

THE JAIL LEVY PASSES!



It's been quite sometime since the "new" Sheriff Office and Jail was opened. This year after the general election there is a breath of fresh air at the local law enforcement facility in Paulding. Sheriff Jason Landers stated, "I felt it would prevail by a couple hundred votes. Never in my thoughts did I think it would pass by a 60%-40% split."

The voters of Paulding County overwhelmingly decided it was time to house local inmates in a local jail. This will be bring jobs back to the county and bring down the travel expenses that were necessary previously.

Landers has worked hard since he was first elected to bring a spirit of unity and outreach within the office and extend that out into the community. Landers praised the personnel, "That tells me that my staff is doing a great job serving this county." Jason continued, "From answering the call for service in Communications, to the Road Patrol Deputies responding to the request for service, to the inmates being treated

with care and respect no matter what the allegation by the Corrections staff."

It will take some time to get the facility to meet current state and federal incarceration requirements. Much of the time will be testing the existing equipment and replacing if necessary. Officer Training will also be a priority with updated regulations.

Even with all the work ahead Landers is optimistic and ready to take on the challenge, "I am truly humbled with the results." Jason realizes how much the people of Paulding County are behind him. He appreciates all the support it takes, making this jail a big community win.

ADULT SEWING CLASS

The Cooper Community Library Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library is hosting an Adult Sewing Class - Microwave Bowl Carrier, November 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Pat Spitnale is presenting an adult sewing class to create a microwave cozy. Pat's classes are always informational and produce a practical item (not to mention they are a lot of fun). Materials list for this event requires all 100% cotton products. You will need two 12 inch squares of cotton fabric, 100% cotton thread, a wound bobbin and scissors. You can bring your own sewing machine, or the library has a limited number available. Class size is limited.

Pre-registration will assure you a seat.

The Cooper Community Branch Library was the third branch to open in the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. Opening in 2000 the branch has become the hub and heart of the community, sponsoring programs and events throughout the year. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming events.

Pamela Kretz, Manager, Cooper Community Library (419)594-3337

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD SCAVENGER HUNT

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce to hold a Scavenger Hunt in conjunction with Shop Small Business Saturday, November 26, 2016.

Antwerp Chamber will be holding a Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, November 19, 2016. Many local businesses will be participating. The Scavenger Hunt will start at 9:00 a.m. and run until noon and take place in downtown Antwerp, Ohio.

You can participate by filling out a participation form which is available on Facebook at Antwerp Chamber of Commerce. You can join as an individual or a team. (Teams can have up to 5 participants.) You can also sign up the day of the event at our registration tent located at the West Bend News parking lot.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce will be awarding prizes for the, individual or team that completes the Scavenger Hunt accurately and in the least amount of time. We will also be giving away door prizes and goody bags throughout the morning.

1st Place \$100.00; 2nd Place \$50.00; 3rd Place \$25.00

All prizes will be in the form of "Chamber Bucks" which are good at participating local businesses. You could have \$100.00 in gas for your car, or \$100.00 in pizzas or subs or split it up however you like. The is no fee to sign up so, grab your friends and come join us for a great time.

During the Scavenger Hunt, stop by the Antwerp Exchange Bank and register to win a snow-blower. No purchase necessary.

Other Information: There is no cost to join or participate. If you are under the age of 16, you must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information, feel free to contact Lynda Rude-Grzych @ lyndarude-grzych@yahoo.com or you can reach me at 419-298-0223.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kalieaha Piper Edgar was born to Christopher Edgar & Sierra Cline on November 7, 2016 weighing 7 lbs 2.3 oz and was 19.8 inches long.

Grandparents are: Jeff & Lisa Cline; John & Crystal Edgar; Tracy Bigger and James Fiel.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! THE HICKSVILLE VILLAGE PLAYERS PRESENTS: "DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW"

The Hicksville Village Players would like you to save the date for their next performance. They will be performing "Dashing Through The Snow" by the comedy team who brought you "The Dixie Swim Club"; Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten. This production is under the direction of Dawn Patterson, who also directed "The Dixie Swim Club". This production will be performed at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville on December 2, 3, & 4, 2016. The show will be done as Dinner Theatre on Dec. 2 & 3, with dinner at 6:30 and the show at 7:30. December 4, it will be the show only at 3:00. The dinner is being catered by Grant's Catering from Antwerp. They will be providing their special Christmas dinner.

This show is set at the Snowflake Inn in Tinsel, Texas. The show has 4 scenes that are a mini-play in themselves, as we see 4 completely different stories played out. Each of the actors in our production, except one, is playing two different characters and all of them are hilarious. Following is the cast of our show:

Dennis Jackson---Trent Walcott (the innkeeper)

Sean Patterson---Mr. Boykin (a demanding guest) / Lou Earl (the cook) (Offstage voices)

Carol Clark---Cuddles / Lenora Benedict

Bill Murphy---Binky / Ainsley Danforth

Jamy Shaffer---Hoyt Ledford /Raynerd Chisum

Melody Stevenson---Donna Jo Austin /Frankie Futrelle Dubberly

Rose Doctor---Ennis Puckett /Twink Futrelle Buntner

Lindsay Clem---Della Crowder /Honey Raye Futrelle

Mercedes Moncivais---Paulette Coogan /Rhonda Lynn Futrelle Lampley

This hilarious laugh-fest is written for a family audience and should be considered a PG performance.

For more information on this show, please search Hicksville Village Players on Facebook. The deadline for Dinner Theatre reservations are November 24, 2016.

This show is performed by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., 440 Park Ave. S., New York, NY 10016.

WAYNE TRACE TAKES FIELD TRIP TO TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART



Several of Wayne Trace's art classes recently participated in a field trip to the Toledo Museum of Art where they took part in a variety of activities. Through the generous support of a museum scholarship, ten WT students were able to take part in a glass workshop. While learning about the science of glassblowing, these Senior Studio art students worked with professional artists in TMA's Glass Pavilion to create their own glass pieces to take home.

As part of another grant, the Miss Gawronski joined the 8th Grade art class to participate in a STEAM tour of the museum collection, learning more about a variety of works in the collection. Building on past projects and the new works of art that they saw during their visit, these talented 8th graders look forward to continuing to explore ways to connect science with the arts.

Leah Maassel who is currently taking Wayne Trace's first ever Art History class,

East Asian Art, was joined by Senior art student Ethan Dunham to go behind the scenes of the museum with Courtney Macklin, TMA's Works on Paper Curatorial Assistant. In the print Study Room, Leah and Ethan had the opportunity to take a closer look at several Japanese kimono stencils made of paper and several woodblock prints while learning more about the conservation and collection efforts of the museum as they relate to East Asian Art.

These WT classes received a number of compliments from the TMA staff on their high level of participation in the activities at the museum--we are truly grateful to have such wonderful kids! Our art students would like to thank the Toledo Museum of Art and the Wayne Trace administration for providing them with the opportunity to spend the day at the museum, building on their visual literacy skills and bringing art to life!

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY BAND ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

Fort Wayne Area Community Band will present its annual holiday concert Tuesday, December 13 in the John & Ruth Rhinehart Music Center on the IPFW campus. Downbeat is 7:30 p.m. Theme of the concert is Christmas in the City featuring a backdrop of the city's three tallest buildings with special lighting. There will also be a barbershop quartet, flute ensemble, Salvation Army bell ringer and Santa is expected to make an appearance. Music will include Silver Bells, Welcome Yule, Sleigh Ride, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Polar Express highlights, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, White Christmas and more. IPFW students admitted free with student ID. Parking is free in the garage across from the Music Center.

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11/16 - Pork chop, scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, mixed fruit, dinner roll, birthday cake, milk
 11/17 - Tuna salad sandwich, vegetable soup, tropical fruit, potato salad, cookie, crackers, milk
 11/18 - Baked turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, Key West vegetables, cranberry pineapple salad, pumpkin pie, milk
 11/21 - BBQ riblet sandwich, herbed potatoes, country style spinach, mandarin oranges, apple juice, milk
 11/22 - Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, seasoned cauliflower, strawberry hash, dinner roll, goldfish crackers, milk

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 11/16 - 11/22

11/16 - Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Birthday Anniversary Celebration; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.
 11/17 - Blood pressure & toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo w/ Gardens of Paulding at 10:00 a.m.; Penny Pitch with Meadows of Kalida at 12:00 p.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; Thanksgiving Evening Meal at 5:00 p.m.
 11/18 - Thanksgiving Luncheon; Commodity Distribution at 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Bingo with VanCrest at 12:00 p.m.
 11/21 - "Shedding Pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Steering Committee at 12:00 p.m.
 11/22 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; Intergenerational project with 6th grade

PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP IN QUALITY

Paulding County Hospital announced it has been recognized by iVantage Health Analytics and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in quality

reflecting top quartile performance among all rural acute care hospitals in the nation. Paulding County Hospital prides itself in providing the community with the most up to date technology to improve care and save lives. The most recent innovation implemented at the hospital is molecular testing. This cutting-edge methodology identifies organisms in hours as opposed to the former method that took days. This means that lifesaving treatment can begin much earlier using antibiotics that are specific to the identified organism.

The rankings have been determined by the Hospital Strength INDEX®, the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. In partnership with NOSORH, iVantage Health Analytics has developed a data-driven program designed to identify excellence across a broad spectrum of indicators relevant to hospital performance and patient care. The Hospital Strength INDEX captures performance metrics for all rural and Critical Access Hospitals. Leveraging data from public data sources, INDEX aggregates data from 66 individual metrics into three major categories and nine pillars to derive a single strength overall rating for each facility.

"These top quartile performers should take great pride in this recognition. It showcases their commitment to continuous performance analysis and improvement. On this occasion of National Rural Health Day, it's an honor to celebrate their achievement as they continue to serve their communities despite the many market, regulatory and financial pressures they face," said Michael Topchik, National Leader of the Chartis Center for Rural Health.

About NOSORH

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America's 61 million rural citizens. NOSORH enhances the capacity of SORHs to do this by supporting the development of state and community rural health leaders; creating and facilitating state, regional and

national partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health-related programs/activities; and enhancing access to quality healthcare services in rural communities

About iVantage Health Analytics

iVantage Health Analytics (iVantage) is a leading provider of healthcare analytic and performance management analytic tools. Health system and hospital leadership teams across the country rely on the company's software and services to deliver customized insights on clinical and financial performance, strategic planning, market assessment and payment optimization. iVantage is part of The Chartis Group, a national advisory services firm dedicated to the healthcare industry. The Chartis Center for Rural Health (CCRH) was formed in 2016 to offer tailored services, performance management solutions, research and education to rural hospitals and facilities. Learn more at Chartisrural.com.

ST. LOUIS BESANCON CATHOLIC CHURCH HAM & TURKEY DINNER

The St. Louis Besancon Community is again hosting this Fundraising Dinner in the Parish Hall on Sunday November 20, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Dinner will feature Ham & Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, cranberry salad, coleslaw, and includes a homemade dessert & drink. Also taking place will be the Silent Auction with amazing items up for bid, the Big Raffle & Turkey Raffles, the Country Craft Store, and a Quilt Raffle featuring a beautiful hand crafted & hand embroidered quilt.

St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church, 15535 Lincoln Highway East (3 miles east of US 30 & 1-469 on old Highway 30)

FORECAST FOR COLDER, SNOWIER SEASON MEANS OLDER OHIOANS SHOULD BE "WINTER READY!"

Plan ahead to prevent common winter injuries and be prepared for emergencies

Are you Winter READY? Weather experts are expecting Winter 2016 to be colder and snowier than in recent years. Extreme weather conditions are hard on all of us, but can be particularly challenging for older adults, whose bodies don't react the same way they did when they were younger. As a result, elders can be slower to adjust to adverse conditions and are at increased risk for injury from accidents, like slipping and falling. During Winter

Safety Awareness Week (Nov. 13-19), the Ohio Department of Aging encourages all older Ohioans and their families to plan today to be "Winter READY!"

"Ohio winters can be unpredictable, but are likely to bring snow, ice, extremely cold temperatures, wind and more - all of which can create significant hazards for anyone, but especially our elders," said Stephanie M. Loucka, director of the department. "Make a plan today to minimize your risk from wintry conditions and maximize your ability to remain active, independent and healthy all winter long."

Stay active safely

Falls are the leading cause of injury-related hospitalization and death among Ohioans aged 65 and older, and the risk for a life-changing fall goes up in snowy and icy conditions. However, even winter falls can be prevented.

Maintain regular physical activity to ensure you have the strength and balance you need to prevent falls. Ask your doctor or physical therapist about easy indoor exercises and seek opportunities to be active.

Invest in extra lamps, nightlights and exterior lights so that you can always see where you are walking, especially around doorways and stairs. Use the highest-wattage bulbs recommended for your fixtures.

Coats, gloves, hats and other winter clothing are designed to keep you warm, but items that are bulky, don't fit well or can catch on nearby objects can increase your risk of falling.

Wear boots and shoes that fit properly and have soles with good traction. Keep shoes and walking aids (canes, walkers) in good working condition, dry and free of snow, ice, dirt and mud.

Keep sidewalks and stairs outside your home clean of ice and snow. Make sure steps leading into your home have sturdy handrails that can support you if you slip.

Keep space heaters, cords and blankets out of walkways. If you must use throw rugs on cold floors, secure them to the floor with tape.

Carry a cell phone and designate someone to call for help if you need it. Let loved ones know when you are leaving the house and when you expect to be back; call them after you return home.

Find more tips to prevent falls at the Department of Aging's STEADY U Ohio website: www.steadyu.ohio.gov.

Heat your home safely

Older adults are at increased risk for tragic consequences resulting from a fire in their homes. However, like falls, most fires can be pre-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit."
 —1 Peter 3:18

vented.

Use only space heaters that have been tested and certified to the latest safety standards.

Keep anything that can burn (papers, blankets, etc.) at least three feet away from any heat source.

Test your smoke alarms monthly and replace any that are more than 10 years old.

Have and practice a fire escape plan.

Be prepared

All Ohioans should have a winter preparedness plan that enables them to remain in place for three days if they become unable to leave their homes due to weather conditions. Older adults may have a few special considerations.

Have an emergency kit that contains, at a minimum, a battery operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries, a loud whistle or bell, food you can open and prepare easily, water (one gallon per person per day), extra blankets and a first aid kit.

Keep a backup supply of the medicines you take every day. Have an ice chest on hand and keep ice packs in the freezer for medications that need to be kept cool.

Make sure your medical equipment and assistive devices (such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs, lifts, oxygen tanks, etc.) are easy to locate in an emergency. Have spare batteries and non-powered options for equipment that will not work without electricity.

Designate a safe place to go if it becomes unsafe to stay in your home, such as a public shelter or a friend's or neighbor's house. Have a plan for getting there.

