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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016



From the left are Ed Eichler, Jolene Meade, Lisa McClure (Paulding County Area Foundation), Lisa Craig, Tracey Schroeder and Kevin Carnahan. Logisticize is proud to be able to give back to a wonderful community.

Once again, Logisticize LTD., a trucking company in Paulding, OH, held its 4th annual Fall Appreciation Dinner. A whopping \$2,645.00 was raised for the Canteen Fund, an organization that helps our community when a disaster happens such as a fire or tornado. Refreshments are provided to the volunteers assisting with such disasters through this fund.

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PAULDING COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE OGS

The society's December meeting will be a "members only" Christmas Party & NOT open to the public.

It will be held at the Essen House in Antwerp on December 14th @ 6pm NOT 2pm as previously published.

We apologize for any confusion.

OAKWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

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Santa and Mrs. Claus are arriving at the Oakwood Village Fire Station on the fire truck at 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8th. Children will have an opportunity to visit with Santa and receive a very special bag.

Suzanne Cooper and her

PAULDING-PUTNAM ELEC-TRIC COOPERATIVE (PPEC) **TO GIVE \$1.4 MILLION BACK TO MEMBERS**

Paulding Putnam Electric Members will see a lower electric bill around the holidays. That's because Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees recently approved to return \$1.4 million to the Cooperative's members. Members will be seeing a credit on their December bill. The money is being returned to members in the form of capital credits,

also known as profits or mar-

PPEC is a not for profit co-op, and one of the 7 cooperative principles is Members' Economic Participation, which means members contribute equitably to the capital of the co-op. "Simply put, this means that PPEC members contribute a portion of the capital necessary to grow the co-op. Eventually, as the coop is financially able to do so, the board approves the capital be returned, or "retired" back to those members who con-

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WOODBURN LUTHERAN IMPACTS FAMILY OF SEVEN



The Gentz Family Invests in Christian Education

Jake and Jamie Gentz had a big decision when it came time for their oldest son, Jacob, to go to kindergarten. Parents to five kids, they knew that whatever school they chose, they would be making a decision that impacted their whole family.

"I did a walk through of Woodburn Lutheran School," Jake says. "The Christian education was important to us and we felt it was best for Ja-

That was ten years ago. Their son, now 15, experienced such a good education at Woodburn that all four of his siblings have followed in his footsteps. Part of their

positive experience can be credited to teachers who invested in their students' lives and engaged with them per-

> "There has been a lot of (Continued to Page 4)



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SANTA COMES TO HICKSVILLE



A bleak, seasonably cold December 3rd afternoon greeted the entrance of Santa Claus into Hicksville with the village's annual Christmas in the Village parade.

Characteristically, big man in the red suit and his wife were seen at the end of the parade, which came through downtown Hicksville to end up just off of the Main/High Street intersection near the village's historic land office.

Large crowds on both sides of the streets awaited the parade, with friends and strangers alike chatting amiably. Many sat in folding chairs; many more stood. Some were seen eating hot soup from Subway or drinking hot chocolate from Mc-Donald's, depending on what side of the business district they happened to be on.

With the Hicksville Police Department maintaining traffic, the parade was led by a Defiance County Sheriff's Office patrol car. Many of the village's service vehicles preceded Santa's entrance along with the Hicksville High School Marching Aces, automobiles and floats representing local businesses, churches and civic organizations including the various branches of Scouts.

A brief sermon and prayer followed, with the land office's lights activated follow-

ing a countdown by Mayor Diane Collins. In defiance of political correctness, the words "Merry Christmas" were uttered frequently and with sincerity.

After making his grand entrance, Santa took his customary spot in a chair in front of the land office, where a long line of children waited to tell him their own Christmas wishes and pose for pictures with him. Groups of children sang Christmas carols, followed by taped renditions of familiar holiday songs.

One of the more popular attractions for young and not-so-young alike was the Rotary-sponsored horsedrawn carriage rides, which took groups of celebrants around town. Johnson Memorial Library featured crafts for children and (of course) books and other media to be checked out. In front of the library, cookies, popcorn, hot chocolate and coffee awaited those crowded on the sidewalk.

As Christmas in the Village festivities came to and end, many took the short journey to the Defiance County Fairgrounds on Main and Hicks Street, where they could take part in the Christmas Cruise-Thru. This is the area's largest Christmas light show, which also featured free

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ANTWERP, OH:

Doris Mae Williamson, 83 of Antwerp passed away Thursday, December 1, 2016 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. Her family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

ANTWERP, OH:

Erma Lee Smith, age 83 passed away Sunday, December 4, 2016.

She was born July 17, 1933 in Kentucky, the daughter of the late Willie and Clara (Collins) Callahan. She married Richard O. Smith who preceded her in death on February 24, 2001. She retired from Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp, after 25 years of service.

She is survived by her sons, Jerry (Brenda) Smith, Paulding, and Mike (Sharlotte) Smith, Antwerp; 2 sisters; 9 grandchildren; and 18 grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by brothers and sisters. A private family gathering

will be held 11 AM Wednes-

day, December 7 at Bethel Forder Cemetery, Cecil. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations made

to a charity of the donor's Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.

Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 12/7 - 12/13

12/7 - Pork roast, scalloped potatoes, seasoned zucchini, pineapple tidbits, cookie, w.w. bread, milk

12/8 - Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, Ambrosia salad, bread, graham crackers, milk, Liver Alt: Swiss steak

12/9 - Shake and bake chicken, boiled potatoes, green bean casserole, mixed fruit, dinner roll, milk

12/12 - Pot roast, mashed potatoes, broccoli, apricots, w.w. bread, holiday cookie

12/13 - Stuffed pepper casserole over white rice, beets, hot apples, w.w. bread, milk

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 12/7

12/7 - PERI Meeting and holiday party at 10:00 a.m.; Canvas painting with Americare at 9:30 a.m.; BUNCO Christmas party; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

12/8 – Christmas Bazaar 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Bingo w/Paulding Hospital at 10:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at

Antwerp

Payne

12:15 p.m.

12/9 - Bible study 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00

12/12 – Movie morning at 9:30 a.m.; "Shedding Pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00

12/13 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

2 IN 10 OHIO ADULTS GO WITHOUT MEDICAL CARE **DUE TO COST; 3 IN 10 GO** WITHOUT DENTAL CARE **DUE TO COST**

Most people rely on health insurance to help pay for medical visits and health care. However, even with health insurance, medical care can be expensive. The 2016 Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP), sponsored by Interact for Health, found that 2 in 10 Ohio adults (20 percent) reported that they or a household member went without medical care because of the cost, even though more than nine in 10 Ohio adults have health insurance. "These results have im-

proved since the last time we measured this in 2009, but it's clear that out-of-pocket costs can become a barrier that prevent people from receiving the care they need," said Jennifer Chubinski, Ph.D., Vice President, Innovation and Learning, Interact for Health.

Added Amy Rohling Mc-Gee, President, Health Policy Institute of Ohio: "One factor in improving health value in Ohio is timely, affordable access to high-quality prevention, treatment and recovery services. Although federal and state policy decisions in recent years have increased access to health insurance coverage, These data show that concern about health care costs is still a challenge, even for those who are eligible for publicly financed cov-

O'dell M. Owens, M.D., M.P.H., President/CEO of Interact for Health, says "The Board and staff of Interact for Health are pleased to provide these data so that we may alert our state to the health issues that continue to face us. We hope this information will spark effective conversation about how to address these cost barriers faced by our neighbors."

Response varied by in-

Response to this question varied by income. Among adults earning less than 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, about two in 10 (23 percent) had delayed care in the previous year. Among adults earning between 138 percent and 200 percent FPL, more than three in 10 (35 percent) had done so. Among adults earning more than

SENIOR CENTER CHRISTMAS BAZZAR



craft department. and Jellies with gift baskets,

The Paulding County Senior Center is hosting a Christmas Bazaar on Thursday, December 8th at the Center from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Center is decorated for the holidays and the staff want to invite everyone to come see the beautiful facility and enjoy buying some goodies from the various vendors. There will be homemade crafts, Longaberger baskets, Jewelry, Avon, Jams

Lincoln Ridge Candles, Candy, Ohio State items, unique wooden crafts, soaps and therapeutic teas and many more great things including baked goods. Food will be available so area employees can come and shop on their lunch breaks. The address for the center is 401 E. Jackson St., Paulding, OH.

200 percent FPL, only 14 percent had delayed or gone without care.

Under the Affordable Care Act, Ohio expanded Medicaid eligibility for many adults earning up to 138 percent FPL. This may have contributed to the lower percentage of adults earning less than 138 percent FPL who delayed or went without care.

Responses also varied by education. Only 8 percent of college graduates had delayed or gone without medical care due to cost in the previous year, compared with \bar{b} etween 20 and 30 percent for all other education levels.

Fewer than 3 in 10 went without dental care due to

OHIP also asked Ohio adults if they or a household member had delayed or gone without dental care due to cost during the past year. In 2016, fewer than three in 10 adults (26 percent) had delayed or gone without dental care due to cost. This is better than in 2009 when 34 percent of adults had delayed or gone without dental care.

6 in 10 adults have dental insurance; some still delay

About six in 10 Ohio adults (61 percent) reported that they had some form of dental insurance in 2016, the same as in 2013. Adults with higher incomes were more likely to have dental insurance. Among adults earning 200 percent FPL or more, 74 percent had dental insurance. That compares with only 43 percent of adults

earning less than 200 percent

While dental insurance can help pay for dental care, costs can still be high. Among adults with dental insurance, about 2 in 10 (21 percent) had delayed or gone without dental care due to cost in the previous year. Among adults without dental insurance, more than 3 in 10 (34 percent) delayed or went without care.

OHIP also asked whether Ohio adults had delayed or gone without care for any other reason besides cost. About 1 in 10 adults (9 percent) said yes.

More information about Ohioans' medical and dental care, and other topics, is available at www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll.

About the Ohio Health Issues Poll

The 2016 Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP) is funded by Interact for Health. OHIP was conducted July 14 - August 5, 2016, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 863 adults from throughout Ohio was interviewed by telephone. This included 439 landline telephone interviews and 424 cell phone interviews. In 95 of 100 cases, statewide estimates will be accurate to \pm 3.3%. There are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about the Ohio Health Issues Poll, please visit www. interactforhealth.org/ohiohealth-issues-poll.

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teract for Health is an independent foundation that serves 20 counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. More information is available on our website, www.interact-

forhealth.org.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

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"Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:7, 9-10

MARK LEGISLATION TO **IMPROVE MEDICAL INNO-**VATION

Congressman Bob Latta

LATTA VOTES FOR LAND-

(R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in voting to pass the landmark 21st Century Cures Act, legislation that would expedite the discovery, development, and delivery of new treatments. The pro-innovation bill presents a transformational opportunity to find life-saving and life-improving cures to the diseases that millions of Americans face. At the same time, the bill will help the United States maintain its role as the world's biomedical innovation leader. Ohio is home to a number of leading medical research institutions that will benefit from the streamlining of regulations and additional resources that the legislation provides.

