

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ARCHERS FALL TO RAMS ON SENIOR NIGHT



Antwerp 2016 Volleyball Seniors: Lindsey Bok, Sydney Sheedy, McKenzie Turpening, Jaime Ryan, and Peyton Short finishing out their last season as Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Tinora Rams traveled to Antwerp on Tuesday, October 11, for the last home game of the season. This game was a slow start when it was delayed due to the JV and Freshman games both being extended. All were close and difficult but in the end The Lady Archers fell in three sets 28-26, 25-21, 25-23.

Antwerp falls to 15-6 overall, 4-2 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Antwerp Stat Leaders: Chloe Franklin - 12 assists, 6-6 serving; Peyton Short - 14 assists, nine digs; Sydney Sheedy - 12 digs, 15-15 serving, one ace, 11 kills; Hope Smith - 13 digs; Lindsey Bok - six digs; Rachel Williamson

- six blocks, 19 kills; Kaitlyn Hamman - two assists, three kills; Junior Varsity - Tinora over Antwerp 25-12, 25-12.

Freshman - Tinora defeated Antwerp 25-21, 18-25, 25-23

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LINCOLNVIEW/COLUMBUS GROVE WIN NWC CROSS COUNTRY

Lincolnview won the boys' championship and Columbus Grove won the girls' title in the Northwest Conference cross country meet run Saturday morning at Columbus Grove. Crestview finished second in both races. Columbus Grove (boys) and Lincolnview (girls) took third place finishes. Junior High races were won by Columbus Grove (boys) and Crestview (girls). Lincolnview's Austin Elick ran the best individual time of 16:33 in winning the boys' race and was voted by the coaches as NWC Male Runner of the Year. Boone Brubaker (CG; 16:49) finished second with Austin Conrad (SV, 17:05) completing the race as the third place finisher.

Crestview's Ashley Bowen (18:55) defeated two-time champion Taylor Ellerbrock (19:41) of Columbus Grove in the girls' race with a winning time of and was voted NWC Female Runner of the Year. Grove's Alyssa Ellerbrock (20:01) finished out the top three.

Lincolnview's Matt Langdon was voted by the coaches as the Boys' Coach of the Year with the honors for Girls' Coach of the Year going to Grove's Jason Jay.

Boys Final Standings: 1. Lincolnview 35; 2. Crestview 65; 3. Columbus Grove 68; 4. Paulding 82; 5. Spencerville 128; 6. Bluffton 188; 7. Ada 195; 8. Allen East 207;

Girls Final Standings: 1. Columbus Grove 22; 2. Crestview 60; 3. Lincolnview 64; 4. Ada 107; 5. Paulding 116.

First Team Boys: 1. Austin Elick - LV 16:33; 2. Boone Brubaker - CG 16:49; 3. Austin Conrad - SV 17:05.6; 4. Karter Tow -- LV 17:05.8; 5. Simeon Shepherd - PL 17:08.

First Team Girls: 1. Ashley Bowen - CV 18:55; 2. Taylor Ellerbrock - CG 19:41; 3. Alyssa Ellerbrock - CG 20:01; 4. Leah Meyerholtz - CG 20:07; 5. Ragen Harting - CV 20:25.

NOTE: Complete results can be found at www.baumspage.com under the cross country tab (Northwest Conference Championship).

MT. CALVARY JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The fourth annual Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church fall junior high volleyball tournament will be held this Saturday at the MAC Gym. Six teams from around the region will converge on the gym for competition, fellowship and fun. Teams will participate from Woodburn Lutheran School, New Haven St. John Catholic, and Monroeville St. John Lutheran in Indiana, as well as two teams from Lima Central Catholic and Napoleon Freedom St. John Lutheran.

Games will begin on both courts at 9:00 a.m. Pool play will determine bracket seeding. Finals are scheduled for 1:15 p.m. The entire schedule can be viewed at www.macgymohio.com

Join us at the MAC Gym for a 2nd weekend of volleyball tournament action.

MAC GYM YOUTH VOLLEYBALL SEASON FINALE

The fall youth volleyball season came to a close Saturday at the MAC Gym. Twenty-four teams from around the area participated for the coveted championship title in three grades fourth, fifth and 6th.

The fifth grade division started the day with one Paulding team defeating Fairview B 25-21; 25-20, while the other Paulding Team lost to Hicksville 14-25; 17-25. Fairview A defeated Edgerton in three sets 25-13; 26-28; 15-6 while Defiance upended Antwerp 25-13; 25-17. Hicksville then upended Defiance 26-24; 25-13 while Fairview A took out Paulding 25-15; 25-10. Fairview A went on to win the title over Hicksville 25-22; 25-14.

In the sixth grade division Antwerp upended Fairview B 25-11; 25-10 as Hicksville ended Defiance season 25-11; 25-6. Paulding beat Edgerton 25-12; 25-17. Hicksville then took out Fairview 25-19; 25-20 as Hilltop ousted Wayne Trace 25-8; 25-10. The sixth grade semi-final and final games were the matches of the day. Hilltop and Hicksville played a semi-final game

in which Hicksville prevailed in three sets 21-25; 25-14; 17-15. Paulding ended the Archers hopes in three sets 17-25; 15-20; 15-9 to set up the Paulding-Hicksville final. Hicksville took the championship in another great three set match 23-25; 25-12; 15-12.

The fourth grade closed out the day on the lower 6'8" nets. Antwerp drew first blood beating Wayne Trace 25-12; 25-13. Fairview beat Edgerton Purple 16-25; 25-6; 15-13. Edgerton Pink then promptly defeated Fairview 25-18; 25-18. Defiance ended Antwerp's season in three sets 24-26; 25-10; 15-10. Defiance gave Edgerton Pink all they wanted in the finals but Edgerton wouldn't be put down coming from behind to win 17-25; 25-17; 15-9.

In all the girls at all levels showed dramatic improvement throughout the year. Games went from players never playing before to eight of the twenty one matches going three sets. Something that all of the MAC Gym league coaches and players should carry into next season and be proud of.

COUGARS EAT ARCHERS' LUNCH

The Lady Archer volleyball team travelled to Van Wert on Monday, October 10. The Cougars have been a strong team this season and so has the Archers. Antwerp, though, had a great first half of the season, but lately it has been less than impressive.

The first set was incredible on the Antwerp team when they won by 15 points. However, the next three sets went to the Cougars. Van Wert defeated Antwerp 10-25, 25-21, 25-20, 25-17.

Antwerp falls to 15-5 on the season.

Antwerp Leaders: Chloe Franklin - 15 assists, 8-8 serving; Peyton Short - 20 assists, 11 digs, 23-23 serving, two aces; Hope Smith - two assists, 19 digs, two blocks, 18-18 serving, one ace; Rachel Williamson - 15 digs, 20 kills; Sydney Sheedy - 11 digs, 16-17 serving, three aces, nine kills.

Junior Varsity - Van Wert over Antwerp 25-16, 25-17
Freshman - Antwerp over Van Wert 25-17, 25-17

RAIDERS TAKE WIN FROM DJ

On October 10, Wayne Trace hosted Delphos Jefferson and performed very well on this great night. This game gave the Lady Raider Volleyball team a great win! Wayne Trace won over Delphos Jefferson 25-15, 25-13, 25-19. Wayne Trace is now 8-12 on the season.

Wayne Trace Leaders: Kaylee Shepherd - two aces, six kills, seven digs; Danae Myers - six kills, five blocks, seven digs; Madison Zartman - five kills, two blocks; Kacey Reinhart - three kills; Sadie Sinn - 12 digs; Carissa Laukhuf - seven digs, 15 assists; Leah Maassel - three blocks

Junior Varsity - Wayne Trace over Delphos Jefferson 25-22, 25-20

APACHES FALL TO ARCHERS IN CONFERENCE MATCH

The Lady Archers took on Fairview at the Apache home court on October 13. The volleyball game didn't last long when Antwerp started pounded the court from the beginning. The first set was relatively close but went downhill from there for the home team. The team was working very well together for being the final game of the season.