Be ready to quickly explain to rescue personnel in an emergency how to help you move safely and quickly (e.g., "take my oxygen tank," "get my insulin from the refrigerator").

Check on your neighbors

Before, during and after forecasted severe weather, check on older friends and family members to ensure that they are okay and that they have the resources they need to stay safe and healthy.

Do they need medical attention?

Do they have safe food and water?

Is the temperature in their home comfortable?

Who will they call if they need help?

If someone appears ill or is injured, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Find help in your community

The Department of Aging works with the state's 12 area agencies on aging to make sure that each community has a plan for assisting older adults during weather emergencies. Your area agency can also help you identify resources, such as energy assistance, chore service and minor home repairs that can help you stay warm and safe this winter. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community.

Follow the Ohio Department of Aging on Facebook and Twitter for more winter safety information and resources all winter long. The Department of Ag-

ing is a proud member of the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness. Visit www.weathersafety.ohio.gov for information on winter safety and severe weather preparedness.

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging works to ensure that our elders are respected as vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute. We collaborate with state agencies and community partners, including area agencies on aging, to help integrate aging needs into local plans and ensure that aging Ohioans have access to a wide array of high-quality services and supports that are person-centered in policy and practice. Our programs include the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver, caregiver support, the long-term care ombudsman program, the Golden Buckeye Card and more. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

CFGFW AWARDS \$35,000 TO ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF FORT WAYNE AND ALLEN COUNTY.

Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$35,000 by the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne. These funds will be used to support the general operations of Associated Churches.

The Community Foundation grant will be used to support the various programs of Associated Churches which focuses on two key areas: basic needs and youth and family support. For basic needs, Associated Churches provides emergency food to those in need. For youth and family services, Associated Churches has A Baby's Closet (an incentive program for parents to attend classes and prenatal care) and Rising Stars (partnering community organizations to support the needs of local elementary schools).

Rev. Roger Reece, Executive Pastor, states, "The Community Foundation's investment into our county will help meet the needs of emergency food relief, support young mothers at A Baby's Closet, and help provide parenting classes in our Rising Stars program. This investment of human capital will have far reaching benefits that will be a blessing for years to come."

Since 1944, Associated Churches has filled the gap to help those most in need in the community of Fort Wayne and Allen County. Today, Associated Churches is a unique faith-based organization that brings together over 13,000 volunteers to serve and work together to improve our community. Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County is accepting donations to continue to fill the gap for those in need within the Fort Wayne and Allen county community. For more information on Associated Churches or how you can support Associated Churches' community efforts, please

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POLLS AND THE MEDIA

By Bryce Steiner

How could the polls have been more wrong this year? If you were one of the millions of people who watched the election on Tuesday night, you may have wondered what happening as the results started to come in one by one for each state.

Quite interesting enough was the expressions of the pundits and political commentators on the subject, a.k.a. "the experts".

It was planned out for much of the previous week that Hillary Clinton was going to win, and by quite a bit. The stock markets rose after the news media insisted that Donald Trump wasn't going to get in. What happened?

The polls clearly showed victory for the democratic party, not only in the presidential race but many of the others too. By Wednesday morning, there was no hope. The party that thought they had such a great footing with the voters fell flat. Completely stunned where the expressions on the news. The flustered George Stephanopoulos on Good Morning America struggled to even complete thoughts, though lack of sleep probably didn't help. Blubbering, George just kept repeating himself about the uneducated white male as being at fault for Clinton falling short.

We came out of the election realizing polls don't matter, or they are used to try and influence people to vote a particular way.

I struggled this year with who to vote for just as many did in this less than pretty election. Seeing the polls and hearing commentators for 3 months straight is enough to drive people batty.

I guess it drove some people, many of whom never voted, to much more. Riots, property damage, violence, burnings, etc. are all acts that are criminal yet seem to be justified for some, who hypocritically were carrying love and peace signage the week before. The question is why?

I really don't think it's too difficult once it's looked at.

One year, many Christmases ago, I thought I would get a robot for Christmas. I was quite young and I saw this electronically sophisticated being with great technology in the Sears Wishbook. It was colored a gleaming silver and had a glass covered head with read LED eyes. It easily would make my life great. Something that I could actually control with just this

wired remote. It was amazing. In my young state of mind, I thought that my parents should get this for me because I deserve it! I kept telling myself that over and over to the point I truly believed I would get it.

The mainstream media did the same thing. They told themselves over and over that Hillary had it. The polls really didn't say she would win (it didn't say she wouldn't either), it was only after they were interpreted by "experts". Repeating it over and over and the public believed it too. Many believed it so much they didn't go and vote because it was in the bag. Huffington Post, though not real news, told it's readers there was a 98.3% of her winning. New York Times continued in the same fashion and printing she had an 85% chance of winning. Princeton gave her a 99% chance to their readers.

How disappointed I was when I didn't get the robot of my dreams. My technological future was mentally destroyed at that point, and I thought the world would never be as great as the beeps and the whirs of the robot could have fulfilled me.

How disappointed some of the voters were when they woke up only to hear that de facto winner was not the one pontificated for the last few months. It was like the failed Christmas for those. It was time to show disappointment.

Taking to the streets, newspapers, media, internet, Facebook and anywhere else they thought someone might want to hear of their dissatisfaction with the American system of government. As you have seen rioters trying to change things with public violence and destruction. Who is the uneducated now?

Stephanopoulos continued with his disappointment too and fueling the riots by saying, "Hillary won the popular vote". True but that's now how it works in this country. It's like saying Trump should be President because he has more jets or more jelly donuts. That doesn't matter. It's the Electoral College that matters. Back to Government 101.

Which brings us back to the polls. Do you know what's wrong with the polls? They try and show popular vote, which isn't how the country's system works.

There are more problems with polling now than ever before in history. Polls are done by the cheapest labor in America. The job is to get as many as possible (quota), not

ensuring reliability. They are also generally made by calling landlines. When they do connect with people between 18-30 on the landline they give that vote a significantly more weight. The reasoning is because people in that age group are less likely to have landlines. There are not that many people using landlines of any age group. Considering IP phones (Skype, etc), cell phones, cable, and other forms of communication have knocked down the phone system from what it was. From Electoralvote.com "Do pollsters present the actual numbers observed? Virtually never."

Polls are considered valid after only 500 people are sampled (The aim is for 1000). Seriously? yep!

Why would the media be using this?

The media has changed over the years. This year especially you can watch and see and most are trying to make the news rather than report the news. They know this and so do you.

It is correct that male representation for Trump was higher on this report. Is it the uneducated white male that stole the election from Hillary as reported by the national media? Nope. If you look at the Pew research polls (before media interpretation), the lowest household income were intending to vote for Hillary (generally considered uneducated) by 62-33 margin. In fact, all of the income levels were said to vote for Hillary with the exception of \$75,000-\$99,000 level where they were equal. Showing that, there is no way to pinpoint that one group or another took it from Hillary and gave it to Trump. What it shows is the polls can't be trusted but how could you expect so when the sampling is so small.

Garrison Keillor wrote in the Chicago Tribune the day following election, "The uneducated white males who elected him are the vulnerable ones and they will not like what happens next." and again, "So he won. The nation takes a deep breath. Raw ego and proud illiteracy have won out and a severely learning-disabled man with a real character problem will be president"

It's too bad Garrison writes this. It makes me think less of the show he was hosting for so many years. Not because that he has an opinion on who should be president but because of his contempt and false assumption, "If you don't agree with me than you must be uneducated." Why the disdain for others who don't think like me? Perhaps this is the problem of the party that used to speak for the people.

I didn't vote for Trump, and I cannot stand it when people are mocked as "uneducated" because they didn't agree with the media and voted for him. Name calling is one of the lowest forms of communication and shows where the character problem lies.

What I took away from this election cycle is to not get caught up in the media frenzy. The polls are not to be believed. Also, if you want to win, get your constituents out and vote! Don't blame it on the people who did. We can all be Americans and still disagree on what it needs, but

in order for this to happen the process must be respected even if our feelings are hurt.

WHAT VETERAN'S DAY MEANS TO ME

By: Cherie Miller on November 10, 2016

At school today, there were a number of students who read essays they wrote about what Veteran's Day means to them. It got me thinking, what does Veteran's Day mean to me? I had forgotten that Veteran's Day was coming so soon. For me Veteran's Day is every day. I am married to and live with a veteran. To me, living with a veteran means being on alert or having an awareness of what is going on around me 90% of the time (the other 10% I am sleeping). It means making sure my veteran can see all possible exits, or giving him an overview of what exits there might be in a location where I have been and he hasn't if he will be going there. It means making sure that he feels safe where ever he is. It means going the long way around to come up beside him rather than behind him or scuffing my feet or making a sound if I have to come up behind him. It means watching for flash backs and bringing him out of them in the safest, most effective way I know how. Being a veteran's wife means letting him know when I leave and when I come home even when he is sleeping. It means every night that I don't sleep well he sleeps less well because not only is he waking up on his own through the night, he is waking up when I do...regardless of whether I make a sound, or move, or not. It means that when I encourage him to play with the kids I have to warn them or watch to make sure they don't do something that may trigger him, even if he knows they don't know better. It means if I hear gun shots or hear fireworks when we aren't prepared then I need to find him and make sure he is ok or make sure I give him a heads up if I hear them first. Having a veteran in my daily life means letting him know if I have people over when he is sleeping, especially if he doesn't know them or isn't comfortable with them yet. It means, no matter where I want to sit at the table, I need to make sure he picks his seat first. Loving a veteran means when we make a house plan together he needs to approve every single inch because it will affect how comfortable he will be in that house. If he doesn't think he will feel safe in any part of the house, it will need to be adjusted so that he does feel safe. And, sometimes, being a veteran's wife means walking him to, and even through, appointments so that he can feel safe, knowing that there is someone he knows, watching his six. And, in return for all I do for him, being married to a veteran, loved by a veteran, living with a veteran, means, as long as he is around, I can feel safe. No matter what is going on, I know that he will protect me. Until death do us part.

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PAULDING COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE OGS

During the November 9th meeting Kim K. Sutton, former Paulding Chamber of Commerce Executive Director & the current John Paulding Historical Society President, spoke about the history of the Paulding County Courthouse & shared many interesting tidbits, some of which will be shared in upcoming blog posts on the website.

The next meeting is a "Christmas Party" at the Esen House in Antwerp on December 14th @ 2:00 p.m. - Members ONLY please... the society will be celebrating its 30th official year in 2017 (Chartered in 1987) - If you'd like to know more about us please visit the website @ www.pauldingcountytogs.weebly.com.

LATTA STATEMENT ON ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) released the following statement after Donald Trump was elected President of the United States.

"The voters sent a strong message about the direction of our nation last night," said Latta. "Donald Trump's victory signals that the American people are tired of having a President who does not listen to them or understand their needs. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress and the President to move our nation forward."

The West Bend News website has many pictures of area events. Be sure to visit www.westbendnews.net

GOBBLE GOBBLE



Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers are having a wonderful time learning about Thanksgiving this year. Shown here in their turkey finery are: Carlie Lero, Savannah Barnes and Austin VanEtten.

Turkey Still Shoot

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WRONG THINKING ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

“Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question.” Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and have children for his brother. ...and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?” Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. ...

He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.” Luke 20:27-28, 31-37, 38 (NIV).

First, Jesus said, there will be no marriage in the resurrection. This showed (a) that the present Age completely contrasts with the Age to come; and (b) when people are resurrected, they will be like the angels, being God’s children and children of the resurrection. Jesus did not say that resurrected people become angels. His point was that they, like angels, will be immortal. Thus there will be no further need for procreation, and the marriage relationship will not be necessary.

In this age; that is, our temporal existence, people marry and have children and carry on the family name. However, faith in resurrection implies hope for an age to come. That age; eternity the age after the resurrection, will comprise a different time altogether, a time-beyond-time, an age in which there will be no death, an age in which

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FUN, FASCINATING, FREE ACTIVITIES FOCUSING ON THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



“Christmas in the Park”

Saturday, November 26 & Sunday, November 27 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN; FREE Admission and refreshments

Activities for the Entire Family:

Delight in horse-drawn wagon/carriage ride - 26th 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 27th 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Experience the “Streets of Bethlehem” featuring “Fire & Light” (formerly “Audience of One”) youth theater troupe for re-enactments and interacting with visitors. The walk includes a stop at the manger to view the nativity--complete with a live donkey and sheep

Observe live camels outside the magi tent

Give the gift of giving:

Write a note to a veteran that will be delivered to the VA Northern Indiana Health Services Facility on Lake Avenue. The cards will accompany the Christmas tree (beautifully decorated with red, white, and blue ornaments) that is on display at “Christmas in the Park.”