Additionally, the bill makes important reforms to the nation's mental health system and provides resources to combat the opioid epi-

"The brightest minds are working to find cures for life-threatening and life-altering diseases, but too often our current treatment development system takes too long," said Latta. "The 21st Century Cures Act will bolster research, modernize clinical trials, and support collaboration to spur the development of critical cures and treatments. This legislation is the result of three years of discussions with advocates, patients, researchers, and medical innovators to find the best ways to streamline medical development in a safe and efficient way. Bottom line, this bill will save lives." The bill advances the de-

velopment of new patient therapies by streamlining regulations and providing more clarity and consistency for medical innovators. It incentivizes the development of drugs for pediatric diseases and medical countermeasures, and allows the Food and Drug Administration to use a more flexible approach to reviewing medical devices and drugs so they can reach patients sooner.

On the research side of the equation, the 21st Century Cures Act provides additional funding to the National Institutes of Health and to Vice President Biden's "Cancer Moonshot" initiative. It also supports high-risk, high-reward research that has the possibility to revolutionize the scientific field and lead to more medical breakthroughs.

Furthermore, the 21st Century Cures Act also provides \$1 billion in grants to states to better address the opioid epidemic in local communities.

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entertainment, food, crafters and other attractions. Those preferring to celebrate Christmas in a warmer spot may have come to the Huber Opera House downtown, where the Hicksville Village Players performed the new comedy "Dashing Through the Snow," featuring a dinner by Grant's

Catering. This was the seventh annual Christmas in the Village parade. It was a product of the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce, currently under the presidency of Angie Freese.



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Questions, contact Vickie Hadley at, 260-481-6826 or

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1:00 p.m.

HISTORY"

February 8, 2017

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Pres./CEO of PPEC, George Carter. Including this year's cap-

ital credit return, Paulding Putnam Electric has returned just over \$20 million to its members. According to Carter, this process is what sets them apart from other utilities. "We're not in business to make a profit for shareholders. If there is left over money, we give it back to members. We return the money to members around the holidays

because that's when many people need it the most."

Paulding Putnam Electric is a member-owned electric utility serving over 12,900 member-owners in Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert and Allen counties in Ohio, and Adams and Allen counties in Indiana. For more information visit us on the web at www.PPEC.coop or follow us on Twitter or Facebook.

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Paulding County Hospital can help you meet these needs. Deductibles under most medical insurance plans will reset to the full amount beginning in January. So if you have met your deductible for this year and are able to complete other medical procedures or tests before the end of the year, your out of pocket expenses may be minimal or even zero. So be smart and contact your doctor today or call Paulding County Hospital and schedule before the end of the year.



67th ANNUAL PAULDING SWCD BANQUET A SUCCESS





By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

Recently, the Paulding SWCD held its 67th Annual Banquet & Supervisor Election "A Community Conservation Celebration" at the Extension Hall at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The community came out to celebrate a year's worth of many great accomplishments for the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District in the areas of technical assistance, educational programming, ditch maintenance, and overall district achievements. Attendance was very good with 105 people coming out on a balmy November evening. The evening began with the election of supervisors from 5:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. with incumbent Brian Ruble from Grover Hill running against Tom Wannemacher from Payne for a seat on the Paulding SWCD Board of Supervisors. Ruble was elected to serve another 3-year term to

begin January 1, 2017. Dinner was prepared by Gibson's Backyard BBQ from Convoy, OH and served very well by the Paulding FFA Officer Team of Hannah Farr, Paige Fitzwater, Courtney Luderman, Katlynn Fuller, and Kalyn Strahley. During dinner, Deb Hubbard, District Program Administrator introduced Soil & Water and Ditch Maintenance Staff as well as distinguished guests.

Following dinner, Deb Hubbard presented a highlight of achievements for the Paulding SWCD over the last year. The Education Department was highlighted first noting work completed by Staci Miller and Patrick Troyer for 2016. Among work completed for the year is school visits to all schools providing programs on a variety of conservation topics. Several field days were conducted throughout the year for various School, 4H, Girl Scout, and Adult Groups at the Black Swamp Nature

Center. One of the biggest field days conducted is the annual 5th Grade Field Day at the Paulding County Fairgrounds and Black Swamp Nature Center where 5th graders enjoy a fun-filled day of hands on activities covering environmental topics. Nursing Home visits were also conducted throughout each Nursing Home in Paulding County. Also noted was the Nature Enthusiast Walking Group which started in April and ran through August and will continue into 2017. Weekly newspaper columns have also been published in area papers.

Next, Western Lake Erie

Basin (WLEB) Nutrient Management Specialist Mick Britenriker's progress was highlighted. Britenriker has been involved in a variety of projects in the three counties of Paulding, Williams, and Defiance that his position covers. He has been actively involved in handling manure complaint calls in each county where residents have expressed concerns over manure application. Britenriker has also been involved in some technician work designing wetlands and grassed waterways for landowners in efforts to implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) to reduce the nutrient load in our waterways.

District Technician Daniel Foust was also highlighted with technical assistance that has been provided over the last year between himself and Deb Hubbard. Among one of the programs currently underway is the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) which is aimed at reducing nutrient runoff from entering the Lake Erie Watershed. To date, \$446,062 in reimbursements have been committed to Paulding County Farmers. Healthy Soils is another program through the Paulding SWCD that has partnered

with Mercer Landmark of

Payne for nutrient placement

and has committed \$118,327 in reimbursements to Paulding County Farmers. The CAP & Lake Erie Program focuses on installation of water control structures to keep water and nutrients available and out of the Maumee River with \$17,000 approved to fund materials and installations. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) provides incentives for filter strips and buffers with \$670 coming in windbreak installations.