Antwerp defeated Fairview in three sets 25-22, 25-20, 25-12.

Antwerp is now 16-6 on the season and 5-2 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Antwerp Stat Leaders: Chloe Franklin - 19 assists, 11 digs; Peyton Short - 17 assists; Lindsey Bok - 13 digs, 15-16 serving, one ace; Rachel Williamson - nine digs, two blocks, 9-10 serving, 21 kills; Sydney Sheedy - 15-15 serving, four aces, 12 kills.

Junior Varsity - Fairview over Antwerp 25-16, 25-15

HICKSVILLE TAKES WIN FROM RAIDERS



Hicksville's Addie Bergman returns the dig with a spike back to the Raiders. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Maddie Zartman serves the ball for Wayne Trace. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Tuesday, October 11, the Hicksville Aces travelled to The Palace for Wayne Trace's last home game of the season. The game began with the Lady Aces volleyball team taking an easy victory in the first set against the Raiders. The second set was closer, but still a lost for the Raiders. By the third, Wayne Trace had managed to pull out a win. The fourth and final set, however, went back to the Aces.

Hicksville won over Wayne Trace in four sets: 25-12, 25-18, 23-25, 25-21.

Wayne Trace falls to 8-13 overall, 3-3 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Wayne Trace Leaders: Carissa Laukhuf - 16 assists, 68-71 setting, seven digs; Erica Mohr - 47-47 setting, 11 assists, five digs; Kacey Reinhart - eight digs, 32-34 hitting, eight kills, 12-12 serving; Madison Zartman - six digs, 15-17 hitting, two kills; Sadie Sinn - 23 digs; Kaylee Shepherd - 14 digs, 22-23 hitting, four kills

Ellie Stoller - 14 digs, 14-15 serving; Danae Myers - 13 digs, eight blocks, 38-42 hitting, ten kills, 11-11 serving; Leah Maassel - 11-13 hitting,

three kills.
Junior Varsity - Wayne Trace over Hicksville 13-25, 25-15, 25-23

Freshman - Wayne Trace over Hicksville 25-20, 20-25, 25-17

More pictures at westbendnews.net

LADY LANCERS SLAY PANTHERS

The Paulding Panthers lost a 4 set match to the Lincolnview Lancers; 25-20, 21-25, 15-25, and 17-25. The Panthers were lead by Audrey Manz with 18 assists and 13 of 13 serving. Megan Tope lead with 27 digs, while Caitlyn Myers lead with 11 kills, added 10 digs and served 11 for 11. Cassidy Posey added 10 kills and 4 blocks, while Faith Vogel chipped in 8 kills and 4 stuffs. Macy Iler dug 9 and served a perfect 14 of 14. As a team, the Panthers served 72 of 75. The Panthers finish with an NWC record of 5-3 for 4th place. The Paulding JV won in 2 sets and finish with an NWC record of 5-3 as well. The Panthers end their regular season on Thursday at Montpelier.

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FIRE WEEK WITH SPARKY



Mrs. Beth Bauer and Mrs. Kim Walls' Kindergarten classes from Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary visited the Grover Hill Fire Department in honor of fire prevention week. The students enjoyed climbing in the trucks, getting checked out in the EMS, trying on fire gear, rolling up hoses and visiting Sparky the Fire Dog. The firemen even made lunch for all the students to enjoy during our visit. A big shout out to all the Grover Hill and Scott Firemen who provided a great learning trip for our students.

PAULDING FFA KICKS OFF FRUIT OFFERINGS



Names from left to right: Katlynn Fuller, Paige Fitzwater, Courtney Luderman, Kalyn Strahley

By: Katlynn Fuller, Paulding FFA Reporter

The Paulding FFA kicked off their annual fruit offering on October 13th. They are offering citrus fruits, Ohio apples, famous Butter Braids, DB Yummers BBQ sauce, and many varieties of nuts. These will only be available for a limited time so place your order by November 4th. If you

are interested in our offerings, and have not heard from an FFA member please contact us, and leave a voicemail at (419)-399-4656 at extension 1168. The fruit, and other delicious items will be delivered the week of December 5th. Thank you in advance for your support of the Paulding FFA Chapter!

LADY RAIDERS STRUGGLE AGAINST RAMS

On Thursday, October 13, the Lady Raiders took on Tinora for the final game of the regular season. The Rams were able to win 3, while Wayne Trace took only one of the sets. Danae Myers set a new Wayne Trace match record with ten blocks.

Volleyball - Tinora over Wayne Trace 25-15, 16-25, 25-23, 25-15

Wayne Trace concludes the regular season at 8-14 overall, 3-4 in the Green Meadows Conference

Wayne Trace Stat Leaders: Kaylee Shepherd - ten digs, 12-12 serving; Danae Myers - ten blocks, 12 digs, 11 kills; Carissa Laukhuf - 108-112

setting, 14 assists, 13-13 serving, ten digs; Kacey Reinhart - eight kills, 13-15 serving, one ace, four blocks; Leah Maassel - four kills; Madison Zartman - seven kills, four aces, 15-17 serving; Sadie Sinn - 26 digs; Junior Varsity - Wayne Trace over Tinora 25-19, 21-25, 25-23; Freshman - Tinora over Wayne Trace 25-20, 25-18

PANTHER SOCCER TIES WITH DEFIANCE

In an intense competition to the very end, the Division 3 Panther Varsity Boys Soccer Squad tied the Division 2 Defiance Bulldogs 1-1. The Panther goal on the afternoon was off of a header by Kaleb Becker on a massive throw-in

by Griffin Harder. The Panther Goal Keeper was William Deisler.

CLOSE WIN CLOSES SEASON FOR LADY PANTHERS

On October 13, the Lady Panthers took on Montpelier in the final game of the volleyball season. Paulding's record of 10-11 is not too bad.

Paulding won over Montpelier in four sets 27-25, 25-19, 24-26, 25-12.

Paulding Stat Leaders: Cassidy Posey - 15 kills, four blocks; Faith Vogel - 13 kills, three blocks; Kristen Razo - 19 assists, 12-12 serving; Audrey Manz - 17 assists; Arianna Posey - seven kills.

Junior Varsity - Paulding defeated Montpelier in three sets.

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Breakfast:

10/19 - Mini pancake, sausage, juice, milk

10/20 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk

10/21 - Mini cin/apple bosco stick, juice, milk

10/24 - Ham/cheese ripper, juice, milk

10/25 - Egg and cheese muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:

10/19 - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, dinner roll w/butter, elf grahams, fruit, milk

10/20 - Walking taco w/meat, cheese & iceberg lettuce, corn, refried beans, fruit, milk

10/21 - Pepperoni pizza, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

10/24 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, baked beans, fruit, milk

10/25 - Chili soup, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

NIPS AND SNIPS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. there will be an informational/organizational meeting for pet or feral cat plan.

This meeting is for "Nips & Snips of Paulding County Ohio and is for all of Paulding County residents and will be held at Paulding County Carnegie Library/Conference Room (bottom of library).

For more information call 419-399-4079

WOODLAN ATHLETIC OVERVIEW

By: Jeff Abbott
Volleyball

On senior night at Woodlan, the Warriors fell behind and dropped the first 2 games of their match to Garrett before rallying and dominating the final 3 games to win the match with the Lady Railroaders. The Warriors got 5 serve aces each from Addison Bayman and Katie Hockemeyer. Cortlyn Sowers had 3 blocks, Cassidy Wiedenhoft had 30 digs, and Hockemeyer had 20 kills. Woodlan dropped the reserve match, 2 games to 1

Garrett 25 25 13 8 11
Woodlan 17 21 25 25 15

Woodlan wrapped up their ACAC volleyball regular season with a sweep of Southern Wells at the Raiders' gym. Katie Hockemeyer had 3 aces and Sam Houser had 11 kills in the win for the Warriors. Addison Bayman had 27 assists and Cassidy Wiedenhoft had 25 digs for Woodlan.