Encourage local law enforcement officers through the Survival Kit package

Contribute toward the postage to handpick a beautiful little dress to send around the world through the “Little Dresses for Africa” project

Bring reading glasses to be shared with prisoners through ACJM

View wide variety of beautiful displays in the heated pavilion including:

Crafts Ideas: “Make it... Take it...Say Merry Christmas”

Food ideas: “Bake it...Take it...Say ‘Merry Christmas”

Enjoy Refreshments:

Cookies and beverages in heated pavilion

Particularly Interesting for Children:

A variety of beautiful life sized stuffed animals will be at a booth offering a pre-packaged cookie as the prize for accuracy in tossing a piece of plastic food to “feed” the animal

Making crafts and playing other games with prizes--inside the children’s tent

Animal Grams Petting Zoo

Watching the creation of animal balloons with opportunity to choose one to take home

Entertainment in Talent Big Blast Ministries Sharing Tent

Talented musicians, singers and speakers will entertain

Big Blast Ministries will provide a big balloon twisting stage show at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday

Bring your camera/phone to take pictures behind the words joy, love, or hope

Still time to use for customized Christmas card or as insert

Contact Person: Judi Hapke, Christ Child Festival Board Member 260-447-9437

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Allen County, Indiana 2016 General Election Results

-----VOTES-----				
M	A	C	TOTAL	%
VOTES= 128,788				
72547	5632	20968	99147	76.98%
21743	1546	6252	29641	23.02%
VOTES= 148,225				
62397	4942	14622	83801	56.54%
36913	3738	14571	55222	37.26%
5601	292	871	6764	4.56%
2043	13	382	2438	1.64%
VOTES= 147,476				
58900	4639	15691	79230	53.72%
40666	3957	15077	59700	40.48%
6795	333	1354	8482	5.75%
46	3	15	64	0.04%
VOTES= 146,670				
59748	4851	15735	80334	54.77%
42316	3924	15583	61823	42.15%
3699	137	629	4465	3.04%
40	0	8	48	0.03%
VOTES= 143,207				
70525	5476	18105	94106	65.71%
32692	3230	13179	49101	34.29%
VOTES= 144,561				
58496	4730	15838	79064	54.69%
45594	4074	15829	65497	45.31%
VOTES= 144,109				
69412	5653	18451	93516	64.89%
26857	2557	10629	40043	27.79%
7951	444	2062	10457	7.26%
62	3	28	93	0.06%
VOTES= 52,007				
25183	1983	7029	34195	65.75%
11948	1011	4853	17812	34.25%
VOTES= 8,325				
3967	257	846	5070	60.90%
2333	196	726	3255	39.10%
VOTES= 10,205				
5679	447	1583	7709	75.54%
1663	166	667	2496	24.46%
VOTES= 3,887				
3114	193	580	3887	100.00%
VOTES= 14,840				
10572	691	3577	14840	100.00%
VOTES= 22,837				
10495	781	2642	13918	60.94%
6132	450	2337	8919	39.06%
VOTES= 2,660				
1550	113	399	2062	77.52%
419	30	149	598	22.48%
VOTES= 16,466				
11520	1024	3922	16466	100.00%
VOTES= 31,049				
14990	1385	4147	20522	66.10%
6905	776	2846	10527	33.90%
VOTES= 26,154				
14773	1154	3239	19166	73.28%
4838	492	1658	6988	26.72%
VOTES= 109,451				
81398	6158	21895	109451	100.00%
VOTES= 111,400				
82730	6175	22495	111400	100.00%
VOTES= 110,783				
82372	6108	22303	110783	100.00%
VOTES= 111,128				
82377	6236	22515	111128	100.00%
VOTES= 316,217				
52683	4829	13564	71076	22.48%
43594	4767	12896	61257	19.37%
53503	4824	13373	71700	22.67%
24697	2550	9217	36464	11.53%
26292	2702	9753	38747	12.25%
25488	2551	8934	36973	11.69%
VOTES= 4,206				
3342	209	655	4206	100.00%
VOTES= 16,311				
12853	776	2682	16311	100.00%
VOTES= 17,857				
8879	491	1792	11162	62.51%
5196	396	1103	6695	37.49%
VOTES= 5,210				
4002	277	931	5210	100.00%
VOTES= 15,145				
4769	292	1250	6311	41.67%
6349	557	1928	8834	58.33%
VOTES= 12,785				
3731	265	1203	5199	40.66%
5446	478	1662	7586	59.34%
VOTES= 10,568				
8102	437	2029	10568	100.00%
VOTES= 15,447				
3382	178	875	4435	28.71%
3694	321	1061	5076	32.86%
4251	372	1313	5936	38.43%
VOTES= 14,336				
6355	418	1775	8548	59.63%
4162	369	1257	5788	40.37%
VOTES= 16,229				
8812	555	2799	12166	74.96%
2680	285	1098	4063	25.04%
VOTES= 15,165				
10635	764	3766	15165	100.00%
VOTES= 15,431				
10801	785	3845	15431	100.00%
VOTES= 111,931				
63412	4537	18498	86447	77.23%
19069	1075	5340	25484	22.77%
VOTES= 112,177				
65672	4680	19354	89706	79.97%
16914	967	4590	22471	20.03%
VOTES= 98,914				
73233	4660	21021	98914	100.00%
VOTES= 97,925				
72719	4458	20748	97925	100.00%
VOTES= 103,004				
76231	4782	21991	103004	100.00%
VOTES= 100,704				
74577	4667	21460	100704	100.00%



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Van Wert County Results

Table with columns for candidates, precincts, and percentages. Includes sections for For President and Vice President, For U.S. Senator, For Representative to Congress, For State Representative, For County Commissioner, For Prosecuting Attorney, For Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, For Sheriff, For County Recorder, For County Treasurer, For County Engineer, For Coroner, For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, For Justice of the Supreme Court, For Judge of the Court of Appeals, For Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, For County Treasurer, For County Engineer, For Coroner, For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, For Justice of the Supreme Court, For Judge of the Court of Appeals, For Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

Continued from Page 4 confidence, in the realization that our God is the God of the living and will bring us into eternal life with the God of Life, for all eternity.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

- 1. 1st John 3:1; What is one of God's greatest attribute?
2. 1st John 3:1; What does the word behold mean?
3. 1st John 3:1; What are the words "what manner" referring to?
4. 1st John 3:1; "That we should be called" shows His love for us
5. 1st John 3:1; Does the world know us? Yes or no?
6. 1st John 3:1; Why doesn't the world know us?
7. 1st John 3:2; Do we know how we will look after the judgment? Yes or no.
8. 1st John 3:2; When Jesus appears what will we be like?
9. 1st John 3:2; How shall we see Jesus?
10. 1st John 3:3; What hope does this verse show that we have?

- Comments, questions, need help in your study of the Bible, let Lonnie or James know. You can reach James Potter at 419-393-4775, or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com or Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.
Answers to today's Bible questions:
1. Love; 2. To view attentively, to contemplate here in 1st John 3:lit involves more than seeing; 3. Astonishment at God's love for us; 4. The sons of God; 5. No; 6. The world did not know Christ; 7. No; 8. Like Jesus; 9. As Jesus is now; 10. Being like Christ;

- Our study today is "carry a Bible. "The pony express ran from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento California, a long 1900 miles. Forty riders would cover the distance in 10 days. Everything had to be light. Saddles were small. Mail pouches were flat. No guns were carried. Letters were written on thin paper. Yet, when a rider first signed on, he was given what was considered standard equipment--- a full size bible - and it was taken on every trip!
The Bible should always be considered standard equipment to everyone! It is the only book that meets the needs of man under all conditions of life.

The true churches of Christ encourage you to carry it, read it, study it, live it, and your life will be changed if you do.

"Ol' Baldy" says bye for now, but continue to pray, read and study the Bible, especially the New Testament Luv Ya!

CORRECTION

Halloween winners from last issue had names incorrectly submitted. The corrections are: Animals - 2nd place: Elijah Bowers, Gabriel Jackson - 3 little pigs.

CORRECTION

Paulding Middle school Honor roll 1st nine weeks: Brooke-Lyn Ankney, Grade 7 is All A's.

GLASS BACKBOARDS TOP MAC GYM IMPROVEMENTS



The 2016 upgrades at the McLaughlin Athletic Center have been completed just in time for the 2016-17 winter school season to begin. New LED lights have replaced some of the original bulb fixtures in the gym and four new glass backboards and new rims have been installed to replace the original wood backboards on the side baskets. Funds for the project are from successful volleyball and basketball leagues and tournaments over the past two years in addition to continued support from area advertisers.

New advertising has recently come in from Hoosier Windows & Siding. They join long time sponsors: Oasis Bar and Grill, Root Beer Stand, Antwerp VFW, Paulding Kiwanis, Antwerp Rotary, Dr Sarah Mowery DDS, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Subway, Papa Oley Pizza, Paulding Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hormann Heating & Cooling, Dr. Steven Ellinwood DDS, MJK Siding, H&W Automotive NAPA, Riverside Hardware, Paragon Tempered Glass, and Parkview Sports Medicine. A generous donation was also made by the TEAM MAC girls travel teams. If you or your business would be interested in advertising at the gym please review the form online at www.macgymohio.com

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Scaffolding was erected in the gym to get workers up to the ceiling for installing seven new LED light fixtures. The new lights come on immediately when powered without warm up. The two rows of safety lights were replaced and upgraded as well.

Upon completion of the lighting project, scaffolding was lowered to the level needed for backboard and rim removal and installation. MAC Athletics of Mercer County Ohio completed this project. The tough part of this project was fabricating the brackets for the new 2016 backboards to attach to the existing 1970's poles. Both projects were successfully completed as preparations begin for the upcoming Black Friday basketball tournament and the 2016-17 youth winter basketball season begins on December 3. Following the Black Friday tournament there will be weekend events in Antwerp at the MAC Gym or at the Antwerp Local School nearly every week through March. For complete listing of events or schedules go to www.macgymohio.com

WAYNE TRACE VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY



On Friday, November 11th, Wayne Trace Jr-Sr Highschool held an assembly to honor and thank veterans for their service.

Above Picture: The VFW Colorguard carries in the Flags with guns on shoulder.

Right Picture: Danae Myers delivers moving speech honoring veterans for the sacrifice that they have made for our freedoms.



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ELECTION DAY IS OVER

By: Stan Jordan
 Thank goodness, November 8th, election day finally arrived. It took about a year and a half to get here. It was the longest, dirtiest, most senseless, backstabbing, childish display of people who want to be our leader. I think now is a good time to start a motion to end a lot of that silly nonsense. Lets be like Canada and put a limit of how long you can bombard the American people with politicking. How about four months, or maybe even 100 days. No politicking before the fourth of July that year. Yes, I know about free speech and all of that, but we common people also have rights and the way of politicking now is way too long, too much and a lot of it is senseless and we have had enough. Yes the news people, the tv and radio people will scream about free speech but the people have had enough of politics at election time for a year and a half enough is too much. Now is the time to talk about putting a limit on this campaign for office nonsense. See ya!

A LITTLE ON THE LOCAL EAGLES

By: Stan Jordan
 As of this date, November 3rd, you still can't see the eagles' nest here in Antwerp because all of the leaves are not off the trees yet but they should be off pretty soon. I have talked to a number of people this past summer about the eagles and I'm glad to say there is still a lot of interest on those big birds. Tony and Freddie Langham were in the shop the other day and we had a fine talk on the local wildlife. Freddie lives very close to the Maumee River and he said he sees them cruising the river all the time. He said one time, a few weeks ago, there was five eagles in his back yard. Probably the adults teaching the younger ones. Anyhow, he said it's always exciting to see them. He said

he knows of five eagles nest in this area and he is going to make a study of it and maybe he'll have some more to report. See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 7: LIMPING BUFFALO AND PLANS

By: Stan Jordan
 I was very glad to see Limping Buffalo, the Shaman of the White Elks Tribe. It had been quite awhile, many moons had passed, since they met last time.

I had Callie make some coffee and we brought some of the kitchen chairs over into the store area plus the soldiers had made a couple of benches for this very purpose. We smoked the peace pipe and the warriors liked the coffee after a fashion, a spoonful of sugar in it then they really liked it.

We soon got down to answering questions. I asked Limping Buffalo: Just how many are in your tribe? Everyone, men, women, children and anyone looking to have a papoose. We will try to order a blanket for each and every one. How far is it to your camp or wiki-up? Are there any other tribes of any other nations in the area? Do your people plant gardens? Do you people cut hay for the horses? Do any warriors have rifles? Does anyone want to learn English? Does each member have a horse? Do you have any work horses for plowing or pulling wagons? Can you supply us with a runner to carry messages from your camp to here or maybe on to Fort Kearney if need be?

The soldier who had gone out hunting for game this morning was lucky, he shot a big white tail buck. While the others were talking he and a couple of the Indians butchered the deer out and hung him from a tree limb. They took a hind quarter and cut it up into strips and Callie fried the whole quarter and made a number of pans of corn bread muffins.

There were four soldiers, six warriors, Callie and I, and the Shaman. Those 13 people ate that whole quarter and a number of muffins with jelly and honey. Everyone was satisfied and the Indians grunted their approval and thanks. The soldiers slept in the store room and the Indians in the barn on the hay and straw.

The next day I and some of the fellows dug some holes and erected a spit and fire place in the outside cooking area. We built a post on each end

THE NEW TANKER



By: Stan Jordan
 The above picture is of Antwerp's new tanker, it will be used in all of Antwerp's fire district and any emergencies in the surrounding area. The firemen in the picture are left to right: Nick Bragg, Fire Chief Ray Friend, Gale Jordan and Jim Terwilliger. These boys went down to the Atlanta area and drove this truck here. This truck carries 3000 gallons of water, it is mounted on a Kenworth chassis. It has tandem dual wheels and a two man cab. It has a four inch discharge port but it is also a fire fighting truck, if need be, or it also has a five hundred gallon per minute pump, if need be. It carries a 2 1/2 inch hose crossways and 2 1/2 inch hose deadlay. These are firemen terms, but this is certainly a handy outfit. See ya!

LIFEWAY WESLEYAN CRAFT BAZAAR/COOKIE WALK

Lifeway Wesleyan Church Craft Bazaar & Cookie Walk, December 3, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. located at 7722 Moeller Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Breakfast and lunch available. Shop over 50 unique homemade craft booths and support local talent. Call Jennifer Langley at 260-580-8238 or the church at 260-749-9758 for booth reservations.

USDA ANNOUNCES INCREASED SUPPORT TO EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY THE U.S. AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced increased federal and private-sector support to expand and diversify the U.S. agricultural workforce by increasing opportunities in education, research and outreach. The announcement is part of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and Rural Council initiative, America the Bountiful, a collaboration with federal agencies and private-sector stakeholders to meet the growing demand for a skilled, diverse workforce in the rapidly evolving agricultural landscape. "The face of American agriculture is changing," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Nearly 10 percent of U.S. jobs are related to agriculture and the increasingly complex nature of production requires more training and education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics—the STEM fields—to stay competitive and meet the needs of a growing world for food, fuel and fiber. A report by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Purdue University projects that over 22 thousand jobs in agriculture related fields may go unfilled every year through at least 2020. This is a great opportunity for smart, young people to start careers in a field that addresses some of the world's most pressing challenges." OSTP convened scientists, educators, advocates and industry representatives to examine future workforce and food security challenges. Two fundamental goals have emerged: increase the number and diversity of skilled

WAYNE TRACE MOTIVATIONAL LOTTERY



Winners were: 7th Grade: Carly Blankenship, 8th Grade: Lydia Whitman, 9th Grade: Taylor Long, 10th Grade: Derek Myers, 11th Grade: Jordan Saylor, and 12th Grade: Seth Yenser.



Wayne Trace JH-HS recently acknowledged 66 students in grades 7 - 12 for qualifying for the Quarterly Motivational Lottery. In order to be eligible; students must have perfect attendance, be on the honor roll, have no

agricultural workers at all levels of education and expand research and training opportunities in areas that are experiencing particularly serious workforce shortages and are central to meeting future food needs. During an event at USDA headquarters today, OSTP used the America the Bountiful Fact Sheet to outline financial and other assistance by USDA, the National Science Foundation, and the National Science and Technology Council to support these goals. USDA's commitments to the initiative include: USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will continue investing in graduate and post-graduate fellowships for food and agriculture research and agriculture curriculum development. The U.S. Forest Service (FS), in collaboration with the Americas for Conservation and the Arts, a Latina-founded and operated non-profit organization, and the Green Amigos Latino Legacy, expand the Woodsy Owl Conservation Corps to promote public awareness of opportunities for conservation and land stewardship through educational programming and service learning efforts, focusing primarily on underserved, urban youth with a strong emphasis on Latino youth.

USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) will continue to invest in the Ag Econ Scholars program that introduces talented Master's and Ph.D students to careers in applied agricultural economics through hands-on learning opportunities at USDA in commodity market analysis, agricultural finance and other applied fields of economics. USDA's Agriculture Research Service (ARS), in October, will launch a new Student and Outreach Database to identify the number of students and post-doctoral fellows training at and visiting any of ARS's over 90 agriculture research facilities. The USDA Science Council will coordinate with the National Science Foundation (NSF) to create opportunities for NSF-funded Ph.D. students at USDA research facilities through a new Graduate Research Internships Program.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will continue to invest in the AgDiscovery Program, a free summer outreach program to help teenagers explore careers in plant and animal science, wildlife management and agribusiness at an increasing number of participating colleges and universities. (Continued on Page 7)

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HARLAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FALL SPORTS BANQUET



On Monday, October 31st, HCS hosted the fall sports banquet to honor the athletes and coaches from our fall sports teams.

The evening started off with the awards for soccer. Lukas Johnson won the Defensive award, and Sam Handerson won the Offensive award. The Golden Boot award went to Elijah Murphy. MIP went to Jamin Stoll, and Adam Oman took home the MVP award. Benjamin Troyer won the Academic Athletic Achievement award.

After the boys soccer

awards were handed out, the attention shifted to the Lady Hawks volleyball team. For Junior High B Team, Kaitlyn Brown took home the MVP, while Samantha Miller received the Best Serve award. MIP went to Heather Beerbower.

Junior High A awards were: Kaitlyn Graber and Lydia Miesle splitting the MVP, while Baily Beerbower took home the MIP award. Mykenzie O'Dell received Best Serve award.

On Junior Varsity team, Symantha O'Dell won Best

Serve Award, while Abrielle Johnson took home MIP. Haley Miller received MVP for JV.

Varsity started with Captain awards going to Samantha Ludwig and our only senior Mikaela Gospodareck. Faith Shenkel took the award for Best Serve, while Julia Troyer got the MIP. Samantha Ludwig was named MVP for Varsity.

Gabby Wellman, Vivian Nolot, Abrielle Johnson, and Angela Zehr won Academic Athletic Achievement awards

OHIO EPA REQUESTS PUBLIC INPUT ON VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT \$71.4 MILLION TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD STATES POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Ohio EPA is asking the public to weigh-in on a plan that will use Ohio's portion of the Volkswagen consent decree/settlement to offset the effects of diesel emissions. The state's share of the settlement dollars is anticipated to be \$71.4 million over 10 years, and will be directed toward grants and other efforts that can produce the greatest air quality benefits such as nitrogen oxides (NOx) emission reductions, reduced public exposure to the pollutants in diesel exhaust and the promotion of clean vehicle technologies.

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In two related settlements, German automaker Volkswagen AG and its subsidiaries have agreed to spend up to \$14.7 billion to settle allegations of manipulating emissions tests and deceiving customers. Volkswagen will compensate consumers who purchased or leased 2.0 liter diesel vehicles of model year 2009-2015, related to the use of defeat devices during emissions testing. Approximately 15,000 such vehicles were registered in Ohio. In addition, the companies will spend \$4.7 billion to mitigate pollution from these cars, and invest in green vehicle technology.

Ohio EPA will prepare and submit a plan to a national Mitigation Trust Fund showing how the state expects to award approximately \$15 mil-

lion per year in grants beginning in 2018. Eligible projects to receive these grants include the repower or replacement of: diesel school, shuttle and transit buses; large and medium trucks; freight switcher locomotives; the repower of ferries and tugboats; airport ground support equipment; forklifts and port cargo handling equipment; and shorepower to enable Great Lakes and oceangoing ships to shut off engines while at berth. A portion of the funds may also be used to install light duty vehicle supply equipment for electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

Per the terms of the settlement, state plans must direct funding to areas that bear a disproportionate share of effects of diesel emissions. Based on air quality (Ohio counties of concern due to ozone levels), historical levels of diesel emissions, the locations where the most VW vehicles equipped with defeat devices were registered in Ohio, and US EPA's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool, Ohio EPA has created a map showing the counties where the Agency believes eligible projects should receive first and secondary priority for the available funds.

THE FISHER/HUNT FAMILY & FRIENDS THANKSGIVING DAY FEAST

You are invited to join our family and friends for a Thanksgiving Day dinner on November 24th at 12:30 p.m.

If you have no other plans for Thanksgiving, please come and celebrate with us at the Antwerp United Methodist Church on River Street in Antwerp.

No reservations needed; nothing to bring but your appetite. Everyone is welcome.

The Agency invites early stakeholder comments through December 31, 2016 on this map, mitigation planning, and what percentage of the time diesel fleets operate within these priority counties in order to be eligible for grant funds. Ohio EPA will then draft a state mitigation plan that will be circulated during a formal comment period in spring of 2017. For questions about the grant program, or to be added to the list of interested parties who will receive email updates, email: derg@epa.ohio.gov. Updates will also be posted regularly on the program website.

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USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will add to USDA's online resources for teachers and students with the launch of a new FSA Kids Educational Site in 2017 to provide educators, children and teens with inspiring agriculture educational resources.

The Fact Sheet also includes additional commitments by NSF and more than 70 state, nonprofit and private sector businesses to help expand and diversify the agriculture workforce. During the event, USDA Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics Catherine Woteki also announced an investment of \$382,650 in four universities through NIFA's Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS) from FY2016 funds. These projects help increase the number and diversity of students entering food and agriculture-related STEM disciplines that help feed the world and contribute to the economic viability of rural communities.

Awards include:

The Level Playing Field Institute, Oakland, Calif., \$100,000

ODOT INSPECTS SNOW-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT IN PREPARATION FOR WINTER



Dave Scheckelhoff (left), fleet manager for ODOT District 1; and Larry Honingford, mechanic at the ODOT Van Wert County garage, discuss equipment during the annual snowplow inspection at the garage.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is preparing for winter 2016/2017 by readying its snow and ice equipment, filling salt barns and ensuring operators and mechanics are well trained.

Throughout October and November, ODOT crews around the state will conduct 150-point inspections to repair and fine tune snow removal equipment in preparation for winter. The inspections are part of the department's annual county-by-county Operational Readiness Inspections.

"Each spring, the state's ice and snow equipment is repaired and replaced before being put in storage," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "Fine tuning in the fall ensures every plow, truck and spreader is road ready before the first snows fall."

Despite Ohio's mild winter last year, ODOT's snow plow trucks were driven more than seven million miles plowing and pretreating roadways. That's the equivalent to 281 trips around the Earth.

ODOT has more than 1,800 snow plow trucks and 3,000 operators that clear snow and ice from 43,000 miles of state, U.S. and interstate routes.

New this winter, motorists can download ODOT's free mobile app - OHGO - which features winter road conditions and personalized traffic alerts with hands-free voice on the go. The app is available on the App Store and Google Play.

Last winter, 35 vehicles struck ODOT snow plow trucks as a result of following too closely. ODOT reminds motorists in Ice and Snow, Take it Slow.

Universidad del Este, Carolina, Puerto Rico, \$100,000

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., \$92,538

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., \$90,112

Diverse experiences, background and education are vital to a healthy agricultural sector that continues to meet the challenges of a changing world and the demands of markets at home and abroad. USDA partners with land-grant universities, Tribal colleges, Tribes, states, nonprofits and other community-based organizations to grow the next generation of agricultural innovators and entrepreneurs that keep American agriculture the most productive anywhere. Engaging young people in these fields now is an investment in the future of America's economic health and security.

Over the past eight years, USDA has extended resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital, building new markets and market opportunities, creating new conservation opportunities, offering appropriate risk management tools, and increasing our outreach, education and technical support. USDA has prioritized approximately \$5.6 billion for programs serving new and beginning farmers and ranchers in 2016-2017.

Learn more about USDA investments collaborating with stakeholders to increase education, training and job opportunities online at The People's Department: A New Era for Civil Rights at USDA.

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PANTHERS TOO MUCH FOR ACES



Aces defensive linemen Salvador Avalos and Mason Comisso bring down the McComb ball carrier, Jake Crouse. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Hicksville Aces football team wrapped up a very successful season on Saturday night as the Aces were blanked by a senior-laden McComb squad 42-0 in the Division VII playoffs at Defiance High School.

The Aces, who play many freshmen and sophomores, were just no match for a Panther squad that had both playoff experience and was a senior dominated-team.

The loss brought an end to the season for Hicksville, which closes the year with a record of 8-4. However, it also started a new beginning for many freshmen and sophomores who gained valuable playing time this year.

McComb's combination of both speed and strength overwhelmed the Aces, who were limited to 90 yards in total offense. Hicksville garnered only 25 rushing yards in the game on 20 carries.

Meanwhile, the Panthers totaled 329 rushing yards and 472 yards of total offense while also garnering 25 first downs. The Aces had five first downs in the game.

Meanwhile, the Panthers rolled up 472 yards of offense with 329 coming via the ground game in controlling the time of possession as well (32:07 for McComb, 15:53 for Hicksville).

The Panthers opened the scoring, using a ten play drive (nine runs) to find the end zone on a five-yard touchdown run by Kheagan Lowe to make it 7-0.

McComb struck again in the second quarter, getting a four-yard plunge from Caden Schroeder to widen the margin to 14-0.

The Panthers' biggest score of the night, though, came late in the first half.

Caden Schroeder then was on the receiving end of a 20-

yard scoring strike from Malachi Abbott to push the lead to 21-0 at the intermission.

McComb then sealed the victory early in the third quarter when Jake Crouse caught a 31-yard scoring strike from Abbott, extending the margin to 28-0.

The Panthers wrapped up the scoring from there, getting a 62-yard run by Abbott to extend the lead to 35-0 before Cory Swisher found the end zone from three-yards out, making it 42-0.

Abbott led the Panthers with 121 yards on 11 carries while also completing seven of nine passes for 143 yards. Crouse and Swisher added 64 and 63 yards, respectively, on the ground.

McComb will now battle Crestview on Saturday for a Division VII regional championship.

Compensation TO: 001-010-00012/ General Fund/Juvenile Court/Medicare AMOUNT: \$300.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

Meeting Notes of Appointments

- Katie Sunday - Ms. Sunday presented a comparison of area hall rentals for the Commissioners' review. The Commissioners used Ms. Sunday's report to determine if an increase in rental fee at the OSU Extension Building/Hall is appropriate. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to raise the rental of the OSU Extension Building/Hall to \$400.00. This rental fee includes the use of the hall and the kitchen and is the week-end daily rate. The deposit to hold the hall was increased to \$200.00. The deposit is refundable if the hall, kitchen, restrooms, and grounds are cleaned and left as found prior to the event. Ms. Sunday will update the lease form to reflect the changes.
- Deb Hubbard and Patrick Troyer, SWCD - Ms. Hubbard presented a contract to rent the Nature Center for the Commissioners' review. She noted one paragraph was missing a sentence. Ms. Hubbard will make sure the contract is corrected. Ms. Hubbard reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming SWCD banquet scheduled for November 17 at 5:00 p.m. at the OSU Extension Building. Mr. Troyer reported he has been working to maintain the trails at the Nature Center. He also noted the flooring at the Nature Center needs a good cleaning, stripping, and waxing. Ms. Hubbard and Mr. Troyer agreed their new office location in the Parc Lane facility is working well.
- Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA - Mr. Bohn announced the EMA website is supposedly ready to go on line soon. He then reported an Eagle Scout project involving sand bag filling is underway. The project utilizes a rack that will allow six bags to be filled simultaneously. Assisting the Engineer's Office with signage is also a part of the same Eagle Scout project. Mr. Bohn then reported the LEPC will present an exercise at the EOC this fall. The exercise will mock a train derailment due to a tornado and will be held on December 6. Mr. Bohn hopes to utilize the mobile trailer during the exercise. Mr. Bohn noted the state is to review the EOP and scrutinize it for acceptance. The Haz-Mat plan is also waiting at the state for approval. The Gator has been purchased by the Paulding County Hospital and is being housed on their campus. Mr. Bohn reported the hospital requires a liability coverage certificate (on file) from other entities to borrow/use it. He and the Commissioners discussed the generator for the Health Department, which will be funded by the Health Department, EMA, and the Commissioners.

NEW HAVEN FALLS TO NORTHWOOD



Picture by Melissa Amstutz

The New Haven Bulldog's football season has been one of their strongest seasons in a while. They managed to stay undefeated all the way up to their last game. They claimed the title for the Northeast 8 Conference, as well as the Sectional title. However, their game on Friday, November 11th, against the NorthWood Black Panthers would come to be their last.

As the first quarter began, the nervous energy and anxiety was palpable among the players, as well as the fans. Being this far into the playoffs, this game could mean the chance to make it on to state. While the Bulldogs kept their defense strong, they could not ward off the advances of the Panthers entirely. NorthWood managed to bring in two touchdowns. New Haven was not satisfied with this, and pushed back, adding a single touchdown to the board. The second quarter told a different story, as the Bulldogs came back with a vengeance. New Haven

pushed past NorthWood and scored two more touchdowns. The Bulldog defense maintained a tough vigor as well, preventing the Panthers from scoring no more than one touchdown. At half time, the score was 22-20, with NorthWood holding a minuscule lead. This game was not over yet, though.

Coming back from the break, it seemed as if the Panthers had a new fire lit underneath of them. During the third quarter, they added two more touchdowns. The NorthWood defense was also turned up to the max, as they prevented the Bulldogs from adding any points to the board. In the fourth quarter, New Haven was not ready to throw in the towel just yet, and added another touchdown, topping it off with a two-point conversion. However, the Panthers piled on two more touchdowns. The final score of the game was 52-28 with NorthWood taking the victory and continuing on in the playoffs.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 10/3/16

This 3rd day of October, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtzberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk Absent: Tony Zartman

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 227922 through 227991 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST
Santee Buffington, District Meeting, Findlay OH - October 7, 2016

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS
WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on September 28, 2016, Warrants numbered 227876 through 227892 in the amount of \$1,334.17; and

WHEREAS, it is certified that

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

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

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

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

§121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 042)
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 Extension Center Fund (Fund 042), to-wit; 042-001-00005/Extension Center/ Cleaning AMOUNT: \$1,000.00; 042-001-00006/Extension Center/Water \$1,000.00; 042-001-00008/Extension Center/Electric \$2,000.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-010)
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: 001-010-00011/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Workers'

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This loss for the New Haven Bulldogs came as their first and only loss of the season. They played an excellent game and an excellent season. These boys, their school, and their community should be proud of their accomplishments this season.