Smith with Ditch Maintenance have had a busy year as well full of annual ditch inspections, vegetation management, erosion control, dip outs and reconstruction, as well as assisting the SWCD Staff. Over the last year, the DM department has conducted bottom cleanout on 15 miles of ditches, 14 miles of leveling spoil dirt, 60 dump truck loads of spoil dirt hauled, 350 tons of quarried rock hauled, and 15 erosion site repairs. Deb Hubbard conclud-

Ryan Mapes and Sam

ed by reminding everyone to stop by and visit our new offices located at 900 Fairground Drive in the Parc Lane Center across from the Black Swamp Nature Center. She also informed everyone that the Black Swamp Nature Center is available for rent

and to call the office for their next rental. For entertainment, Mr. Dick Stoner from Ft. Wayne wowed the crowd with his magic & comedy routine full of amazing tricks and plenty of laughter. Awards for Educator of

the Year and Cooperator of the Year were handed out to distinguished individuals in the community crucial to spreading the conservation message. Linda Mabis, 4th & 5th Grade Teacher at Antwerp Elementary was awarded the Educator award for her work with the nature walk group and her work with the native plant prairie at Antwerp Elementary. Joe Barker of Antwerp was awarded the Cooperator award for his active participation in the conservation programs offered at Paulding SWCD.

Sponsors included Baughman Tile Company, Stahl/Stoller/Meyer Insurance. First Financial Bank, Haviland Drainage, Pendergrast Farm Drainage, Ag Credit, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Bradford Excavating, Cooper Farms, Schlatter Plumbing & Heating, Williamson Insurance Agency, Dairy Queen, Hubbard Company, Mumma Drainage, Pond Seed Company, Archbold Equipment, and Citizen's National Bank.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UP ANTWERP



Antwerp officially opened up the Christmas season this year on Thursday, December 1st at the Green Way Park next to the Antwerp City Hall.

The recently rebuilt tennis court was the stage for the high



school concert and show choirs to perform for all who came down to see the tree -lighting cermony, and get candy canes from Santa Claus.

In the picture above is Maddix Foust with Santa Claus.





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PAULDING FFA'S CDE TEAM: STATE BOUND



By: Kaitlynn Fuller, Paulding FFA Reporter

The Paulding FFA Chapter's Food Science and Technology career development event (CDE) team did a tremendous job at the district competition. The Food Science and Technology CDE requires students to have an in-depth understanding of food product development and presentation and food safety issues. Participants use their sensory skills to solve problems and make sound

decisions. After many hours of practice, and preparation the team came out on top.

The team placed 1st to advance to the State Competition on December 3rd in Columbus, Ohio. Team members are Chantal Monnier, Estee Miller, Hannah Farr, and Kalyn Strahley. Individually, Chantal placed 1st, Estee placed 2nd and Hannah Farr placed 4th. This team of go-getters has made the Paulding FFA Chapter very

HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 2.000 WILD TUR-**KEYS DURING OHIO'S FALL** SEASON

Hunters harvested 2,168 wild turkeys during Ohio's 2016 fall wild turkey season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Ohio's 2016 fall wild turkey hunting season was open in 56 counties October 8 - November 27. During the 2015 fall wild turkey season 1,535 turkeys were harvested.

For more information, or the complete announcement, please visit the link: http://wildlife. ohiodnr.gov/stay-informed/ news-announcements/ post/hunters-harvest-morethan-2-000-wild-turkeysduring-ohio-s-fall-season

PRACTICAL HELP FOR OVERCOMING WORRY GIV-EN AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Practical suggestions for dealing with worry will be offered at Lifetree Café on Thursday, December 8th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled, "Overcoming Worry: Practical Help, Simple Solutions," features a filmed

Philippians 4:6-7

interview with Cheryl Eresman, a clinical counselor, as well as a screening of the short film God Box.

"Anxiety can actually cause health problems," Éresman says. "Worry can cause blood pressure problems, lower your immunity to disease, and result in ulcers. It can actually physically hurt you."

During the program, participants will explore coping mechanisms that help fight anxiety.

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

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

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of G.F. Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. This free event will take place in the R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium on the MVNU campus. The presentation will be

performed by the MVNU Choral Union, faculty, guest soloists, and chamber orchestra. The featured soloists are Elizabeth Barrett, MVNU music faculty member; Carolyn Redman ('89), classical performer and adjunct voice professor at Kenyon College and Otterbein University; Tyler Skidmore ('04), music specialist with the Medina City School District and frequent area vocalist. And returning for his 19th year as bass soloist is David Templeton, Associate Professor of Voice and Director of Opera at The College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C. John Packard, MVNU Music Department Chair, and guest musician Michael Eaton will assist on trumpet. David Robinson will return as the harpsichordist, and Sharon Blaydes is the concert master.

The 160-voice Choral Union includes the combined choirs of MVNU and community singers. Conducting the performance will be Dr. Robert Tocheff, Professor of Music in the MVNU Music Department.

The program is open to the public without admission charge. Donations will be accepted. Parking is available from Martinsburg Road and Campus Drive. For more information, visit www.mvnu. edu or contact Tressa Daley at 740-397-9000, ext. 3000.