Woodlan 28 25 25
Southern Wells 26 23 16

IHSAA 2A Volleyball Sectional at Bluffton

Tuesday, October 18
7:00 p.m. Churubusco vs Bluffton

Thursday, October 20
6:00 p.m. Eastside vs Canterbury

7:30 p.m. Woodlan vs South Adams

Saturday, October 22
10:00 a.m. Adams Central vs Churubusco/Bluffton winner

11:30 a.m. Eastside/Canterbury winner vs Woodlan/South Adams winner

4:00 p.m. Championship IHSAA 3A Volleyball Sectional at Bishop Dwenger

Tuesday, October 18
6:00 p.m. Bishop Luers vs Garrett

7:30 p.m. Bishop Dwenger vs Leo

Saturday, October 22
11:00 a.m. Luers/Garrett winner vs Dwenger/Leo winner

12:30 p.m. New Haven vs Angola

7:00 p.m. Championship Football

Woodlan pulled away from Lima Central Catholic to secure a 36-20 win over the Thunderbirds in non-conference football action at Etzler Field. After a scoreless first quarter, Woodlan quarterback Justin Durkes scored on a 48 yard run and with the 2-point conversion had a lead they never lost. The Thunderbirds responded with a scoring drive but failed to connect on the extra point and trailed 8-6. Woodlan tacked on a pair of touchdowns in quarter with Jordan Delagrange plunging into the end zone on a 5 yard

NORTHWEST OHIO MANUFACTURING DAY AT NORTHWEST STATE



Community leaders, representatives from regional manufacturers and area high school students converged today at Northwest State Community College in Archbold, OH for the Northwest Ohio Manufacturing Day. Students were treated to an expo tour, a panel discussion featuring success stories, and classroom and lab breakout sessions. Manufacturers set up informative displays in the Atrium to showcase and explain their companies and the skills they look for when hiring.

run and Tre'von McCarter scored on a 60 yard pass from Durkes, and the Warriors led 21-6 and the half. The Thunderbirds and Warriors alternated touchdowns in the second half with each team scoring the third and fourth quarters.

Lima Central Catholic 0 6 7 7 - 20

Woodlan 0 21 7 8 - 36

W: Durkes 48yd run (Guerrant pass from Durkes)

LCC Banks 30yd pass from Williams (kick failed)

W: Delagrange 5yd run (Moore kick)

W: McCarter 60yd pass from Durkes (run failed)

LCC Williams interception return (Taflinger kick)

W: Durkes 64yd run (Moore kick)

LCC Williams 9yd run (Taflinger kick)

W: Rhoades 15yd run (Delagrange run)

IHSAA Football Sectional pairings

2A - Sectional 35

Whitko at Central Noble

Eastside at Churubusco

South Adams at Prairie Heights

Bluffton at Woodlan

4A - 20

Logansport at Mississinewa

Bishop Dwenger at Marion

Wayne at New Haven

Leo at South Side

Tre'von McCarter caught just 3 passes, but all went for touchdowns, and Woodlan rolled to a 36-3 win over

South Adams in ACAC football. McCarter had TD receptions of 36, 47, and 50 yards for 133 yards total on the night. Justin Durkes was 8 of 15 for 184 yards in the air while Jack Rhoades carried the ball for 158 yards in the game. The Woodlan defensive unit, led by Jordoan Delagrange with 8.5 tackles and Sebastian Speith had 8, just allowed the Starfires a fourth quarter field goal and less than 200 yards of offense for South Adams.

Woodlan 15 7 7 7 - 36

South Adams 0 0 0 3 - 3

W: McCarter 36yd pass from Durkes (Delagrange run)

W: McCarter 50yd pass from Durkes (Moore kick)

W: Durkes 10yd run (Moore kick)

W: McCarter 47yd pass from Durkes (Moore kick)

SA: Martinez 25yd field goal

W: Rhoades 11yd run (Moore kick)



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ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



As current NHS and National Junior Honor Society members look on, juniors Brandon Laney, Alexandra Hindenlang, Brooke Hatlevig, and Brian Geyer take the NHS pledge.



Senior Hayden Spryn and junior Callie Perry, as well as middle school students being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society (in background), take the NHS pledge.



Front Row: Juniors Alexandra Hindenlang, Callie Perry, and Brooke Hatlevig; Back Row: Senior Hayden Spryn, Junior Brandon Laney, and Junior Brian Geyer

On Sunday, October 9, 2016, Antwerp High School inducted six new juniors and seniors into the National Honor Society (NHS). The

NHS recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship (GPA), leadership, service and character.

NIFA INVESTS \$1.4 MILLION IN HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) today announced \$1.4 million in grants to enhance the quality of life for citizens in rural areas through the Rural Health and Safety Education competitive (RHSE) grants program.

Through these awards, the program is supporting two projects to address the critical challenges of substance misuse in rural communities. Secretary Vilsack announced the eligibility of such projects for the grants in March in Atlanta at a national drug misuse summit. In January, President Obama tapped Secretary Vilsack to lead an interagency effort focused on the rural opioid epidemic. The RHSE grants are only one way USDA is using its resources to address the crisis. On Aug. 31, Vilsack announced an initiative to provide transitional housing for rural Americans

in recovery from substance use disorders, and USDA has also awarded Distance Learning and Telehealth Medicine grants to health facilities to help treat individuals in rural areas.

"Many individuals and families living in rural areas and communities experience disparities related to health, safety, and well-being. The opioid epidemic that is ravaging our rural communities has highlighted these challenges," said Secretary Vilsack. "Inadequate access to health and education resources is often the cause of these hardships. These projects will help promote and enhance rural health, prevent substance use disorders, strengthen economic vitality and, in the long term, mitigate the effects of rural poverty."

The Rural Health and Safety Education competitive grants program supports non-formal health education programs and services that provide timely health information suited to rural residents of all ages. Projects are tailored to life stages, cultural

differences, health literacy, and occupational and environmental circumstances. These projects use behavioral and social science to increase motivation for healthy living, promote access to health and educational activities and training for volunteers and health service providers. Since 2009, NIFA has awarded \$10.6 million to the RHSE program.

Fiscal year 2016 grantees include:

University of Georgia, Athens, Ga., \$359,487 – Through a partnership with Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas, this project will engage rural Georgians and Texans and increase participation in recommended breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings, as well as nutrition and physical activity behaviors related to cancer prevention. To aid in these efforts, the projects will capitalize on the existing, successful University of Georgia Extension Program, Cooking for a Lifetime of Cancer Prevention Cooking School.

Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan., \$356,257 – This project expands on the existing Keys to Embracing Aging program to reach communities statewide in Kansas and Kentucky. The program introduces and reinforces 12 healthy lifestyle behaviors, including nutrition, physical fitness, social, and mental wellness, personal safety, stress reduction, and financial management.

Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont., \$362,378 – Montana residents face serious health challenges in the form of mental illness, substance misuse and a suicide rate that is nearly twice the national average. To address the challenges of access to resources, Montana State University will lead a state-wide project to train extension faculty to promote mental health literacy and youth suicide prevention among rural Montanans.

Penn State University, State College, Pa., \$359,628 – PROSPER (Promoting School-university-community Partnerships to Enhance Resilience), established in 2001, promotes healthy development and to avoid long-term health and behavioral problems in rural youth through the use of universal, evidence-based interventions. This project will expand PROSPER into new, rural communities in Pennsylvania to address issues including substance misuse, problem behavior, family strengths and positive youth development.