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK AWARDS \$45 MILLION IN GRANTS TO HELP AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AND SMALL RURAL BUSINESSES DEVELOP NEW PRODUCTS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA is providing more than \$45 million to help farmers, ranchers, small businesses and entrepreneurs nationwide develop new product lines. USDA is investing in 325 projects through the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program.

"Value-Added Producer Grants are one of USDA's most sought-after funding sources for veteran and beginning farmers, and rural-based businesses," Vilsack said. "These grants provide a much-needed source of financing to help producers develop new product lines and increase their income, and keep that income in their communities. Economic development initiatives like this one are working - the unemployment rate in rural America is at an eight-year low and incomes rose 3.4 percent last year. Small business entrepreneurship, which Value-Added Producer Grants support, is a major reason why rural America is making a comeback."

VAPG grants can be used to develop new product lines from raw agricultural products or promote additional uses for established products. Veterans, socially-dis-

advantaged groups, beginning farmers and ranchers, operators of small- and medium-sized family farms and ranches, and farmer and rancher cooperatives are given special priority.

USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service Administrator Sam Rikers announced the grants on Vilsack's behalf during a visit to Leffel Roots, LLC in Eau Claire, Wis. Leffel is receiving a \$22,530 value-added grant to develop and market bakery, cider and hard cider products. Another Wisconsin recipient, Bee Forest, LLC, a logging and sawmill company in Nelson, is receiving a \$250,000 grant to market, process and ship shredded bark and saw dust.

"Through the Value-Added Producer Grant program, USDA Rural Development invests both in the quality of food and quality of life in rural areas," Rikers said. "Wisconsin businesses like Leffel Roots and Bee Forest are creating jobs and growing local economies with their innovative ideas and entrepreneurial spirit."

In Guinda, Calif., Riverdog Farm is receiving a \$183,946 grant to increase the processing of pork into bacon, sausage, ham and packaged pork cuts. These products will expand the farm's operation at farmers markets and at its own farm stand. Fifer Orchards Inc. in Camden Wyoming, Del., has been selected for a \$250,000 grant to expand marketing efforts to process, package and receive apples for the family-owned orchard. Fifer sells its produce through its farm and country store, at farmers markets, and wholesale to schools, restaurants and grocery stores.

USDA has awarded 1,441 VAPG awards since 2009, totaling \$183 million. Congress increased funding for

FALL SPORTS AWARDS ANNOUNCED



The Antwerp High School presented their 2016 fall sports awards to the athletes on Monday, November 7. The night began with Athletic Director Drew Altimus, showing off the girls trophy for the girls volleyball district champions and Regional Qualifier. He also announced how Emilee Phillips had a great year this year in golf on being a District Qualifier—a first for Antwerp.

VOLLEYBALL: Pursuit Award— Hope Smith; Most

Improved Award—Sydney Sheedy; Most Valuable—Rachel Williamson; Rotary Award—Jaime Ryan; Mickae Schlatter Leadership Award—Peyton Short; Four Year Letterman—Peyton Short

CROSS COUNTRY: Cross Country Boys Co- MVP—Brian Geyer & Brandon Laney; Most Improved—Hayden Spryn; Rotary Award—Evan Hilton; Four Year Letterman—Evan Hilton, Matthew Dooley; Cross Country Girls- MVP—Emma Butzin; Most

Improved—Becca Johans; Guts Award—Sydney Miller; Rotary Award—Emma Butzin;

FOOTBALL: Ironman Award—Josh Poulson; Teammate Award—Mike Taylor; Mental Attitude Award—Brett Fulk; Rotary Award—Hunter Noel; Four Year Letterman—Trey Mills, Mike Taylor;

CHEERLEADING: Most Dedicated—Mackenzie Timbrook; Cheer Showman- ship—Hanna Richey; Rotary

Award—Hanna Richey; **BOYS GOLF:** Most Valuable—Jacob Eaken; Most Improved—Nathan Lee, Austin Chirgwin;

GIRLS GOLF: Most Valuable—Emilee Phillips; Most Improved—Maggie Wilson; Coaches Award—Carley DeLong; Rotary Award—Maggie Wilson; Four Year Letterman—Maggie Wilson.

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the program in the 2014 Farm Bill. The grants are a key element of USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative, which coordinates the Department's work on local and regional food systems. Secretary Vilsack has identified local and regional food systems as a key component of rural economic development.

In 2014, Woodward Canyon Family Farm, LLC in Lowden, Wash., received a \$200,000 VAPG grant to process wheat into flour. Rather than sell its wheat as a raw product, the family farm processes it into flour that it sells to bakers, restaurants and the public. Woodward Canyon has already exceeded forecasted sales.

The funding builds on USDA's historic investments in rural America over the past seven years. USDA has worked to strengthen and support rural communities and 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 homegrown renewable energy and materials.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development (@USDARD) has invested nearly \$13 billion to start or expand nearly 112,000 rural businesses; and invested \$38.2 billion in 1,057 electric projects that have financed more than 198,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines serving 4.6 million rural residents. USDA also helped 1.1 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. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/ results.

To read more about USDA's investments in rural America and its successful turnaround, visit USDA's entry on Medium.com, Rural America Is Back in Business.



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11/16 - SW chicken tortilla wrap OR Chicken quesadilla, lettuce & cheese salsa & sour cream, refried beans, churro, asstd. fruit, milk
11/17 - Cheese lasagna

with sauce, green beans, garlic toast OR Pretzel with sauce, cheese cup, carrots with dip, asstd. fruit, milk
11/18 - Honey BBQ rib OR Sausage, bun, oven potatoes OR Salad bar, garlic bread stick, asstd. fruit, milk
11/21 - Popcorn chkn bowl w/corn, potatoes, gravy & cheese, dinner roll OR Salad bar, garlic bread stick, cookie, asstd. fruit, milk
11/22 - Oriental chkn salad, tomatoes, eggroll, rice krispy bar OR Asstd. entree items, pickles, oven fries, asst. fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary Breakfast:
11/16 - Bkfst burrito, juice, fruit, milk
11/17 - Muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit, milk
11/18 - Cereal or cereal bar, juice, fruit, milk
11/21 - Yogurt, goldfish grm, juice, fruit, milk
11/22 - Pancakes, juice, fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary Lunch:
11/16 - Cheese & nachos, potatoes, celery/carrots/broccoli, fruit, milk
11/17 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes & gravy, carrots, bread, fruit, milk
11/18 - Cheesy bread, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

11/21 - Breaded chicken on wh gr bun, steamed carrots, celery, fruit, milk
11/22 - chicken quesadilla, baked beans, salsa, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary Breakfast:
11/16 - Saus-egg burrito, juice, fruit, milk
11/17 - Bisc & gravy, juice, fruit, milk
11/18 - Asstd. cereals, juice, fruit milk
11/21 - Warm cinn roll, juice, fruit, milk
11/22 - WG muffin, juice, fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary Lunch:
11/16 - Wh gr cheese bread stick, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
11/17 - Br. chicken on wh gr bun, peas, carrot stix, fruit, milk
11/18 - Taco in a bag (cheese doritos), romaine lettuce, refried beans, fruit, milk
11/21 - Popcorn chkn, whip potatoes, bread, romaine lettuce, salad, fruit, milk
11/22 - Cheese pizza, corn, carrot stix, fruit, milk
XSCHOOL X14.7

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 11/16 - 11/22

Breakfast:
11/16 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
11/17 - Cheese omelet/toast, juice, milk
11/18 - Cinnamon roll, juice, milk
11/21 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk
11/22 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
11/16 - Mini corn dogs,

french fries, baked beans, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR Variety of sandwiches w/salad bar
11/17 - Oven roasted turkey, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, dinner roll w/butter, chocolate chip cookie, assorted juices, asstd. canned and fresh fruits, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar
11/18 - Pozza rippers, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, Lima beans, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR Variety of sandwiches w/salad bar
11/21 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, baked beans, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO Chef salad OR Variety of sandwiches w/salad bar
11/22 - Pepperoni pizza, romaine lettuce salad w/ dressing, green beans, assorted juices, assorted canned and fresh fruits, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR Variety of sandwiches w/salad bar
XSCHOOL X7.35

WT PAYNE, GH & DIVINE MERCY SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 11/16 - 11/15

Breakfast:
11/16 - Mini pancake, sausage, juice, milk
11/17 - Cheese omelet/toast, juice, milk
11/18 - Mini cini/apple bosco stick, juice, milk
11/21 - Ham/cheese ripper, juice, milk
11/22 - Egg and cheese muffin, juice, milk
Lunch:
11/16 - Mini corn dogs, french fries, baked beans, fruit, milk
11/17 - Oven roasted turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk
11/18 - Pizza rippers, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, cooked carrots, fruit, milk
11/21 - Cheeseburger sandwich, french fries, baked beans, fruit, milk
11/22 - French toast sticks, hashbrown pattie, sausage link, orange juice, fruit, milk

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/2/16

This 2nd day of November, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 228679 through 228727 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
TRAVEL REQUEST
Kaitlan Stockhorst, SSA; and Anna Rickels, Clerk, OACH Annual Convention, Columbus OH - December 2 - 3, 2016
EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:05 a.m. with the County Prosecutor, to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea.
IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 281)
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 Private Water System Fund (Fund 281), to-wit: 281-001-00003/Private Water System/Other AMOUNT: \$2,500.00
Meeting Notes of Appointments
• Deb Guilford, Paulding County Board of DD - Ms. Guilford presented updates on the progress of privatization of the PC Workshop. She discussed some personnel issues and also the employee health insurance status. Ms. Guilford also noted the Parc Lane buses that are listed on govdeals.com have bids on them. She expressed appreciation for Aaron Timm for his assistance in this matter. Ms. Guilford

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY GETS INTO ELECTION DAY



First graders experience the voting process as they check in and cast their ballots in private booths.



Gage Barker, Brayden Fuller, Hudsyn Bagley, and Taylor Lockhart create a poster for their candidate.



Ryder Hines, Braxton Peters, Noah Lucas, and Wyatt Cline campaign for their candidate, Duck, from the book Duck for President.

On Election Day, first grade students at Antwerp Elementary School read books about elections, campaigned, watched videos, voted, and waited for results. They voted for Duck vs. Farmer Brown, Duck vs. Grace, and Trump vs. Clinton.

commented that having the Soil and Water Conservation District offices at the Parc Lane Training Center has been a good marriage. She noted several instances where SWCD staff have assisted with basic maintenance issues and stated the landscaping looks really nice. Ms. Guildford noted the PCBDD met last week and decided to extend her contract another year. She is currently 'dividing' her time between PCBDD and Williams County Board of DD. The Commissioners encouraged her to continue to keep them abreast of the privatization process.
• Paulding County Park District; Tim Franklin, Doug Dunakin, Linda Hodges, John DeMuth, Glenn Troth, and Mark Greenwood (Antwerp Park Board) - Mr. Tim Franklin, Chairman of the Paulding County Park District, presented a report of current and proposed projects for the Commissioners' review. He noted there are currently six properties that are prime locations for further park development. Miami Canal Park contain approximately 200 acres and runs for sixteen miles from the Putnam County to the Defiance County line. New Rochester Park is a 5.6 acre park located near the Maumee River and on site of historic New Rochester, former Paulding County seat. Five Span Park is located along the Auglaize River. The old Paulding County Home includes seventy acres of forest on both sides of Flat Rock Creek. Bordering on the Maumee State Scenic River, Black Swamp Conservancy owns the fifty-four acres that makes up the Hertel-Forder's Bridge Park. Grizzly Park is located in the village of Paulding and includes twenty-eight acres. Mr. Franklin noted that some of the parks are in the process of being transferred from the state to the Park District at no charge to the County. The Park District has also been approached to manage a couple of the parks. Commissioner Zartman commented the current Park District members have done an excellent job in rejuvenating this board. He also noted his appreciation for their efforts and

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our mainstay since the 1700s and they need to be used and managed. He also noted there has been an active Park Commission since 1934. Mr. Troth emphasized the importance of having matching funds to enable the Board to apply for and be awarded grants. He went on to say our streams and rivers are totally underused. Judge DeMuth reiterated the need to work hand in hand with the Black Swamp Conservancy by managing the parks. He stressed an MOU would be an essential tool. Mr. Dunakin stated the reason the Paulding County Park District was stagnant for so long is because the Black Swamp Conservancy had been maintaining their own properties. New leadership has promoted them to look outside to partner with local groups, which gives the Paulding County Park District a great opportunity to be active again. Mr. Troth noted the Friends of the Parks' 501C3 petition has been started. He anticipates a 30-day time frame to complete. Commissioner Klopfenstein recommended talking to Paulding County Area Foundation for assistance. As a member of the Antwerp Park Board, Mr. Greenwood recommended utilizing the County's website to inform the public of the purpose for the Park District, its members, and current projects.

• Mark Greenwood, Antwerp Park Board - Mr. Greenwood presented his report of the Maumee River Water Trail. He explained there is a collaborative effort to define the length of the Maumee in Ohio as a state-designated water trail. The State will promote the water trail by providing website connections, providing pamphlets informing the public of the water trails, and providing signage at each designated location. The requirements for becoming a designated water trail are: 1) A written agreement to operate/maintain access for a period of no less than five years and complete a Water Trail Site checklist; and 2) Provide public access within every ten river miles of the waterway, which includes access to the waterway for canoes and kayaks, public parking, and signage (state-provided). Mr. Greenwood explained there are currently public access sites at the Forder Bridge (mile 91.5) and The Bend (mile 76.2). Mr. Greenwood has identified three possible sites that would satisfy the 10-mile requirement, being: Cecil Bridge, Rochester Park, and Eaton Cemetery. He pointed out the pros and cons of each location and explained further evaluations of the site would be necessary to make a final determination. Support of the operation of the access would be required for a minimum of five years. Mr. Greenwood empha-

sized the site determination would need to be made by February, 2017. He noted this 'team' project originated with the Toledo Metro Parks back in April, 2016. Toledo Metro Parks is the administrator of our region.

• Deb Hubbard and Patrick Troyer, PCSWCD - Ms. Hubbard updated the Commissioners on PCSWCD's 2017 budget. Mr. Troyer informed the Commissioners he will be applying for some educational grants.

• Brenda Crawford, Election Board - Ms. Crawford questioned an IT bill she received recently. The Commissioners explained they pay for the services/labor and the County entity pays for any hardware/software. Ms. Crawford then noted early voting is up by 20%. She said 2,550 people have voted so far. Paulding County currently has 12,699 registered voters. She encourages voters to review their ballots after voting before submitting your ballot. She explained that the sensitivity of the voting machines plays a major role in the accuracy of the ballot submission.

• Bill Edwards, Paulding County Health Department - Mr. Edwards reported the generator for the Health Department (required for an emergency center) has been ordered. Mr. Edwards submitted his request for the Health Department's 2016 appropriation.