The performance will also be recorded and available for purchase through the Cou-

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WOODBURN UNITED METH-ODIST PRESENTS CHRIST-

MAS CANTATA

Woodburn United Methodist Church will be presenting the Christmas Cantata, Come Let Us Adore" on Sunday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m. The cantata was created by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith and arranged by Russell Mauldin. The Cantata is under the direction of Dawn Patterson. This Cantata, as stated in the narration, "shares an old story, familiar and dearly-loved. Yet somehow every year the wonder of it all becomes new

once more." The cantata begins with the upbeat "It's Christmas (Opener) with "Away in the Manger"", containing an up-

dated version by Chris Tom-Our journey then continues with the hauntingly beautiful "Do You Hear

What I Hear". This song

contains a solo performance

by Lisa Dial.

Next, the audience will go to the hillside with the shepherds in "Midnight Clear (Love Song) with "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"".

As our journey continues, we follow Mary and Joseph to the inn and find that we are "Close to Christmas with "Angels, from the Realm of Glory"".

Then we move to Christmas morning with the lyrical and moving "Adore".

Next, we see that as "John 1:14 says, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us," with the stirring "A Christmas Alleluia" by Chris Tomlin and Jonas Myrin. We next feel the joy with

"Noel" by Chris Tomlin,

Matt Redman, and Ed Cash. This song contains a solo performance by Dawn Pat-Our next song explores "the birth of a King who should be honored" with the

beautiful "A King Like This". This song contains solo and duet performances by Annette Ruppert and Dick Hall. The cantata then concludes with the joyous "It's Christmas (Finale) which

ger", and "Go, Tell It on the The members of the choir include the following:

includes "Away in the Man-

Soprano---Cheryl Coleman, Lisa Dial, Annette Ruppert, Patti Shuler

Alto---Ruth Corn, Diane Hall, Dawn James, Dawn Patterson, Karen Stir, LaVon Womack

Baritone---Dick Tom Bergman

Bass---Dan Stir

Narrators---Dan and Karen Stir

Sound Tech---Sean Pat-

Pastor Terry McDonald and the members of the Woodburn United Methodist Church would like to invite the public to join us in our celebration of the birth of our Savior by attending our worship in music. This Cantata will be a part of the worship service on December 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall, provided by the ladies of the church. Woodburn United Methodist is located at Highway 101 and Becker Road (4300 Becker Rd.) behind the Woodburn Express Gas Station in the middle of

ANNUAL PAULDING UMC COOKIE AND CANDY WALK

Woodburn.

The Paulding United Methodist Church will be hosting its annual cookie and candy walk on Saturday December 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall/basement.

An elevator is available for use for those who would like to use it. Homemade cookies, candies, brownies, fudge and other holiday treats will be available until noon or items run out, whichever comes first. Pet treats may also be available.

IT WILL BE THE SAME **JESUS**

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, **Maples United Methodist**

Church "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net

be at the coming of the Son of

Man. For in the days before

the flood, people were eating

and drinking, marrying and

giving in marriage, up to the

day Noah entered the ark;

and they knew nothing about

what would happen until the

flood came and took them all

away. That is how it will be

at the coming of the Son of

Man. Two men will be in the

field; one will be taken and

the other left. Two women

will be grinding with a hand

mill; one will be taken and

the other left. Therefore keep

watch, because you do not

know on what day your Lord

will come." Matthew 24:36-

Jesus says that when he

returns, people will be going

about their everyday affairs,

"eating and drinking, mar-

rying and giving in mar-

riage," and won't be giving

any thought to the possibility

that God might break into the

world and be bringing its his-

of the rapture when Jesus

comes in the air to take the

saints both living and dead to

heaven in preparation for the

tribulation period when peo-

ple of the whole earth will be

again is the same Jesus who

ate and drank with sinners,

proclaimed good news to the

poor, died on the cross and

our text is staying awake and

alert. He says, "Keep awake,"

and, "Therefore you also must

be ready, for the Son of Man

is coming at an unexpected

hour." Remember your call-

ing. Don't fall asleep on the

We will be ready for

Christ's coming as we receive

Christ in our lives right now.

He has not left the world on

its own and gone off some-

where else. Instead, as he tells

his disciples at the conclusion

of Matthew's gospel, "I am

with you always, to the end of

the age." We receive him now

when in faith we hear Christ

proclaimed, in baptism into

his death and resurrection

What Jesus emphasizes in

The Jesus who will come

judged for rejecting God.

This scripture is speaking

42 (NIV)

tory to a close.

rose on Easter.

and in the Lord's Supper. Contrary to what a lot of end of the age talks may suggest, God's purpose is not just to snatch a few people out of a world doomed to destruction. The world God has created is more than just a beginning place from which we can receive salvation and heaven. There will be judgment, because finally, good must be affirmed and evil rejected beyond doubt. But God's ultimate purpose is not destruction, but renewal. In the end God will make His abode on a renewed earth with redeemed

The one who comes will be the same Jesus who shared our life and our death so that we might share with him life with God. We should be on the watch not just for that dramatic event when Jesus comes but, also, for opportunities to share the love of Christ with "the least of these" with whom he identifies.

mankind.

THE MUSIC GROUP "SIBE-**RIAN SOLSTICE" IS ONCE AGAIN RETURNING TO PAYNE**

The Payne Ministerial Association is sponsoring A CHRISTMAS CONCERT TRADITION for Payne and surrounding communities! "SIBERIAN SOLSTICE" is a musical group from northwest Ohio that provides an exciting 90-minute set of Christmas music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed group "TRANS-SIBERIAN OR-CHESTRA".