Previously funded projects include a University of Tennessee train-the-trainer program to foster healthier childcare and home environments for infants and children, and a University of Hawaii project that provided community workshops and water testing kits for the 60,000 rural citizens who rely on rainwater catchment systems for drinking water and other uses.

NIFA invests in and advances innovative and transformative research, education and extension to solve societal challenges and ensure the long-term viability of agriculture. NIFA support for the best and brightest scientists and extension personnel have resulted in user-inspired, groundbreaking discoveries that are combating childhood obesity, improving and

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From left to right; Freshmen Jayvin Landers and Karsyn Brumett; Seniors Aspen Owen, Evan Hilton, Mariah Elkins, Jaime Ryan, and Derek Reeb; Freshmen Kendall Billman and Seth Rister; Juniors Brian Geyer and Callie Perry; Princess Charlotte Hook and Prince Carson Hughes

sustaining rural economic growth, addressing water availability issues, increasing food production, finding new sources of energy, mitigating climate variability and ensuring food safety.

KEEP SENIORS WITH ALZHEIMER'S SAFE FROM WANDERING

(NAPSI)—One of the most frightening scenarios for families caring for seniors living with Alzheimer's is a loved one wandering or getting lost. It can understandably cause immediate panic and concern and, unfortunately, happens all too often. In fact, nearly 50 percent of surveyed family members have experienced a loved one with Alzheimer's wandering or getting lost, according to a new survey conducted by Home Instead, Inc., franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care franchise network.

Anyone living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia is at risk for wandering and it can happen at any time. If not found within 24 hours, up to half of these missing persons may be at risk for injury or death, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

To help prevent this, it is critical for families to understand the common triggers for wandering and steps they can take to discourage loved ones from doing so.

"Wandering can be a huge challenge and major concern for families living with a loved one with Alzheimer's," said Monica Moreno, director of Early-Stage Initiatives at the Alzheimer's Association. "It's best to be proactive in address-

ing the issue before it becomes a crisis."

To help families cope, Home Instead is offering free resources to help family caregivers keep their loved ones safe, including information on these common triggers that can lead to wandering:

- Delusions or hallucinations. Those living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia may misinterpret sights or sounds, causing them to feel fearful and wander to escape their environment.

- Overstimulation. Individuals living with dementia can become easily upset in noisy or crowded environments, triggering them to look for an escape from the chaos.

- Fatigue, especially during late afternoons and evenings. People living with dementia may become tired, potentially causing restless pacing and, eventually, wandering.

- Disorientation as to place and time. Individuals may not recognize that they are already home and seek to return to a familiar place, such as a former workplace.

- Change in routine. Those living with dementia may become confused following a change of routine, wandering in an effort to return to a famil-

iar place.

To explore additional resources, visit www.Prevent-Wandering.com or call a Home Instead Senior Care franchise office. To sign up for the free Missing Senior Network, visit www.MissingSeniorNetwork.com.

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Air Force ROTC, as well as schools from California, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Georgia, Michigan, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and more, will be on hand to answer questions and share information about their schools and majors.

At 7:30 p.m. everyone is invited to a presentation with Gary Rigley from the University of Notre Dame and Jane Grathaus from the Questa Education Foundation to learn about Financial Aid and the FAFSA paperwork as well as options such as Forgiveness Loans.

The College Fair is open to Midwest students in grades 8-12 and their families and adult learners. For more information and the college list, visit www.canterburyschool.org/collegefair

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ANTWERP MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



First Row (seated): Hayleigh Jewell, Madelyn O'Donnell, Mia Altimus, and Allison Reinhart **Second Row:** Lydia Brewer, Lydia Krouse, Kate Farr, Kennadi Recker, Kaden Recker, Faith Nestleroad, Ross Lee, and Ethan Sanders **Back Row:** Aerial Snyder, Shaylee Garrett, Autumn Smith, Laura Miller, Halie Davis, and Rayni Rister

On Sunday, October 9, 2016, Antwerp Middle School inducted 18 new sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS).

The NJHS recognizes middle school students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship (GPA), leadership, service and character.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 10/19 - 10/25

- 10/19 - Burrito, peas, Hamburger on bun, baked beans, craisins, milk
- 10/20 - Chicken fajita, baked sweet potato fries, peach crisp, milk
- 10/21 - Southwest pizza, celery w/dip, applesauce, milk
- 10/24 - Chicken nuggets, baked fries, rosy applesauce, milk
- 10/25 - Deli wrap, broccoli & rice w/cheese, mixed fruit, milk

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 10/19 - 10/25

- HS - Breakfast:**
- 10/19 - Pancake, sausage wrap, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/20 - Cinnamon rolls, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/21 - No School - quarter break
- 10/24 - Breakfast pizza, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/25 - Sausage, egg & cheese muffin, juice, fruit, milk
- HS - Lunch:**
- 10/19 - Chicken dip-pers, vegetable blend, mac & cheese, dinner roll, asstd dipping sauces OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, asstd. fruit, milk
- 10/20 - BBQ pork, bun, pickles, potato soup, juice box OR Personal pan pizza, seasoned corn, asstd. fruit, milk
- 10/21 - No School - quarter break
- 10/24 - Cntry fried steak, whipped potatoes w/GRavy, biscuit, glazed carrots OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, asstd. fruit, milk
- 10/25 - Turkey/bacon salad, tomatoes, pretzel b.stick OR Asstd. entree items, pickles, oven fries, asst. fruit, milk

PAULDING ELEMENTARY Breakfast:

- 10/19 - Bkfst burrito, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/20 - Wh gr muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/21 - Cereal or cereal bar, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/24 - Yogurt, goldfish grm, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/25 - Pancakes, juice, fruit, milk

PAULDING ELEMENTARY Lunch:

- 10/19 - Cheese & nachos, oven potatoes, fresh veggio

choice, fruit, milk

- 10/20 - BBQ pulled pork, wh gr bun, hashbrowns, celery/carrots/broccoli, fruit, milk
- 10/21 - No school - quarter break
- 10/24 - Breaded chicken on wh gr bun, steamed carrots, celery, fruit, milk
- 10/25 - Chicken quesadilla, baked beans, salsa, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary Breakfast:

- 10/19 - Mini pancakes, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/20 - Bkfst pizza, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/21 - Asstd. cereals, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/24 - Yogurt, cinn goldfish, juice, fruit, milk
- 10/25 - Saus-egg burrito, juice, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary Lunch:

- 10/19 - Hot dog on wh gr bun, green beans, carrot stix, fruit, milk
- 10/20 - Soft taco, refried beans, romaine lettuce, fruit, milk
- 10/21 - No school - quarter break, fruit, milk
- 10/24 - Chic strip wrap, romaine lettuce, corn, carrot stix, fruit, milk
- 10/25 - Wh gr cheese, bread stick, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

FAIRVIEW SPORTS REVIEW

Fairview Apaches 7th grade Football team hosted the Edgerton Bulldogs on October 6th. The Apaches started off slow but soon dominated the contest on both sides of the ball. Brady Karzynow had a great game along with the other Apaches. Brady had 58 yd and a 2yd TD run, 2 pt conversion, 23 yard fumble return for TD along with 3 TFL's. Keaton Singer had a 10 yd TD run, forced a fumble, had 2 interceptions, one returned for a TD and also blocked a punt. Dakota Schaffer had a 20 yd TD reception.

On Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm. the volleyball team will be hosting the first round of the Sectional Tournament against Edgerton. This is the OHSAA tournament and no passes will be accepted.

The JH girls placed 2nd at

the Antwerp INV on October 8th, to Archbold. Jamie Reineck ran a pr. Top runners who also medaled were Karrie Smith, Leah Layman, Gabriella McCool and Hallie Hart. Gmcs are this Saturday.