• Ed Bohn, PCEMA - Mr. Bohn reported the COP has been completed and submitted to the state for review. The state gives three options: 1) considering the plan as is; 2) consider their suggestions and implement; 3) develop one EOP for six counties and tweaking it to our county. Mr. Bohn noted the mitigation plan is still in the works. He met with a planner at a meeting recently and would like for the Commissioners to meet with the planner also so they will have a better understanding of the mitigation process. Mr. Bohn noted the hazardous analysis plan has been approved by SERC. He also reminded the Commissioners he will be applying for the Local Government Capital Action grant for a possible training site in Paulding County. Mr. Bohn responded to a semi roll over on Tuesday a.m. He noted no hazardous material was involved; however, oil from the truck was spilled on the roadway. Cecil squad assisted Mr. Bohn with the clean-up. Mr. Bohn reminded the Commissioners he will be setting up the generators at the election precincts on Monday and retrieving them on Wednesday. He also told the Commissioners he will be participating in Christmas for Kids again this year.

8TH GRADERS VISIT VANTAGE



Wayne Trace 8th graders check out the projects made in the Industrial Mechanics lab while Vantage junior Tim Mankey (Van Wert) explains what tools and equipment were used to fabricate each project.



Antwerp 8th grader Siera Octoviano attempts to roll a perm curler on a mannequin in the Cosmetology lab during 8th grade tours. Vantage senior Halie Hileman (Parkway) is ready to lend a helping hand.



Kara McDonald, a Wayne Trace 8th grader, tries out the Virtual Welding simulator during a visit to Vantage. Watching her progress is Kaden Shaffer, a senior in the Welding program from Van Wert.

Eighth graders from area schools got to take a peek at what the future might look like in sixteen different occupations, as they visited the career technical labs at Vantage this week.

The eighth graders are seeing some new and exciting extras in the labs this year. In the Construction Equipment Technology program which started this year, they're able to check out the equipment as well as surveying, site layout, masonry and concrete installation. Several new robotic pieces have been installed in the Industrial Mechanics lab as part of the RAMTEC (Robotics & Advanced Manufacturing Technology Education Collaborative) grant Vantage received. And in Health Technology, they're being introduced to "HAL," a lifelike health simulator that provides students with a more realistic way to practice a number of medical procedures, including taking blood pressure and pulse, and drawing blood.

This career exploration activity is especially helpful by informing the students about all the options available to them. During the visit, the eighth graders are able to see what skills are being used in different career areas. Students may also become more aware of how their interests and abilities can be developed into a rewarding career.

It's great to host the 8th graders and give them a chance to see what career

technical education at Vantage is all about!

The annual Culinary Arts Thanksgiving Lunch Buffet is just around the corner. This year it will be held on Wednesday, November 16 and Friday, November 18. Guests will be seated from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This year's buffet will include a delicious variety of salads, meats, vegetables, breads

and desserts. Reservations are necessary for this special event. To reserve your spot, call 419-238-5411 ext. 2425.

A reminder to Vantage parents that Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 21 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 22 from 10:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Please call 419-238-5411 ext. 2126 to schedule your appointment. School will resume on Tuesday, November 29. Happy Thanksgiving!

ELEGANCE MADE EASY BY HARDWOOD

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop, Subway
Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart
Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Coffee, Cabbage Patch Convenience Store
Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa
Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
Hicksville: Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H2O, Senior Center
Latty: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center
Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store
Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive,

Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office
Payne: Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
Scott: Scott Variety Store
Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
Van Wert: Pak-A-Sak, Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.)
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet, Hahn Systems
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ODOT'S GOAL: BE THE BEST THERE IS IN SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

Last winter, ODOT District 1 was 100 percent in returning priority highways to normal driving speed within two hours after each winter event. This measurement is one of our statewide critical success factors – those things we have to do well in order to be successful as an organization.

The snow and ice crews in the eight-county region of the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 in Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot are prepared for the winter season. Traditional tools, such as rock salt, will be combined with newer chemical technology, advances in equipment and weather technology to provide the best response to each weather event.

Below is useful information concerning the department's operations and the new methods and equipment which will be employed this season to keep area highways safe this winter season:

Salt

Salt storage facilities within the district are full with the amount of salt required to combat snow and ice for a typical northwest Ohio winter. The district has approximately 42,000 tons of salt on hand and is contracted to obtain another 33,500 tons for a total amount of approximately 75,000 tons.

The average cost of salt this year in ODOT District 1 is about \$48 per ton. Last year's average cost per ton was \$85.

Statewide, ODOT has 277 salt barns stocked with more than 700,000 tons of salt.

In a typical winter, ODOT uses an average of 650,000 tons of salt and spends \$56 million on snow and ice operations.

During the most recent record-breaking winters, ODOT used nearly 1 million tons of salt and spent \$120 million each in 2014 and 2015.

** Over the past 10 years,

the average cost per year for snow and ice control operations in District 1 is \$4.1 million.

New Technology

District 1 will lead a pilot project this year which aims to maximize effectiveness in snow and ice control. The pilot involves addressing highways within a designated area during weather events rather than each route independently. All counties within ODOT District 1's eight-county region will take part in the project this winter.

All trucks in Van Wert County will again be equipped with GPS units this winter as part of a statewide research project. This is the second year for the research project. Seven counties statewide are participating in the project which is being conducted by the University of Akron. The system will collect material and equipment usage data to aid in storm management.

The use of the latest in chemical technology to combat snow and ice on roadways will be expanded this year in the district. These products prove to be more effective at controlling icy conditions versus just straight salt or salt brine and can be more cost effective. Chemical additives used are:

- Beet Heet, a sugar beet molasses-based product that increases rock salt's ice melting capacity below its 15-degree limit.
- Aqua Salina, a natural saltwater with a lower freeze point than regular brine.
- Boost is an organic substance that when added to calcium chloride reduces the corrosiveness of calcium chloride and improves its anti-icing and deicing capability.

OHGO
ODOT's statewide road and weather information site, www.ohgo.com, is updated every morning, evening, and whenever a significant change in the weather warrants it to provide drivers with the best information possible for their commute.

Get the app! The OHGO app, Ohio's official traffic app, was launched this year and provides real-time traffic updates delivered to your phone. The app lets motorists set up personal alerts so they can know what's happening on routes specific to their commute. Get the app at OHGO.com/app.

RWIS (Road Weather Information System)
The Road Weather Information System (RWIS) is

MRS. MCMICHAEL'S CLASS VOTES!



During election week, Mrs. McMichael's kindergarten class at Antwerp Elementary School spent time learning about what an election is and how to vote. On Election Day, each student took a turn voting for his or her favorite ice cream flavor.



comprised of environmental sensor stations which measure atmospheric, pavement and/or water level conditions. These individual stations are strategically located throughout the district within highway right of way.

The data collected through RWIS is used by plow operators and transportation managers to support decision making in how to plan and respond to winter events. The system provides real-time pavement temperatures which is a major advantage for highway management personnel.

Ohio has the second highest number of these sensor stations in the nation.

Within District 1, 13 RWIS units are in operation. There is at least one unit in each county within District 1 with two located in Defiance, Hardin and Putnam counties.

Truck Fleet, Personnel

ODOT District 1 has 125 trucks used during snow and ice season, operated by 138 permanent employees and 30 seasonal employees.

This season, ODOT statewide will have more than 1,700 plow trucks and more than 3,000 trained drivers ready to clear ice and snow from the state's roadways and bridges. ODOT maintains nearly 43,000 lane miles of state highway, which carries approximately two-thirds of the state's daily traffic.

Safety

Ohio's Move Over law requires drivers on state highways to move over a lane or, at very least, slow down when approaching a stationary vehicle with flashing lights. As we transition into the winter season, the law still applies as ODOT workers, tow truck operators, utility workers, emergency responders and law enforcement officers are out on the highways year

round assisting motorists and making needed repairs to highway infrastructure. No matter the color of the flashing lights -- #MoveOver.

Give plows room to work – statewide last winter, 35 vehicles struck a working ODOT plow.

IN EASTERN KENTUCKY, USDA LAUNCHES RELENDING PROGRAM TO REDUCE RURAL POVERTY NATION-WIDE

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack unveiled an innovative partnership with community development organizations from across the country, providing \$401 million of Community Facilities program funds to recipients with a track record of successful programs to help reduce poverty in some of the nation's poorest and most isolated rural communities. Twenty-six community development organizations have been approved to draw upon the funding to provide long-term, low-interest financing to be "re-lent" to local entities to build, acquire, maintain or renovate essential community facilities. The funds also can be used for capacity building and to finance essential community services, such as education, health care and infrastructure.

Many of the projects will be in some of the nation's poorest rural areas, such as communities in Appalachia, the colonias along the U.S./ Mexico border, and in the Mississippi Delta region. Long-term poverty disproportionately affects rural areas. Nearly nine out of 10 counties where 20 percent or more of the population has lived in poverty for 30 years or more are rural.

"This effort builds on our

commitment to lifting up the economic prospects of communities that have not benefited from the revitalization of rural America," Vilsack said. "By engaging with local and national partners, private-sector financial institutions and philanthropic organizations, USDA will inject a game-changing level of investment capital to reduce poverty in targeted rural areas where the capacity for growth has not been realized. As we have seen with the Obama Administration's Promise Zone initiative and USDA's StrikeForce effort, targeted, place-based investments can have a real impact on reducing poverty. This funding adds another important tool in that fight."

The financing has two unique features. First, private financial institutions, including Bank of America and others, will be providing guarantees for a portion of the loans. Second, the recipient community development organizations, or "re-lenders," may also have an opportunity to secure grants provided by seven of the nation's premier philanthropic organizations through a \$22 million fund to assist in managing and capacity building. The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation will manage this grant fund.

Vilsack made the announcement at Berea College, which has received USDA funding to help businesses become more energy efficient. Earlier this year, the town of Berea received a \$10 million Community Facilities loan to renovate and expand the city hall and public safety facilities.

The town of Berea has played an integral role in USDA's place-based initiatives. Last year, it was chosen as one of 10 pilot sites for the Rural Integration Models for Parents and Children to Thrive (Rural IMPACT) demonstration project. Rural IMPACT helps communities adopt a two-generation approach to addressing the needs of vulnerable children and their parents. Its goal is to increase parents' employment and education and improve the health and well-being of families.

The project is led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in col-

laboration with USDA, the Department of Labor, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Delta Regional Authority, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and other philanthropic partners. The members of this public/private partnership have selected 10 local and tribal communities and placed AmeriCorps VISTA members there to provide technical assistance and capacity-building resources to reduce child poverty. At White House Rural Forum convened in State College, Pa., earlier this week, the partners announced that the AmeriCorps VISTA members will remain in the 10 communities for a second year.

USDA expects the financing announced today will serve as a catalyst for additional investment. Many of the community developers already have established relationships with other private and philanthropic funders. The ability to relend money could foster greater leveraging of private and philanthropic investments in rural communities.

USDA Rural Development has a \$215 billion loan portfolio and offices in every state in the nation. The agency annually invests \$30 billion, on average, in rural communities.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development (@USDARD) has funded nearly 9,200 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; invested nearly \$13 billion to start or expand nearly 112,000 rural businesses; helped 1.1 million rural residents buy homes; 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 www.usda.gov/results.

To read more about USDA's investments in rural America and its successful turnaround, visit USDA's entry on Medium.com, Rural America Is Back in Business.

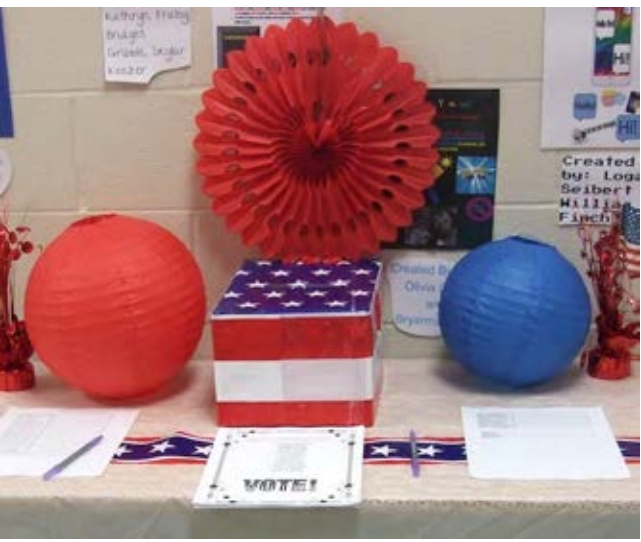
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OAKWOOD STUDENTS VOTE



While the Nation votes for our next President, Oakwood Elementary 6th Grade Students, under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Shea, vote for their choices to lead them through the year.

BROWN BETTYS 4-H CLUB MEETING HELD

The Brown Bettys and Buster Brown 4-H club held a meeting on November 10th, 2016 at the Oakwood Community Library. The meeting was called to order by president, Aaron Horstman. The pledge to the American flag and 4-H flag was led by Kennedy Dempsey, Columbia Dempsey, Allison Carnahan, and Tianna Cooper. The roll call was answered by 37 members. The treasurer and secretary reports were given and approved as read. 2017 officers training will be held November 21st at 6:30pm at the OSU Extension building.

Officers were elected: President - Aaron Horstman, Assistant President - Payton Beckman; Vice President - Samantha Meggison, Assistant VP - Sadie Estle; Treasurer - Madison Parrett, Assistant Treasurer - Tianna Cooper; Secretary - Emma Horstman, Assistant Secretary - Jalynn Parrett; News Reporter - Estee Miller, Assistant News Reporter - Jocelynn Parrett; Health - Chantal Monnier, Assistant Health - Emma Elkins; Safety - Kennedy Foor, Assistant Safety - Seth Meggison; Recreation Leaders - Seth Meggison, Kennedy Foor, Sadie Estle, Samantha Meggison, Sam Woods, Ben

Weible, and Brendan Hornish.

The Cloverbud group entertained the club with a skit about healthy foods. Everyone enjoyed the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Abby, Matthew, and Trenton Bail.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 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.

Defiance County
Ohio 18 between County Road 139 and County Road 140 will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for drainage repair. Work is being performed by the ODOT Defiance County maintenance garage.

Ohio 49 on the south edge of the village of Hicksville is now open following storm drain installation.

Ohio 15 from just south of the city of Defiance to the Putnam County line will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by the ODOT Defiance County maintenance garage.

U.S. 24 over Krouse Road slope and shoulder repair project is complete.