Come and experience a refreshed show with new music, new lighting, new video, and even a new drummer! This concert will be held in the Payne Elementary Auditorium December 11 at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge.

For more information about the music group contact Dave Coonrod at 419-438-4451, web site siberiansoltice.com or for concert information contact Mikeal George at 419-574-2150.

(continued from page 1) bonding with the teachers,"

Jake adds. "It's a tight knit

But it isn't just the kids who are involved in the school. For the Gentz family, it's a family affair. Jake coaches track and is the disc jockey for the school dances, while Jamie and Jake organized this year's field day. The reason they volunteer isn't just because the need is there, but the impact on students' lives.

"We see children as our mission and do it as the Lord's work." Jamie says. "Some people go oversees to serve, but this is in our backyard."

'You're not going to find a better place for the kids to go/ academically, athletically, or spiritually," Jake says. "What they're doing here is something special.'

When their daughter Bekah experienced some health problems, the school stepped in to show they cared.

'The school has always gone out of their way to help when things have come up," Jake says. "When Bekah had some health issues, the school connected with her and comforted her when she was wor-

The Gentz family has seen the way Woodburn Lutheran School reaches out to students to give them a great education and a solid spiritual founda-

"It prepared Jacob to go into public high school and gave him a firm foundation of faith to grow upon," Jamie

"Every year that goes by, there is no question of where to send them," Jake adds. "We just know it's the right move.

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Phone: 419-258-2000 • Website: www.westbendnews.net INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF **EDUCATION RECOGNIZES**

EAST ALLEN UNIVERSITY AS A SCHOOL OF PROMIS-ING PRACTICE

East Allen University has been recognized by the Indiana Department of Education as a school of Promising Practice in the area of EL Students Graduating High School with an Associate's Degree. East Allen University's Promising Practice is one of 200 education or wrap-around service programs to be recognized by the Department in honor of Indiana's bicentennial celebration. Mr. Doug Hicks, principal of East Allen University said, "Four years ago, East Allen decided to start the first stand alone early college high school in northern Indiana. Since that time, East Allen University has been supported by Vincennes University, our EACS school board, community, staff, parents, and most importantly our students. This united front has created a school that not only offers students an opportunity to graduate with an Associate Degree and a High School diploma, but it is a school that prepares students for college and the work force."

The first graduating class of 77 students from East Allen University in the spring of 2016 included 9 EL students (11.6%). All 9 EL students graduated with his/her high school diploma with 7 of them also earning their Associate's Degree! "We are changing lives in East Allen County Schools. The early college high school partnership with Vincennes University is a wonderful opportunity for any student, regardless of their individual circumstances, to graduate from high school with their high school diploma in one hand and their college degree in the other. We are proud to be providing opportunities to students that previously were not available" said Dr. Kenneth Folks, Superintendent of East Allen County Schools.

Identified programs, like East Allen University, are student-centered and focus on positively impacting students through innovative programming and activities that provide a high-quality learning environment and experience. East Allen University's Promising Practice will be shared with educators across the state of Indiana as an example of best practices that are having a positive impact on Hoosier students.

Additional information about the Promising Practices initiative can be found on the Department's website: www.doe.in.gov/outreach/ promising-practices.

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU 12/7 - 12/13

12/7 - Corndog, mixed vegetables, pears, milk

12/8 - Cheeseburger on bun, baked fries, orange smiles, milk

12/9 - Chicken quesadilla pizza, tossed salad, applesauce, milk

12/12 – Mini-corndog, corn, apple, milk

12/13 - Lasagna roll or meatloaf, green beans, bread w/butter, pears, milk

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 12/7 - 12/13

HS - Breakfast:

12/7 - Bacon, egg & cheese biscuit, juice, fruit, milk 12/8 - Coffee cake, juice,

12/9 - Sausage, biscuit breakfast, juice, fruit, milk 12/12 - Breakfast pizza,

sausage, juice, fruit, milk 12/13 - Tater coins with

cheese, sausage links, juice, fruit, milk

HS - Lunch:

12/7 - Taco salad, cheese, chips and lettuce, refried beans, asstd. fruit, milk OR Baked potato with meat, cheese & broccoli, pretzel b. 12/8 – Vegetable soup, sub

asstd. fruit, milk OR Pretzel, cheese cup, marinara sauce, carrots with dip 12/9 – Chili cheese oven fries, banana peppers, corn & black beans, breadstick, asstd.

sandwich, crackers, juice box,

fruit, milk OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick 12/12 - Cntry fried steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, biscuit, green beans, asstd. fruit, milk OR Salad bar, gar-

lic bread 12/13 - SW fajita chicken salad, tomatoes, corn & black beans, wg chips, churro, asstd. fruit, milk OR Asstd. entree items, pickles, oven fries

Paulding Elementary Breakfast:

12/7 – Bkfst burrito, juice, fruit, milk

12/8 - Muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit, milk 12/9 - Cereal or cereal bar,

juice, fruit, milk 12/12 - Yogurt, goldfish

grm, juice, fruit, milk 12/13 - Pancakes, juice, fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary

12/7 - Pancakes w/saus, oven potatoes, tomato juice, fruit, milk

12/8 - BBQ rib, oven potatoes, fresh vegetables, fruit,

12/9 - Cheesy bread, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

12/12 - Hamburger on wh gr bun, steamed carrots, fruit,

12/13 - Beef & cheese burrito, baked beans, salsa, fruit,

Oakwood Elementary **Breakfast:**

12/7 - Saus-egg burrito, juice, fruit, milk

12/8 - Breakfast cereal, juice, fruit, milk

12/9 – Asstd. cereals, juice, fruit, milk

12/12 - Warm cinn roll, juice, fruit, milk 12/13 - Pancake on stick,

juice, fruit, milk Oakwood Elementary

Lunch: 12/7 - Toasted cheese, to-

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stick, marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk 12/9 - Cheese pizza, corn,

carrot stix, fruit, milk 12/12 - Hot dog on wh gr

bun, oven potatoes, romaine lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk

12/13 - Chicken fajita, romaine lettuce, corn, carrot stix, fruit, milk

USDA AWARDS \$6.7 MILLION FOR RESEARCH TO SUPPORT HEALTHY **AGROECOSYSTEMS**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced 18 grants totaling more than \$6.7 million for research to discover how components of the agroecosystem from soil, water and sun to plants, animals and people, interact with and affect food production. These awards are made through NIFA's Bioenergy and Natural Resources Program, Agroecosystem priority area of the Agricultural and Food Research Initiative (AFRI).

growth, "Population along with environmental factors, including the growing threat of climate change, are putting increasing demand on the land, water and other resources that produce our food," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. These investments will help us understand how we can farm more effectively and sustainably to feed the growing global population.'

NIFA's AFRI Foundational: Bioenergy, Natural Resources, and Environment Program supports research on healthy agroecosystems and their underlying natural resources essential to sustained long-term production of agricultural goods and services. Agroecosystems may include crop production systems, animal production systems, and pasture, range and forest lands that are actively managed to provide economic, societal and environmental benefits. Projects funded through this program area contribute to the knowledge needed for sustainable production of agroecosystems while retaining needed ecosystem services-such as drinking water, pollination and climate reg-

Awards for 2016 include:

 Arizona Board of Regents, University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz., \$439,080

- The Regents of the University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, Calif., \$439,676
- National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C., \$50,000
- Archbold Expeditions, Venus, Fla., \$499,921 • University of Florida
- Board of Trustees, Gainesville, Fla., \$438,705 • Board of Trustees of the
- University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill., \$ 440,000 • Board of Trustees of the
- University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill., \$439,892 • Purdue University, West
- Lafayette, Ind., \$474,632 • Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., \$49,500
- University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., \$ 149,736
- The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, \$499,094
 - The Ohio State Uni-

- versity, Columbus, Ohio, \$439,966 • Oklahoma State Univer-
- sity, Stillwater, OK, \$375,000 • The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA,
- \$471,324 • New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, \$145,205
- The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, \$375,000
- Utah State University, Logan, Utah, \$499,884
- The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, Madison, WS, \$498,995 For more information on

these projects, visit the NIFA

Among this year's projects, the National Academy of Sciences will host a free, livestreamed workshop that will bring together policy makers, foundations and scientists to discuss how soil affects food security, water quality and ecosystem health and identify policy solutions and research decisions to preserve this critical resource. Archbold Expeditions, a nonprofit dedicated to long-term ecological research, will compare different grassland management systems to see which offer the most effective ecosystem benefits, such as greenhouse gas management and water use efficiency. Previous agroecosystem

projects include a research and education initiative by North Carolina State University that investigated how farming practices such as tillage, pesticide and fertilizer use can affect beneficial soil organisms like arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi. Scientists and extension educators from the University of Idaho, Washington State University, Oregon State University and USDA's Agricultural Research Service collaborated on a planning grant to develop sustainable agriculture in the rain-fed cereal production areas of the inland Pa-

cific Northwest. Since 2009, USDA has invested \$19 billion in research both intramural and extramural. During that time, research conducted by USDA scientists has resulted in 883 patent applications filed, 405 patents issued and 1,151 new inventions disclosures covering a wide range of topics and discoveries. To learn more about how USDA supports cutting edge science and innovation, visit the USDA Medium chapter, Food and Ag Science Will Shape Our Future.

NIFA invests in and advances innovative and transformative research, education and extension to solve societal challenges and ensure the long-term viability of agriculture. NIFA support for the best and brightest scientists and extension personnel have resulted in user-inspired, groundbreaking discoveries that are combating childhood obesity, improving and sustaining rural economic growth, addressing water availability issues, increasing food production, finding new sources of energy, mitigating climate variability and ensuring food safety. To learn more about NI-

FA's impact on agricultural science, visit www.nifa.usda. gov/impacts, sign up for email updates or follow us on Twitter @usda_NIFA, #NI-FAimpacts.

PAULDING FFA COMPETE IN THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

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From left to right: Abbie McMichael, Katlynn Fuller, Hannah Farr, Chantal Monnier, Estee Miller, Paige Fitzwater.

By: Katlynn Fuller, Paulding FFA Reporter

The Paulding FFA Chapter recently competed in the Parliamentary Procedure contest. During the Parliamentary Procedure CDE, teams conduct a mock chapter meeting to demonstrate their knowledge of basic parliamentary law and the correct use of parliamentary procedures. The Paulding FFA had a Varsity, and a JV team. The varsity team consisted of Hannah Farr, Estee Miller, Chantal Monnier, Katlynn Fuller, Paige Fitzwater, and Abbie Mc-Michael. The JV team consisted of Courtney Luder-

man, Kalyn Strahley, Emma Horstman, Shannon Hale, Kaylie Tressler, and Brock Schooley. The two teams competed at the sub-district contest on November 21st at the Delphos Jefferson High School. The Varsity team placed 1st with a gold rating, and the JV team receiving a silver rating. The varsity team then was able to move on to the district competition on December 1st at the Clyde High School. The team placed 5th overall at the district competition. Congratulations to both teams on a job well done! Also, Tony Campbell helped coach teams this year!