The HS girls also placed 2nd at the Antwerp INV to Holgate. Running their personal bests were: Brooke Hardy, Sydney Thompson and Tori Bauer. Placing in the top 15 and medaling were: Katie Crites, Aubrey Breininger, Chyanne Retcher, Mercedes Wagner, Katelyn Smith and Brooke Hardy.

On Saturday, October 8th, the high school boys cross country team competed in the Antwerp Invitational. The team finished 2nd overall (losing by 2 points). Austin Johnson placed 2nd. Shamar Midgett placed 3rd. Lane Kolb finished 7th. Garrett Carpenter finished 19th. Miciah Ankney finished 20th with an 18:23. Jaxon Hart finished 24th. Nick Breininger finished 27th. Kevin Macsary finished 28th. Garrett Bennett finished 37th with a 19:27. Cole Crites finished 48th. Luke Skinner finished 49th. Kaleb Ankney finished 52nd. Alex Nichols finished 59th with a 20:18. Nick Reed finished 64th. Alex Sliter finished 70th. Devine Weber finished 72nd. Mitchell Breckler finished 76th.

On October 8th, the junior high boys cross country team competed in the Antwerp Invitational. The boys team finished 4th. Treyvon Hastings finished 1st. Riley Krill finished 10th with a 12:15. Samuel Clemens finished 25th with a 13:30. Nick Geissinger finished 39th with a 14:23. Ethan Underwood finished 42nd. Sam Miller finished 45th with a 14:45. Merrick Breckler finished 64th. Oliver Romero finished 68th with a 24:49.

FIRST FEDERAL BANK AND FIRST INSURANCE GROUP WILL FUND UP TO \$10,000 OF YOUR "PAY IT FORWARD" IDEAS

If you could pay it forward, what would you do? That's the question that First Federal Bank and First Insurance Group are asking this year to celebrate their third annual, "Pay it Forward" initiative of kindness. In return, First Federal Bank and First Insurance Group will select a series of the public's "Pay it Forward" ideas to receive up to \$10,000 in funding to help bring their concepts to life. Their goal is to inspire their communities to help others to make a difference.

A "Pay It Forward" is a random act of kindness that spurs others to continue the cycle of giving. These acts can be as simple as providing sleeping bags to the homeless, donating school supplies for children in need or helping to start or complete a community project.

To submit a Pay it Forward idea or project for consideration, simply fill out a form on the Bank's website at <http://payitforward.first-fed.com/> with your name, contact information and project details. The submission period will run from October 11, 2016 until November 16, 2016. Several ideas will be selected to receive funding, which will be distributed on behalf of the recipient or to a non-profit partner. All of the chosen recipients and ideas

will be announced on First Federal Bank's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/1stFederalBank/>.

"Giving back to our community is part of First Federal Bank and First Insurance Group's DNA," said Donald P. Hileman, CEO and President of First Defiance Financial Corp. "We believe that extending this offer to others can help us make a tremendous impact together as a community."

In previous years, employees of First Federal Bank & First Federal Insurance Group were given \$10 to spread random acts of kindness and also donated \$10,000 to several local non-profit organizations to celebrate their annual, 'Pay it Forward Day' in mid-November. This year, all employees will continue to spread random acts of kindness on November 16 while encouraging others to do the same.

It doesn't matter how big or small the act of kindness is - the goal is to inspire others to have the opportunity to experience the joy of making a difference. By empowering people to express compassion, we can demonstrate how we are #BetterTogether.

CONGRESSMAN LATTA HEARS FROM ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ABOUT LUCKEY CLEANUP SITE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) heard from representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers yesterday who gave an update on the progress made toward clearing contaminated land in Luckey. The 40 acres of property, located at

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Front row left to right: Eva Shull, Alayna White, Jason Manz, Ingrid Escobar, Sam Verfaillie, Carly Font, Mason Gutierrez, Keegan Coon. **Middle Row left to right:** Xsenia Casiano, Grady Arend, Jordan Manz, Jalen Manz, Sandra Dohm, Izzy Lamb, Zander Sutton, Lucy Breier. **Back row left to right:** Winter Craig, Aiden Herman, Snow Craig, Casey Agler, Clair Miller, Hopeful Rose, Devyn Haller, Michael Geiger.

21200 Luckey Road, was previously used for beryllium and magnesium processing. Last year, the Corps awarded a contract for remediation of the Luckey Site. On hand for the discussion were local officials from the Village of Luckey, Troy Township, and Wood County.

"A safe and effective cleanup of the contamination on this property will be helpful for future development of the location and ensure the safety of local residents," said Latta. "The first steps taken by the Army Corps of Engineers are promising, and I appreciate them sharing their progress with myself, local officials, and community stakeholders. This is a long-term commitment from the Corps to this important project for the area."

Last year, the Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$100

million contract for cleanup of contaminated soils at the Luckey site, and cleanup work is expected to commence sometime next year. In addition to the removal of soil, the representatives from the Corps also spoke about groundwater monitoring measures that they will be taking.

The site is the result of a magnesium processing facility that was constructed at the Luckey location in 1942. In 1949, the Atomic Energy Commission built a beryllium production facility at the location as well. The facilities were closed in 1959. In 2006, the Army Corps of Engineers signed a record of decision (ROD) regarding contamination in the soil on the site, and the Corps signed an ROD for contamination in groundwater below the site two years later.

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AHS BROADCAST JOURNALISM CLASS ATTEND WORKSHOP AT BGSU



Freshmen Destiney Gerken and Sydney Miller use some of BGSU's equipment to gather footage around campus for a practice package.



Freshmen Tabby Jones and Mallory Mansfield try out the equipment in BGSU's new radio station.

On Tuesday, October 11, the broadcast journalism class at Antwerp High School attended an Ohio Scholastic Media Association workshop at Bowling Green State University (BGSU). Students

toured BGSU's new radio station and TV studio. Then they learned how to use different equipment to gather film around campus and create broadcast packages.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES TO PERFORM FOR MVNU FAMILY WEEKEND

The MVNU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Flute Choir, and Jazz Band will present a concert for MVNU's Family Weekend on Friday, Oct. 14, at 5:30 p.m., on the R.R. Hodges Chapel lawn. The community is invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy this free event. Additional seating will also be provided. The concert will be moved to the R.R. Hodges Chapel Auditorium in case of inclement weather.

Featured on the concert will be a variety of music performed by the Symphonic Wind Ensemble including music from Star Wars and highlights from over a dozen well-known Disney movies. The Jazz Band will perform instrumental and vocal arrangements of jazz, pop, and Broadway standards. The Flute Choir will also present several pieces. The MVNU Symphonic Wind Ensemble is directed by Dr. John Packard, the Jazz Band by Mr. Jim Puckett, and the Flute Choir by Mrs. Jennifer Packard.

For more information on this or other musical events, please contact Tressa Daley at 740-397-9000, ext. 3000.

FUTURE CITY COMPETITION, OHIO REGION ANNOUNCES 2016-2017 THEME: THE POWER OF PUBLIC SPACES

The 2016-2017 DiscoverE Future City Competition has announced this year's theme, The Power of Public Spaces, and asks Ohio's sixth, seventh and eighth graders to envision urban public spaces of tomorrow. The State of Ohio competition is open for registration now. Go to <http://futurecity.org/register>.

Public spaces have the capacity to revitalize a city's economy by introducing new businesses and intriguing new visitors. They can also help with crime reduction, traffic ease and congestion, pedestrian safety, promoting healthy living, improving the environment, and enhancing civic engagement.

This year's Future City Competition asks middle school students to address issues relating to the power of public space and challenges them to design innovative, multi-purpose public spaces that serve a city's diverse population. The regional competition will be held in January.

Working with a team including an educator and an engineering mentor, students will present their vision of the future through a virtual city designed using SimCity software; write a 1,500-word essay; create a scale model of their city that must be built with recycled materials; and a short presentation to be given to a panel of professional engineers and educators. Winners represent their region at a national competition in February in Washington D.C. The deadline to register a school team is Oct. 31, 2016.