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

Ohio 111 between County Road 115 and County Road 133 closed Monday, November 7 for five days for culvert replacements at two separate locations. Traffic detoured onto U.S. 127, Ohio 114 and Ohio 637 back to Ohio 111. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

Ohio 66 between Township Road 48 and County Road 60 south of Oakwood will close November 14 for five days for a culvert replacement. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 114, Ohio 637 and Ohio 613 back to Ohio 66. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

Ohio 66 between Township Road 72 and Township Road 82A south of Oakwood will close November 28 for five days for a culvert replacement. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 114, Ohio 637 and Ohio 613 back to Ohio 66. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

Ohio 66 throughout Van Wert County will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

Ohio 81 between U.S. 127 and Ohio 118 will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for berm repair. Work is being performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

U.S. 30 westbound east of Convoy will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for seeding of the roadside. Work is being performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

U.S. 127 (Washington Street) between Fox Road and Ervin Road in the city of Van Wert is now open. Traffic signal work will result in short term lane restrictions over the next few weeks. Work is being performed by Helms &

Sons Excavating, Findlay.

MEETING MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 17TH, 2016

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamel, as well as Councilman Watts, Gerig, Renner, Voiron, and Martin were in attendance.

The meeting opened with a request from several residents that was presented by a resident regarding electric poles that need to be upgraded within the city limits. It was determined by the council that they will investigate further into this situation before deciding a course of action.

Chief's Report: The Woodburn police department worked 102 incidents in September. The department is now in the process of accepting applications for the open reserve positions. Now that the SOG's have been approved, the reserve department is moving forward with their paperwork for not for profit status. Given that the 2017 budget has now allowed for a second full time officer for the City of Woodburn, advertisement for candidates will be submitted to the paper for publication tomorrow and testing will start on Saturday, November 12th. Any interested parties should contact either city hall or the Police Department as soon as possible.

Mayor's Report: The website will be ready for launch on November 7th. The Woodlan cheer boosters came into city hall to acknowledge the city for their donation. There are now two new tanks for fuel; one for diesel and one for gasoline. The mayor is going to look into changing the city's current zoning with the Allen County Planning Services as it is not up to date at the present time.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Meeting minutes were presented from the meeting on October 3rd. Councilman Voiron moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Warrants were presented. Councilman Gerig moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voiron, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 16-1344 in its entirety, second by Councilman Voiron, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 16-1344, second by Councilman Voiron, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to suspend the rules and waive the second reading of Ordinance 16-1344, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Ordinance 16-1344 is ratified as presented. Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 16-1345 in its entirety, second by Councilman Voiron, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 16-1345, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to suspend the rules and waive the second reading of Ordinance 16-1345, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Ordinance 16-1345 is ratified as presented. Councilman Voiron moved to read Ordinance 16-1346 in its entirety, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 16-1346, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to suspend the rules and waive the second reading of Ordinance 16-1346, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. Ordinance 16-1346 is ratified as presented. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that a company has not communicated anything regarding the billing error that was discovered several months ago. The council suggested that the clerk-treasurer reach out and if still no response, then determination on how to proceed will be finalized at the next meeting. The clerk-treasurer explained the structure for the internal controls and will have the final product in the form of a resolution at the next meeting. The mayor brought up cell phones that are provided by the city and whether or not the list of individuals that are provided this benefit should be modified. After discussion, no changes were currently proposed.

Superintendent's Report: The superintendent is talking to Severn Trent and creating a list of needs that the city will have to take care of as of November 1st onward. Certain items that need addressed in the near future would consist of a new computer, phone service, and internet. The superintendent is also closing out all of the files from Severn Trent and will finish that task in the near future.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin asked the Superintendent about the storm drain at where two resident's properties meet that was mentioned before and it is still in process of being resolved. He also asked about the Lloy Ball sign and the Mayor mentioned that he will follow up with that request in the near future. Councilman Gerig wanted to know when leaf pick up will start and the Superintendent said that this will be made known in the near future. Councilman Voiron asked about quotes that were prepared for the camera installations.

Audience: A representative of Republic Services came to visit and asked the council to put out the garbage contract out to bid for the upcoming year. After discussion, it was determined by the council that the city would get bids for a garbage contract that would be effective January 1st, 2017.

Councilman Gerig moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voiron, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 9/12/16

This 9th 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 227423 through 227512 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST
Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein,

workforce development areas is requested by local chief elected officials and designated by the Governor for the purpose of implementing WIOA locally, establishing an OhioMeansJobs delivery system, and administering the workforce development programs; and

WHEREAS, under federal law, the Governor shall approve a request for initial automatic designation from the chief elected official of a local area which was designated un WIA, assuming the composition of that area has not changed and that the area performed successfully while maintaining fiscal integrity; and;

WHEREAS, under WIA, Paulding County, Ohio, is a member of the 43-county workforce development area known as Area 7, consisting of the following counties: Allen, Erie, Holmes, Miami, Seneca, Ashland, Fayette, Huron, Montgomery, Shelby, Champaign, Fulton, Jackson, Morrow, Union, Clark, Gallia, Knox, Muskingum, Wayne, Clinton, Greene, Lawrence, Ottawa, Williams, Coshocton, Guernsey, Licking, Paulding, Wood, Darke, Hancock, Logan, Preble, Wyandot, Defiance, Henry, Madison, Putnam, Delaware, Highland, Marion, Sandusky; and;

WHEREAS, under WIOA, Area 7 qualifies for initial automatic designation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County, Ohio, Board of County Commissioners requests automatic designation as part of Area 7 under WIOA, and be it further resolved, that the Paulding County Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint the Chairman of said Board to represent their County on the Consortium who shall be their chief elected official for purposes of WIOA and does hereby authorize the Chairman of said Board to be the signatory on the Amendment to Intergovernmental Consortium Agreement.

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

Mark Holsberry, and Cindy Peters, CCOA Winter Conference, Columbus OH - December 4, 5, and 6, 2016

IN THE MATTER OF DECREASING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 003)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to decrease the 2016 Annual Appropriation in the Health Department Fund (Fund 003); to-wit: Fund/Dept/Acct 003-001-99999/Health Department/Transfers Current Appropriation \$ 220,00 Change (+ or -) -220,00 New Appropriation \$ -0-

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-003)

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: 001-003-00010/General Fund/County Treasurer/Workman's Comp TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/County Treasurer/Supplies AMOUNT: \$363.30

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-016)

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: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance Loss Control/CORSA TO: 001-016-00004/General Fund/Commissioners' Buildings and Grounds/Supplies AMOUNT: \$15,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 003)

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 Health Department Fund (Fund 003), to-wit: FROM: 003-001-99991/Health Department/Real Estate Fees TO: 003-001-99993/Health Department/Rollback/Homestead AMOUNT: \$85.87

IN THE MATTER OF AREA 7 CONSORTIUM OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS' INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law, superseding the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and taking effect on July 1, 2015; and;

WHEREAS, designation of local

workforce development areas is requested by local chief elected officials and designated by the Governor for the purpose of implementing WIOA locally, establishing an OhioMeansJobs delivery system, and administering the workforce development programs; and

WHEREAS, under federal law, the Governor shall approve a request for initial automatic designation from the chief elected official of a local area which was designated un WIA, assuming the composition of that area has not changed and that the area performed successfully while maintaining fiscal integrity; and;

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Meeting Notes of Appointments

• Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented options for her office counter/window front.

• Corey Walker, Defiance/Paulding Consolidated JFS - Ms. Walker presented the Area 7 governance agreement for the Commissioners' signature.

• Cindy Peters - Ms. Peters met earlier with Melissa Bodey, CEBCO Senior Benefit Specialist. She reported the new health insurance rates will increase 7.1%. She also presented supplemental coverage options offered by CEBCO.

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General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

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PAULDING COUNTY:

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vs.
MICHAEL W. HOLMES, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 16 120.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 8th day of December, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

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Parcel Number: 04-19S-010-00

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

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In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 22nd of December, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

The successful bidder will have 30 days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired.

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

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IAB FINANCIAL BANK TO LEAD COMMUNITY OUT-REACH AT 4TH ANNUAL ICARE DAY

iAB Financial Bank employees were excited to spend Friday, November 11th giving back to local iAB communities at their 4th Annual iCare Day. iCare Day was initiated by iAB to commemorate their anniversary as a bank and to recognize the benefits we all realize when working together to make a difference for others. This day allows iAB employees the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment while volunteering during a day of service for over 25 local non-profit facilities in Allen, Huntington, Marshall and Wells counties.

All iAB offices were closed on Friday, November 11th to observe Veterans Day; however, the employees of iAB will spend the day performing such tasks as painting, cleaning, landscaping, packing donation boxes and serving and preparing meals for veterans. "iAB employees genuinely look forward to this special day each year" stated Michael C. Marhenke, iAB President and CEO. "It's time we've set aside where we can have fun together, while rolling up our sleeves and spending a day in service to our neighbors."

Some of the organizations iAB will be working with on iCare Day are:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Northeast Indiana - 2439 Fair eld Avenue in Fort Wayne
- Community Harvest Food Bank - 999 East Tillman Road in Fort Wayne
- Easter Seals/ARC - 4919 Coldwater Road in Fort Wayne
- Forgotten Children Worldwide - 650 North Main Street in Bluffton
- Gigi's Playhouse - 6081 North Clinton Street in Fort Wayne
- Lutheran South Unity School - 5401 South Calhoun Street in Fort Wayne
- Mad Anthonys Children's Hope House - 7922 West Jefferson Boulevard in Fort Wayne
- Operation: Quiet Comfort - 17671 13th Road in

Plymouth
• SCAN - 500 West Main Street in Fort Wayne
• Woodburn Children's Home - 24902 Notestine Road in Woodburn
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 290 people throughout Allen, Huntington, Marshall and Wells counties.

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

The Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (8) persons on Thursday, November 10, 2016 County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard
Joshua K. Clark, 2/16/86, Paulding, Ohio; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5
Alisia R. Garza, 9/11/89, Paulding, Ohio; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5
Nathan E. Gee, 3/26/74, Oakwood, Ohio; Theft, F-5
Nathan A. Hornish, 8/16/86, Unknown Address; Possession of Heroin, F-5; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5
Danielle Nash-Kleinhenn, 4/2/84, Unknown Address; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5; Possession of Drugs, F-5
William M. Hicks, 6/19/66, Paulding, Ohio; Domestic Violence, F-5
Thomas Gee, 1/15/73, Paulding, Ohio; Having Weapons While Under Disability, F-3; Felonious Assault, F-2; Aggravated Menacing M-1 2 counts
Tammy O'Dell, 7/5/66, Unknown Address; Identity Fraud, F-5

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition
Nathan E. McAlexander, Mark Center, OH; Pass bad check; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall pay restitution in the amount of \$780.00; Complete 40 hrs of community service; Shall close all checking accounts, destroy all bank and unused checks for the next 2 yrs; Maintain good behavior
Justin Neer, Middle Point, OH; Criminal damage; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Complete 40 hrs of community service; Shall have no unlawful contact with victim; Shall write a letter of apology; Shall maintain general good behavior
Justin Neer, Middle Point, OH; Trespassing; Pled no cont., found guilty; Same conditions as Count A
Misty Dawn Owens, Oakwood, OH; Disorder conduc; Dismis; Defendant paid all costs in full; Case shall be dismissed; With prejudice
Michael R. Lutz, Antwerp, OH; O.V.I./under inf; Guilty; May attend the DIP program in lieu of jail, comply by 3/31/17; Proof of insurance provided; ALS vacated; Pay all fines and costs today; Community Control Two; Def to be fingerprinted; 20 hrs of community service; 27 days of jail reserved
Austin T. Hopkins, Pullman, MI; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant
Ryon L. Partee, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/ drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Brian J. Roop, Holland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Samuel L. Geckle, Convoy, OH; Drug parapherna; Guilty; Shall pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
Samuel L. Geckle, Convoy, OH; Poss marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior
Derek A. Comer, Hicksville, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Warrant and warrant block rescinded; Shall maintain general good behavior
David J. Brotzki, Perrysburg, OH; Wild animal con; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior
David J. Brotzki, Perrysburg, OH; Wild animal con; Guilty; Defendant to pay fine; Shall maintain general good behavior
David J. Brotzki, Perrysburg, OH; Wild animal con; Guilty; Defendant to pay fine; Shall maintain general good behavior
Britnie Lynn Walton, Antwerp, OH; Dom Violence; Dismis; Count A dismissed per state at defendants costs
Britnie Lynn Walton, Antwerp, OH; Child endangerm; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Addition to rules of probation; No unlawful contact with minor children; Complete Thinking For A Change; Complete a parenting class; Evaluation at Westwood; Maintain general good behavior; Report to probation
Daniel C. Vibbert, Grover Hill, OH; Crim. damages; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall pay restitution in the amount of \$1800.00 to the clerks office; Placed on standard probation; Complete Thinking For A Change program; 30 hrs community service; No contact with victim or property
Brenda K. Dyer, Oakwood, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Alisia Renee Garza, Delphos, OH; Possession drug; Prel-waive; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court
Samuel L. Geckle, Convoy, OH; O.V.I./ susp; Dismis; Case dismissed at the states request at defendant's costs; Pay all costs by 2/24/17 or will be sent to collections
Robert H. Rathkamp, Saint Clair Sh, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case waived by defendant
Warren L. Coonrod, Monroeville, IN; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
William A. Mielke, Rockville, IN; Overheight; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Steven R. Plummer, Paulding, OH; Viol being pass; Pled not guilty, found guilty; Points waived; Pay all fines and costs within 30 days of the date of the entry
Michael R. Barlow, New Haven, IN; Seat belt/drive; Case was waived by defendant

PAULING COUNTY HONOR VETS



Third grade students at Payne Elementary honored our Veteran's on November 11. Under the direction of Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell, students reminded the audience,

through songs and recitations, of the awesome sacrifice Veteran's have given our country. We are proud to be Americans!

Stacy A. Landis, Antwerp, OH; Animal at large; Guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Paulding County Court probation shall go to the residence and check the fencing for animals; Warrant and warrant block rescinded; Shall maintain general good behavior
Joshua C. Schoff, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Andrew L. Hulett, Cloverdale, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Brittany A. Dixon, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Eric Ronald Schmidt, Paulding, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/16/16 or will be sent to collections
Ishedro Gomez, Paulding,

OH; No O.L.; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 11/18/16 or will be sent to collections
Whitney Taylor, Kokomo, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jeremy M. Johnson, Liberty Center, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Courtney R. Irving, Spencerville, IN; A.C.D.; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Brian D. Peele, Granite Falls, NC; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Juanita Fisher, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Eileen E. Rice, Antwerp, OH; FTY priv. dr; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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KINDERGARTEN ELECTION



Kindergarten students at Payne Elementary learned about the election process during the week of our Presidential Election. Both classes read "Duck for President" by Doreen Cronin. Students then elected candidates to run in the election. Mrs. Coomer's students elected Duck from the book and Farmer Brown.