Major funding for Future City comes from the Bechtel Corporation, Bentley Systems, Inc, and the Shell Oil Company.

For more information regarding the regional Future City Competition in Ohio, go to <http://futurecity.org/ohio>. Email Future City Competition Ohio Region: ohio@futurecity.org

USDA ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$25 MILLION TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN SOUTHEAST IOWA

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced

funding through USDA's Water and Environmental programs to help the City of Fairfield make enhancements to its wastewater facility that will improve the water quality in southeast Iowa.

"The recent flooding in Iowa and other parts of the country has demonstrated just how important high-functioning wastewater systems are to our communities. Sanitary waste disposal systems and safe drinking water are vital not only to public health, but also to the economic vitality of rural America," Vilsack said. "Building and maintaining water infrastructure creates jobs, boosts the economy, provides rural families with safe and reliable water, and this particular investment will help to minimize the impact of future flooding on homes and businesses in southeast Iowa."

USDA Rural Development is awarding a \$24,995,000 direct loan to the City of Fairfield that will help rehabilitate the city's existing wastewater facility and bring it into compliance with Iowa Department of Natural Resources requirements. The existing plant was originally constructed in 1966, with updates and improvements added in 1984 and 2013. Still, the plant is not able to meet discharge limits and overflows to a local stream during heavy rain events.

This loan, the largest USDA Water and Environmental Programs loan ever issued in Iowa, will allow city leaders to implement a master plan over the next 10 years to make improvement to the treatment plant, repair much of the collection system and address high flows during rains. Treatment plant upgrades include such things as new trash screens, new grit removal systems and pumps, as well as an enlarged flow equalization basin.

Interest rates for this program which provides rural communities with the technical assistance and financing necessary to develop drinking water and waste disposal

systems are currently at historic low levels.

For more information on how USDA's investments have served to protect and sustain America's water supply, please visit the Impact of USDA Investments to Protect and Sustain America's Water Supply Fact Sheet.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development (@USDARD) has invested nearly \$13 billion to start or expand 112,000 rural businesses; helped 1.2 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 9,200 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses. USDA also has invested \$31.3 billion in 963 electric projects that have financed more than 185,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines serving 4.6 million rural residents. For more information, visit USDA's entry on our medium.com website, "Rural America is Back in Business".

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 9/19/16

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. By Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Keith West, Rudie Reeb, Ken Reinhart, Steve Derck, Larry Ryan and Council President Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Sara Keeran, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Police Chief George Clemens, and EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougal. Media present: Joe Shouse from Paulding Progress. Visitors: Judge John DeMuth and Antwerp High School Government students.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held August 15, 2016, were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by West, to accept the minutes from the August 15, 2016, regular council meeting. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the special council meeting held August 22, 2016, were reviewed.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to accept the minutes from the August 22, 2016, special council meeting. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The August disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Derck, to approve the August reconciliation report. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors: John DeMuth, Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Court Judge, attended to inform council about seeking re-election. He has currently served two terms as judge.

Antwerp High School government students present to observe only.

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"
#4 DAY AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



All of our four year olds standing by a huge number FOUR on our number FOUR day! Standing in the back are: Quentin Jackman, Elijah Jackson, Preslee Cline, Austin VanEtten, Braydon Rice and

Ashtyn Madden. In front are: Carlie Lero, Sawyer Hunt, Colt Lockhart, and Alizabet Dutkiewicz. Props to Austin's mommy for making our huge number FOUR!

Police Report:
Chief Clemens reported 96 calls for service with 16 citations for the month of August. Chief Clemens mentioned there are still issues with golf carts being operated in the village. He reminded council that there is a new law going into effect for the entire state of Ohio January 1, 2017, regulating the operation of golf carts.

EMS Report:
EMS Billing Clerk McDougal provided a written report showing collections of \$11,610.79 Month-to-date and for year-to-date a total collected of \$64,186.66. A written report also provided showing 27 EMS runs for August with a total of 235 EMS runs for year-to-date in 2016.

Fiscal Officer's Report:
Fiscal Officer Lichty presented a new proposed rate table for water rate increase that finance committee recommended.

Lichty also informed council that October 1st is renewal date for health insurance for village employees. There is a rate increase of 6.9% from last year. Lichty requested approval to pay the increased health insurance premium.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by West, to approve the payment of the increased health insurance premium. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Third reading of resolution no. 2016-05: A resolution to levy a municipal motor vehicle license fee pursuant to section 4504.171 of the ohio revised code.

Motion made by West, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept resolution no. 2016-05. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Ordinance no. 2016-26: An ordinance authorizing the administrator of the Village of Antwerp to enter into an independent contractor agreement for a housing inspector in accordance with ordinance no. 2016-17; and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-26. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2016-26. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

First reading ordinance no. 2016-27: An ordinance amending ordinance no. 2014-21 authorizing the change of water rates for the Village of Antwerp, County of Paulding, Ohio.

Ordinance no. 2016-28: An ordinance to provide for the issuance of a note for the purpose of sanitary sewerage system in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Derck, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-28. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Derck, to accept ordinance no. 2016-28. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

First reading resolution no. 2016-08: resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

Administrator's Report:

See attached report.
Administrator Keeran informed council that the safe routes to school project is to begin on September 19, 2016, and be completed October 31, 2016.

In response to EPA issued violations on the brush pile at the sewer plant, Administrator Keeran informed council that the registration paperwork was mailed to EPA last week. A gate has been purchased and will be installed along with EPA required signage.

An application for funding for the water plant improvements mandated by Ohio EPA was submitted to the Paulding County Engineer on September 8, 2016. Total project estimate of \$175,450.00 was determined, with 50% or \$87,725.00 in grants and 50% or \$87,725.00 zero interest loan was requested. Payments of \$2,925.00 per year for 30 years would be repayment obligation on the loan.

As part of the upgrades required by Ohio EPA, the village's current backflow prevention ordinance may need updated. The public utility committee will meet to review before next council meeting.

Committee Reports:
Finance committee met on new water rate increase. Information included in ordinance 2016-27.

Utility committee met on golf carts in the village. Committee members would like to defer on moving forward until new state law takes effect January 1, 2017, but will continue to review the issue until then.

Mayor's Report:
Mayor's court brought in \$2,134.00 to the village, \$712.50 to the state, and \$28.50 to the county in the month of August.

Mayor DeLong stated that Congressman Latta's office will be at village office October 5, 2016, 10:00 a.m. To 11:30 a.m.

Trick or Treat will be October 29, 2016, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 6 Yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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PCSWC VISITS MRS. SHEPHERD'S CLASS



Students in Mrs. Shepherd's GATE class at Payne Elementary recently partnered with the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation to learn about Edi-

ble Bugs. The students had the opportunity to taste a fried meal worm and learn how meal worms are common in most foods we eat!

USDA ISSUES SAFETY-NET PAYMENTS TO FARMERS IN RESPONSE TO 2015 MARKET DOWNTURN

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that beginning today, many of the 1.7 million farms that enrolled in either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs will receive safety-net payments due to market downturns during the 2015 crop year.

"This fall, USDA will be making more than \$7 billion in payments under the ARC-County and PLC programs to assist participating producers, which will account for over 10 percent of USDA's projected 2016 net farm income. These payments will help provide reassurance to America's farm families, who are standing strong against low commodity prices compounded by unfavorable growing conditions in many parts of the country," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "At USDA, we are standing strong behind them, tapping in to every resource that we have to help. So far in 2016, this has included creating a one-time cost share program for cotton ginning, purchasing about \$800 million in excess commodities to be redirected to food banks and those in need, making \$11 million in payments

to America's dairy farmers through the Dairy Margin Protection Program, and reprogramming Farm Service Agency funds to expand credit options for farmers and ranchers in need of extra capital. As always, we continue to watch market conditions and will explore opportunities for further assistance in the coming months. For producers challenged by weather, disease and falling prices, we will continue to ensure the availability of a strong safety net to keep them farming or ranching."

Unlike the old direct payment program, which issued payments during both weak and strong market conditions, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized the ARC-PLC safety net to trigger and provide financial assistance only when decreases in revenues or crop prices, respectively, occur. The ARC and PLC programs primarily allow producers to continue to produce for the market by making payments on a percentage of historical base production, limiting the impact on production decisions.

Nationwide, producers enrolled 96 percent of soybean base acres, 91 percent of corn base acres and 66 percent of wheat base acres in the ARC-County coverage option. Producers enrolled 99 percent of long grain rice and peanut base acres and 94

percent of medium grain rice base acres in the PLC option. Overall, 76 percent of participating farm base acres are enrolled in ARC-County, 23 percent in PLC and one percent in ARC-Individual. For other program information including frequently asked questions, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Payments are made to producers who enrolled base acres of barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, wheat and canola. In the upcoming months, payments will be announced after marketing year average prices are published by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service for the remaining covered commodities. These include long and medium grain rice (except for temperate Japonica rice), which will be announced in November, remaining oilseeds and chickpeas, which will be announced in December, and temperate Japonica rice, which will be announced in early February 2017. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

The Budget Control Act of 2011, passed by Congress, requires USDA to reduce 2015 ARC and PLC payments by 6.8 percent. For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

USDA works to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for home-grown renewable energy and materials. Since 2009, USDA has provided \$5.6 billion in disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. The Department has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; and extending new conservation opportunities. USDA has developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,500 biobased products through USDA's BioPreferred program; and invested \$64 billion in infrastructure and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 10/10/16

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on October 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace Local High School Lecture Room

7:15 p.m. Prior to the regular board meeting a Records Commission meeting was held.

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Bauble, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Duane Sinn, Absent: Mr. Dick Swary

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Laurie DeLong.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public

Report of the Treasurer
Treasurer, Lori Davis reviewed the Five Year Forecast with the Board of Education who serves as the audit committee for the district.

Consent Agenda Items:
One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn
- Seconded by: Mr. Duane Sinn
- A. to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 board meeting;
- B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for September 2016 as presented by the Treasurer;
- C. to approve the cash reconciliation for September 2016;
- D. to approve the 5 year forecast for FY17.

*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Pat Bauble, and Mrs. Lisa McClure, aye.

Nay, none.
Motion passed.
Presentation given by Laurie DeLong, Susan Backus, Rhonda Samples, and Jackie Boyd

The ladies introduced Ike who is a therapy dog. Ike is a part of Bryan City Schools. Bryan City Schools have had a therapy dog in their school system for 11 years. Rhonda Samples and Jackie Boyd highlighted some of the benefits the therapy dogs have had at Bryan City Schools. Their program has been fully supported. Laurie DeLong, Wayne Trace Special Needs Director would like to see Wayne Trace implement a therapy dog in the school system.

Vantage Report - Mr. Pat Bauble updated the board on Vantage activities.

Report of the Building Principals Committee Reports - No Committee Reports

Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum
In-Services: Thanks go out to Chris Feichter, our building principals, our teacher leaders and staff for their work this year so far. We continue to look at the data from previous tests to identify strengths and weaknesses in our curriculum.

Follow up meetings from the Margaret Searle training that many staff members attended in August continue. This training is specifically looking to assist our staff in co-teaching processes and also with classroom delivery methods.

Textbook Adoption: Business books are the next round of textbooks to adopt. Samples have begun coming to the buildings with conversations and the previewing of books to begin soon. Also a discussion with the instructors of music, art and physical education has started which will allow supply lists to begin to be generated.

B. Personnel
Three coaches have resigned (consent items A, B and outside consent item A).

Our recommendations for several supplemental positions (consent items C, D, and E).

Our 21st Century Grant, allows us to provide transportation to Payne and Grover Hill. Amy and I are recommending that we approve Thomas Sinn and Alice Weninger for these supplemental bus routes (consent item F).

I have asked that an executive session be added to the agenda to discuss the employment of personnel.

C. Buildings and Grounds

I am currently working with E. Lee Construction to create the items we will need begin the bid process for the exterior work to be done on the Wayne Trace Payne building. We hope to have this created so that we are able to get the bidding process completed in time for the work to be completed in the summer of 2017.

The concrete work to install the handicap ramp outside of door #5 has been delayed due to the rain we received last week. Mr. Langhals is working with the contractor to find a date to get this work completed within the next week or so.

D. Events

I am recommending that we recognized a few of our fall athletes/coaches who have received outstanding rewards for their efforts (consent items G, H, and I).

First grading period ends October 21. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 2 - 3. No school for students on November 3 - 4.

The annual Fine Arts Festival Dinner and Concert will be held in the high school cafeteria and gym on November 5 with dinner beginning at 5:30 and the concert to follow.

Phil and I are asking for your approval of the dates for the annual 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. which will be May 8 - 13 (consent item J).

Gracie Gudakunst missed State Golf Competition by one stroke. A job well done.

E. Operations
Enrollments: We currently have 989 students in grades PK-12.

Free and reduced lunch numbers:
Free - 299 students / Reduced - 115 students (includes Divine Mercy)

41% of our student population is receiving free or reduced lunches (includes Divine Mercy)

I. Consent Agenda Items

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Motion by: Mrs. Lisa McClure
- Seconded by: Mr. Perry Sinn
- A. to accept the resignation of Terry Campbell as Head JH Track & Field coach;
- B. to accept the resignation of Jim Sherry as 8th Grade Boys' Basketball coach;
- C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director (for coaching positions only), to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2016-2017 school year to the following certified personnel:

- a. Kayla Gawronski - Asst. HS Softball
- b. Kaleb O'Donnell - Drama Tech Assistant

- D. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director (for coaching positions only), to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2016-2017 school year to the following classified personnel:

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK



Pictured are seniors Erica Meyer and Becca Johans, co-editors of the 2017 yearbook. Meyer and Johans were also 2016 staff members.

Antwerp Local School's 2016 Shift-themed yearbook recently received All Ohio in the Ohio Scholastic Media Association critique. This is the highest honor in the state

critique. This was also the first time the assigned judge had ever given an All Ohio for yearbook. Mrs. Amy Sorrell is the yearbook advisor.

Ryne Jerome - Head HS Baseball
Amber Showalter - Head HS Softball
Troy Branch - Head HS Track & Field
Tiffany Dargenson - Asst. HS Track & Field

Brian Yenser - Asst. HS Track & Field
Jason Hower - Asst. JH Track & Field
Joel Dunham - Drama Club Advisor

E. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following individuals as volunteer coaches for the 2016-2017 school year:

Kevin Hornish - Wrestling
Mike Jerome - HS Baseball
Jack Bauble - HS Softball
Anita Branch - HS Track & Field
Dan Shepherd - HS Track & Field
Austin Conlon - JH Track & Field

F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Transportation Supervisor, to approve supplemental bus driving for Thomas Sinn and Alice Weninger to transport students involved in the 21st Century Grant after-school program and other after-school activities;

G. to commend coach Jeremy Daeger, the volunteer coaches, and the players from the girls' golf team for winning the Green Meadows Conference Championship;

H. to commend coach Chris Rosswurm and golfer Evan Baughman, as Evan was named the Green Meadows Conference "Golfer of the Year" for his first place finish in the conference tournament;

I. to commend Gracie Gudakunst for her second place finish at the Sectional golf tournament and Evan Baughman for his first place finish at the Sectional golf tournament, both have earned a spot in the District golf tournament;

J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal, to approve the annual Washington, D.C., trip on May 8-13, 2017.

*Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Pat Bauble, and Mr. Duane Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Resolution outside of consent items:

Motion by: Mrs. Lisa McClure Seconded by: Mr. Duane Sinn

A. to accept the resignation of Annette Sinn as Head Cross Country coach effective the end of the fall 2016 season.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Pat Bauble, aye. Nay, none. Abstain, Mr. Perry Sinn Motion passed.

8:35 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Duane Sinn

"Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee of the School District."

Roll call vote: Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Pat Bauble, and Mrs.

Lisa McClure, aye. Nay, none. Board in executive session.

9:15 p.m. Regular session called back to order.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure To adjourn meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next board meeting will be held November 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room.

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Kurt Bendele, Grover Hill, OH; Fail to confine; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Lester T. Trowbridge, Mark Center, OH; Criminal trespass; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Krystal Fuentes, Cecil, OH; Possession drug; Prel-waive; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court and case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio.

Arron R. Romero, Cecil, OH; Traf dev/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dawnell D. Blackman, Belleville, IL; Poss marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Elizabeth M. Bogart, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

William R. Winkler, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Beau R. Leatherman, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John W. Mobley, Hicksville, OH; Possession; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Gage Q. Farley, Hicksville, OH; Attempt-theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Complete 40 hrs community service; Complete the online theft course-Third Millennium; Provide proof of recovery services; Maintain employment

Tanner Jay Welch, Paulding, OH; Pass bad check; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall pay restitution in the amount of \$48.20 through the clerks office to Red Angel Pizza; Addition to rules; Complete 20 hrs community service; Maintain general good behavior

Jeryme L. Koch, Broughton, OH; Fail reg. dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Christina M. McKeever, Antwerp, OH; No O.L.; Dismiss; CT B dismissed at the states request

Irene L. Fleetwood, Oakwood, OH; O.V.I./under inf.; Guilty; Restrictive plates required; Shall pay \$50 per mo; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; Community control two; 20 hrs of community service; Vehicle immobilized for 90 days commencing 10/7/16; 170 jail days reserved; Secure a driver's license

Irene L. Fleetwood, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Dismiss; At the states request CT C dismissed at defendant's costs

John W. Mobley, Paulding, OH; Fictitious Reg.; Guilty; Defendant shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 11/18/16; Pay all fines and costs by 12/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Proof of financial responsibility provided

Ariel E. Blocher-Smith, Fort Wayne, IN; Marked Lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Hector G. Gomez-Ibarra, Antwerp, OH; Left of Center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David A. Roehm, Willshire, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John F. Skala, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Catherine E. Trowbridge, Defiance, OH; D.O.C. w/persi; Did no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all remaining fines and costs once bond is applied; Placed on standard probation; Shall have no contact with victim; Complete 25 hrs of community service; Submit an evaluation at

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VFW AUXILIARY CRAFT SHOW: 12700 Dawkins Road, New Haven, IN. Saturday, October 22, 9:00-3:00. Table rental \$15 per 6ft table. Call Ingrid for more information. 260-639-3864 42

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Nicole S. Kuntz, Dupont, OH; Following close; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Anthony D. Corwin, Defiance, OH; O.V.I./under inf.; Dismiss; CT A dismissed at the states request

Anthony D. Corwin, Defiance, OH; No tail lights; Dismiss; CT B dismissed at states request

Anthony D. Corwin, Defiance, OH; OVI/breath(low); Guilty; 10 days jail; May attend the DIP in lieu of three days jail; Compliance 3/31/17; Shall pay \$50 per mo commencing 10/28/16; Has a POC date of 3/31/17; Community Control Two; 25 hrs of community service; 170 jail days reserved

Cameron P. West, Defiance, OH; Driv/FRA susp; Guilty; Defendant shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 11/18/16 hrs; A POC date of 5/26/17; Warrant and warrant block rescinded

Cameron P. West, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/26/17 or will be sent to collections; Defendant shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 11/18/16

Baile J. Quinn, Auburn, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robin R. Bauer, Ottawa, OH; Seat belt/drove; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeffrey A. Hopkins, Napoleon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Justin D. McNear, Napoleon, OH; Cross yellow ln; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant's

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County grand jury indicted 8 persons on Thursday, October 13, 2016:

Kala D. Wells, 9/5/86; Paulding, OH; Escape, F-5

Kenneth W. King Jr, 5/9/95; Oakwood, OH; Possession of drugs, F-4

Logan J. Dillinger, 3/26/94; Paulding, OH; Sexual offender registration, F-5

Aubree M. Davis, 1/31/90; Paulding, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F-5; Illegal conveyance of weapons or prohibited items onto the grounds of a detention facility of institution, F-3

Krystal M. Fuentes, 5/31/85; Cecil, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F-5

Daniel E. Kelley, 7/22/87; unknown address; Possession of cocaine, F-5; Possession of heroin, F-5

Blake L. Bigger, 9/1/88; Paulding, OH; Burglary, F-2

Christopher R. Tressler, 12/22/84; Cecil, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F-2; Trafficking in drugs, F-2; Engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, F-1

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

VETERAN NASA ASTRONAUTS BRIAN DUFFY AND SCOTT PARAZYNSKI INDUCTED INTO UNITED STATES ASTRONAUT HALL OF FAME

(NAPSI)—Space for two more: Veteran NASA astronauts Brian Duffy and Scott Parazynski joined a prestigious group of American space heroes in the United States Astronaut Hall of Fame during a moving ceremony at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Duffy and Parazynski make up the 15th group of space shuttle astronauts to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Both flew aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis, which is now located at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex and was the site of the induction ceremony. Adding these veteran astronauts to the Hall of Fame brings the total number of inductees to 93. More than 20 legendary astronauts were on hand to welcome the inductees, including Fred Haise, Al Worden, Charlie Duke, Owen Garriott, Jack Louisa, Vance Brand, Bob Rippen, Karol "Bo" Bobko, Rick Hauck and Dan Brandenstein. As of November 2016, a new U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame opens at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex as part of the new Heroes & Legends attraction. Heroes & Legends sets the stage for the guest experience by providing the emotional background and context for space exploration and the legendary men and women who pioneered and continue the journey into space. Through engaging storytelling, guests embark on an awe-inspiring experience that begins with an immersive exhibit designed to spark thought and discussion about how society defines a hero. Then, through cutting-edge technology, interactive elements and engaging exhibits, guests will be introduced to the heroes of space. For more information or to book a visit, go to www.KennedySpaceCenter.com.

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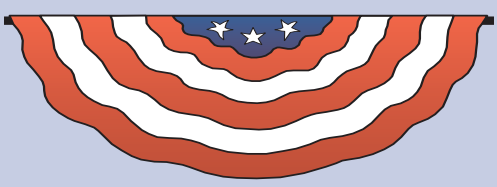
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- Judges who uphold the Constitution rather than trying to make new laws
- Affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed
- Proper vetting, follow established rules for becoming citizens, assimilation
- Stand up for your friends, challenge your foes, and DEFEAT ISIS
- Repeal and replace Obamacare with free market options
- Balanced budget amendment with tax incentives for economic growth, reduction of taxes at every level
- Received by those who earned it and paid into Social Security
- In favor of Keystone pipeline and domestic energy production



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DEMOCRAT:

- Judges who want to rewrite the laws, which is the job of Congress
- Use of government funds to pay for abortions
- Open borders to all who want to come in, giving financial assistance to all illegal immigrants
- Defeat through diplomacy, war is a last resort
- Expand Obamacare and Medicaid
- Unlimited taxation, including a new tax on financial transactions to fund new government
- An "entitlement" to be shared by all people living in the US
- Wants to prohibit the pipeline; stop fracking and domestic production of oil and gas

Which of these platforms is best for the ★ **United States of America?** ★

Which will make our great country a better place for our children and grandchildren, a country with a future?