Mrs. DeJarnett's class elected Froggy and Pigeon for their favorite children's books. Students made campaign posters for the candidates, stood in line to vote, and they also counted the votes. Duck won in Mrs. Coomer's class and Pigeon won in Mrs. DeJarnett's class.

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PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 10/17/16

This 17th day of October, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Mark Holsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk Absent: Roy Klopfenstein
ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 228266 through 228416 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.
TRAVEL REQUEST
Ellen Bidlack, Title Office Training, Columbus OH - November 10, 2016
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS
WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on October 12, 2016, Warrant numbered 228123 through 228161 in the amount of \$3,262.00; and
WHEREAS, it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; now, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 013)
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Ditch Maintenance Fund (013) to-wit; 013-001-00001/Ditch Maintenance/Salaries AMOUNT: \$25,000.00
IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 013)

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DEADLINES FOR CLASSIFIEDS are Mondays at 12, NOON!

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Ditch Maintenance Fund (013) to-wit; 013-001-00005/Ditch Maintenance/Materials AMOUNT: \$4,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 181)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Excess Proceeds Tax Fund (181) to-wit; 081-001-00001/Excess Proceeds Tax/Reimburse Excess Proceeds AMOUNT: \$878.37

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW REVENUE LINE ITEM (FUND 001-031)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following revenue line item, to-wit; 001-031-10024 General Fund/Miscellaneous/Excess Tax Proceeds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the Paulding County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Excess Tax Proceeds (Fund 181) to-wit; 181-001-00001/Excess Proceeds Tax/Reimb Excess Proceeds AMOUNT: \$269.17

IN THE MATTER OF THE SERVICE PACKAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND BASHORE, REINECK, STOLLER, AND WATERMAN, INC.

WHEREAS, the County is audited by the State of Ohio on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the computer software currently utilized by the Paulding County Auditor's Office is incapable of producing some of the financial data in the format the Auditor of the State of Ohio accepts; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to engage the services of a Certified Public Accounting firm to compile financial statements in the format acceptable by the Auditor of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Bashore, Reineck, Stoller, and Waterman, Inc., a local Certified Public Accounting firm, is qualified to provide the necessary services to the County; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into an agreement with Bashore, Reineck, Stoller, and Waterman, Inc., to prepare trial balance by fund and fund type from the general ledger summary sheets prepared by the Paulding County Auditor's staff, to compile financial statements and notes in "GAAP look-alike" format for use by the Auditor of the State of Ohio, for the years 2

Meeting Notes of Appointments
• Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel presented an additional report to add to the 2015 audit binder. Commissioner Zartman shared information he gleaned from a recent

CORSA seminar he attended regarding minimum wage issues. Ms. Fickel was interested in how it may effect county personnel..

• Carmen Henderson Chavis, LiUNA! (Laborers' International Union of North America) - Ms. Chavis introduced herself as the fair contracting liaison for 27 counties and including five different laborer unions. LiUNA has grown and prospered and is now comprised of over 500,000 members, 415 Local Unions, 44 District Councils, 9 Regional Offices, 1 Canadian Sub-Regional Office, and International Headquarters in Washington DC. Ms. Chavis supplied the Commissioners with a LiUNA brochure.

• Sarah Noggle, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Extension Educator, County Director; and Michael Schweinsberg, 4-H Youth Development, Extension Educator - Ms. Noggle presented the Paulding County--Maumee Valley Extension Education and Research Area 2016 Third Quarter report (July through September). She noted nearly 250 fifth graders learned about soil science and field crops at the Soil and Water Conservation District 5th Grade Field Day. Ms. Noggle and Mr. Schweinsberg also instructed 350 Van Wert 4th graders on local and nationwide farm crop byproducts. Ms. Noggle reported the Ohio State University has confirmed the existence of a new weed of Waterhemp in Paulding County. The Western Bean Cutworm is persistent in curtailing corn production in northwest Ohio. The Paulding County Master Gardener Volunteers continue to be busy fielding questions on their hotline weekly on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A high volume of calls made it necessary to run the hotline on three Thursdays as well. Three \$500.00 scholarships were awarded by the Master Gardeners to college students pursuing a degree in horticulture, agriculture, or natural resources areas. The Master Gardeners have also landscaped eight local entities and will be establishing a memorial for Nolan Shisler in Oakwood. As ANR Educator, Ms. Noggle was invited to teach and support a variety of groups and organizations on topics including current agricultural practices and issues as well as horticulture and natural resources. She also fielded more than 200 phone calls and/or personal visits during the third quarter 2016. Ms. Noggle also noted the OSUE is proud to be able to partner with the Paulding County Health Department to offer an Ohio Department of Health approved Level 2 Food Safety training. The ODH is now requiring all food services facilities licensed at a Risk Level 2 or higher to have at least one staff person who has completed the training. TAP (Training Achievement Program) Series will offer an on-line

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

option with in-person proctored exams. Ms. Noggle reported Ms. Erika Lee has been hired as the SNP Ed program assistant in Paulding County. She started her position in August. This free nutrition education and obesity prevention program is made possible by the partnerships from the USDA, Department of Job and Family Services, and the OSU Extension. Paulding County also has a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) Writer who works to assist farmers in developing NMP in the Western Lake Erie Basin of Ohio. This program is funded from a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Mr. Schweinsberg reported the 2016 Paulding County 4-H Camp was a success with 104 campers and 36 Cloverbuds, led by 29 counselors attending. 2017 4-H Camp dates are July 9 to July13. Mr. Schweinsberg was excited to announce that Paulding County was represented by 37 youth showing both livestock and still projects at the 2016 Ohio State Fair. Thirteen youth returned home with 14 awards. Mr. Schweinsberg continues to visit Paulding Middle School one day a week to teach students about financial literacy, career goals, and career development. Nearly 90 students have had the chance to further their understanding of financial and career decision. STEM activities, robotics, energy, and numerous other programs have been scheduled in various schools in the county. Mr. Schweinsberg also noted he has joined the Ohio TECH Wizards for the 2017 grant year. If awarded, this grant will allow for a program assistant to be hired 5 hours a week and will also purchase I-Pads necessary for numerous programs offered through Paulding County 4-H. The 4-H Educator has also started a Junior Robotics team in Paulding County and has taken the driver's seat on developing six Grab-and-Go STEM kits. He will work with donors and write grant proposals to fund additional kit purchases.

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Cast members include: Annie-Myranda Brooks, Orphans-Allie Ratliff, Aewyn McMichael, Macy Nutter, Lucy Wales, Madisyn Peters, Eden Shuherk, Miss Han-

nigan-Izzy Meyer, Bundles McCloskey-Shaylee Garrett, Apple Seller-Addyson Horrmann, Dog Catcher-Jessica Thornell, Lt. Ward-Lydia Krouse, Grace Farrell-Allison Carnes, Drake-Aerial Snyder, Cecille-Belle Litzenberg, Annette-Isabelle Graham, Mrs. Greer-Haley Hammer, Mrs. Pugh-Faith Clem, Oliver Warbucks-Braylen Moreno, Star-to-Be-Sami Sheedy, Man in Brownstone Window-Madison Brown-School-ey, Usherette-Britlyn Sitton, Radio Announcer-Jordan McDorman, Rooster Han-

nigan-Ross Lee, Lily St. Regis-Caydence Shull, Sound Effects Woman-Maggie Trabel, Bertha Healy-Kahlea Shook, President Franklin D. Roosevelt-Drew Eaken, Louis Howe-Falynn McAlexander, Policeman-Katryna Fish, Servants-Hayleigh Jewell, Becca Hathaway, and Elle Clem, Sandy (real dog)-Gizmo Mowery

Directors: Mrs. Mary Smith, Mr. Cord Ehrhart, Mrs. Corrie Ehrhart, Ms. Crystal Brooks Choreographer: Mrs. Katie Scharr

AT WHITE HOUSE RURAL FORUM, USDA UNVEILS NEW FUNDING TO SUPPORT RURAL BROADBAND AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

At the White House Rural Forum convened at Pennsylvania State University, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced \$32 million in loans and grants that will promote economic development and provide access to broadband in more than 80 rural American communities. Vilsack, who is chair of the first-ever White House Rural Council, convened the forum with rural policy, business and nonprofit leaders to discuss pertinent issues facing rural communities,

including opportunities for economic growth and strategies for improving health care and housing.

"This funding will provide much-needed capital and bring cutting-edge technology to rural communities across the country," Vilsack said. "Investments in our rural businesses and communities, coupled with extending high-speed broadband, have led to a resurgence of economic development, created jobs and improved the quality of life in rural America. While we have made great progress, our work to extend capital and technology to rural America is not done."

Significant gains have been made across rural America: Rural household income climbed 3.4 percent in 2015,

overall poverty and food insecurity fell dramatically, rural populations have begun to rebound, non-metro areas have added more than 250,000 jobs since 2014, and the share of rural Americans without health insurance is now at an all-time low.

The White House Rural Council, established by President Obama in 2011, coordinates the Administration's efforts in rural America by streamlining and improving the effectiveness of federal programs, engaging stakeholders on priority issues, and coordinating private-sector partnerships to create economic opportunity and improve the quality of life.

With the funding, USDA is investing in 86 projects through the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program, the Rural Micro-entrepreneur Assistance Program, the Intermediary Lending Program, the Rural Business Development Grant Program and the Community Connect program.

Examples of funded projects include:

Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation in McKee, Ky.,

will receive a \$1 million Rural Economic Development loan to help the Kentucky Highlands Real Estate Corporation retrofit an industrial building. The newly updated building, located in Rockcastle County, will be leased to a private contractor that processes medical records for the Veterans Administration. This project is expected to create 190 jobs.

Pine Jobs Company in Broken Bow, Okla., will receive a \$3 million Community Connect grant to build a state-of-the-art fiber network serving the Choctaw Nation Tribal Jurisdiction. The money will also support staff for a community center where individuals without computers can access the internet.

The city of Anamoose, N.D., will receive a \$218,462 Rural Business Development Grant to renovate a former bank building. The refurbished building will be leased to a new restaurant that will feature an evening and weekend menu using locally-grown produce and meats.

USDA Rural Development's business and telecommunications programs have had a significant impact on rural lives and economies. In 2014, USDA provided a \$250,000 Rural Economic Development grant to Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Armour, S.D., that it used to help the Delmont Fire Protection District rebuild its fire hall. The previous fire hall had been destroyed by a tornado.

At the Rural Forum, Vilsack also announced that more than \$3 billion has been invested since 2014 into rural infrastructure projects through a public-private partnership with Capitol Peak Asset Management and CoBank, a national cooperative bank and member of the Farm Credit System. Since USDA initiated the partnership, the private-sector funding has helped finance more than 400 projects in the power, water, communications and community facilities industries.

Finally, Vilsack announced the continuation of the Rural Integration Models for Parents and Children to Thrive (Rural IMPACT) demonstration project that was launched last year. Rural IMPACT helps communities adopt a two-generation approach to addressing the needs of vulnerable children and their parents. Its goal is to increase parents' employment and education and improve the health and well-being of their children and families.

Rural IMPACT is led by the Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with USDA, the Department of Labor, the Department for National and Community Service, the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Delta Regional Authority, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and other philanthropic partners. These partners have selected 10 local and tribal communities to receive technical assistance and capacity-building resources to reduce child poverty, and placed AmeriCorps VISTA members there. The partners are pleased to announce these member will be placed in the 10 Rural IMPACT communities for a second year.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development (@USDARD) has invested nearly \$13 billion to start or expand nearly 112,000 rural businesses; helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses; helped

OAKWOOD 3RD GRADERS "DIG UP" NEW KNOWLEDGE ON SOIL



Patrick Troyer, from Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District, visited Mrs. Hohlbein's fourth grade students at Oakwood Elementary School. The students learned about sinkholes, and they experimented with making their own sinkhole using sand, sugar, water, a foam cup with a coffee filter, a paper cylinder, and a 2-liter bottle.

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist Paulding SWCD

Recently, 3rd Graders in Beth Thornell and Erin Schroeder's classroom at Oakwood Elementary had the opportunity to "dig up" some new knowledge about soils. Contrary to what most people think, dirt is not the proper term to use when one refers to the ground beneath their feet. Dirt is loose earth, a substance such as mud or dust that makes things unclean or the substance that is found underneath your fingernails. Soil is the proper term to use when it comes to the ground we walk on or the upper layer of earth which helps plants grow. It is typically black or dark brown and consists of a mixture of organic remains, clay, and rock particles.

Soil is a 45% mixture of minerals from rock, 25% air, 25% water, and 5% humus (organic material). Students learned that soil contains tiny pieces of rock combined with humus, which is decaying organic material that consists of dead plants or animals. The process to create soil takes time in which to occur and is known as weathering. Weathering is the process of large rocks being broken down into smaller rocks through the action of the weather conditions which alter the color, texture, composition, or form of exposed rock. Soil is the last step of the process and is the smallest particle of rock.

Weathering breaks down and loosens surface minerals of rock so that they can be transported away by agents of erosion such as water, wind, and ice. Students learned that the physical breakdown of rock into soil is not too complicated of a process. The process begins with large rocks being broken down into smaller rocks which are then broken down into smaller pebbles with the small pebbles being broken down until they eventually become soil.

Students learned that soil provides a base for gardens,

1.1 million rural residents buy homes; and funded nearly 9,200 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities. USDA also has invested \$31.3 billion in 963 electric projects

forests, fields, and farms that help to support plant, animal and human activities. They were then quizzed on the three different types of soil particles and the largest soil particle. The three types of soil particles are sand, silt, and clay with sand being the largest soil particle being sand then silt, and clay being the smallest soil particle.

Sand does not contain many nutrients, but drains rather quickly when a rain event comes along. Silt is a medium sized soil particle that feels powdery when wet and slippery when dry. Clay is the smallest soil particle that is very smooth but hard as a rock when it is dry. It can hold nutrients very well, but does not allow water or air to pass through.

Once students learned all about soil, they had the opportunity to make their very own soil! Students received a bag of salt and two cups with cornstarch and flour in them to represent sand, silt, and clay. The ingredients were poured into the bag to be mixed up by the student's fingers to simulate weathering. Vegetable oil, which represents humus (organic matter) in the soil, was then added to each bag and mixed up. Food coloring, used to represent pollution in the soil, was the next ingredient with water being added last. All ingredients were thoroughly mixed via the student's fingers (weathering process) with the final product being their very own model soil to take home with them. Essentially, the students made their very own soil playdough.

If you would like this program or any other program offered by the Paulding SWCD, email patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org or call 419-399-4771 to set up a date!

caption: Oakwood Elementary 3rd Graders get down and dirty to learn about soil and make their own model soil during a recent program.

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