FIRST DEFIANCE FINAN-CIAL CORP. TO RELEASE **FOURTH QUARTER EARN-**

First Defiance Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced that it intends to report fourth quarter and year-end results on Monday, January 23, 2017 after the close of the market. The earnings news release will be available on the company's investor relations website at www.fdef.com and at major financial information sites.

At 11:00 a.m. ET on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, First Defiance will host a conference call at which Donald P. Hileman, President and CEO, and Kevin T. Thompson, Executive Vice President and CFO, will discuss the fourth quarter and year-end results. The conference call may be accessed by calling 1-877-444-1726.

Internet access to the call is also available (in listen-only mode) at the following URL: http://services.choruscall.com/links/fdef170124.

The replay of the conference call Webcast will be

available at www.fdef.com until Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. ET. For those without Internet access, the earnings release will be available by fax or mail upon request. To receive a copy, please call First Defiance Investor Relations at (419) 782-

About First Defiance Financial Corp.

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CHRISTMAS AND I

By: Stan Jordan

I don't know about you, but with me Christmas time is like a house coat or a robe, you don't remember that you put it on, but Christmas time comes up on you and just settles on you and everything around you. If you let it, it becomes a great feeling or aura.

I was raised in a house and family where God and the Bible were first. Christmas was the celebration of the birth of baby Jesus. We five children were brought up with it and that is why we celebrate Christmas.

Over the years, this has become a very commercial time, but sitting here thinking about it, that is not all that bad. Let's look at it from all sides. At church and Sunday school we have contata, plays, skits, choirs and nativity scenes abound, and the children have to do a little mem-

Lots of people decorate their houses with colored lights, the cities decorate the streets and light poles and the stores decorate inside and

You cannot be a part of that without the feeling of friendship and good will. Like I said, it settles on you like a robe.

People do a lot of shopping, they love to do that. They love to buy things for other people. That is a great feeling.

Some companies and factories work all year to make their products and a lot of them are sold at Christmas time. Think of all the people who have jobs making and selling. Yes, it is more joyful to give than to receive. That is part of the aura of the season.

Charlie Brown, Rudolph and all the animation, they all want to help someone.

The snow, the bright stars, the reindeer, the bells, the copper kettles, all of this adds to the season.

The feeling of Christmas is like living in a living room with electric ceiling heat: it just comes over you and makes you feel good and you

don't feel anything physically. Please enjoy the season.

GO SEE THE EAGLE NEST

By: Stan Jordan

I stopped to look at the nest the other day and I was quite surprised. It looks to me like the birds have worked on the nest this past summer.

The leaves are gone now and you can get a view of the area now. It looks to me like the nest is easily five foot wide and maybe even six feet. That nest is as least eleven years old. Figuring that pair was about five years old when they built this nest, that makes them about seventeen years old now. I understand sometimes they will live to be around thirty years of age.

To see the nest, you go east on River Street or 424, go past Veterans Memorial Park and the east driveway of the park road. About 4 or 5 hundred feet on the east is a little sign that advertises the Subway Restaurant, then you look on across the Maumee River and up high in the tree is the huge eagle nest. It is easy to

Update: Jim Pendergrast was just in the WBN office and he tells me that last night's wind storm of Monday night, November 28, just about demolished the nest. We will have to wait and see if they abandoned it.

See ya!

SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1935

By: Stan Jordan

On August 14th, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Social Security Act. The whole idea of this non-descript panel was to make it a little easier for older people to enjoy their older and retired life.

The people who were on the committee were all borrowed from some other department. They didn't have any office furniture or even

As I remember, your boss would subtract one cent of each dollar you made that week. In other words, one percent. This was to go into a pot nationwide called a trust fund and you could retire on this benefit after you were 65 years old. Basically that was the idea, the retiree could have a little laid back to live

This was a fantastic idea, and the plan has worked well for over 80 years. Probably the best program, even a number of additions to the main idea of the bill.

Over the years, the Social Security Administration has been in and out of different agencies and it has survived even though it has been robbed a number of times. The officials in Washington have used it to their own advantage.

It has been in with other agencies off and on, but it still

Yes people are told the money will run out and the retirees will not get a check. There is plenty of money each year to operate the original idea of Social Security Administration that Mr. Roosevelt planned on.

The Social Security tax is 12.4 percent. You pay 6.2 percent and your employer pays the other 6.2 percent. This is plenty to run the S.S.A.

Actually that whole system is a big boost to the nation's economy. There is always money left over at the end of the year. The bad part of that is that it goes into a General Fund and Washington uses it. It should be left for the S.S.A. the next year, but it isn't done that way.

Medicare was not part of the original Social Security Act, it was added later on, and I think it is a good deal.

It doesn't pay for everything but it sure makes getting older a little easier and cheaper. If you are on Medicare you are welcome at any medical facility.

I will have a little more next week on the Social Security Administration.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 10: GAR-DENING AT THE AGENCY

By: Stan Jordan

Here at the Lakota Indian Agency at Broken Bow, Nebraska, this is April 18, 1852 and it is gardening time. We have had a number of good warm days and the soil here is plenty warm for planting.

General Kearney has sent over a new type plow and a team of work horses and other gardening tools. He sent along four soldiers to be under my command and help us to get this new agency started. After we get done planting here all of us will go north to the Lakota Encampment and help them get their crops in. General Kearney has loaned us the new type plow made by John Deere in Illinois. It does a better job and a lot quicker.

The Lakota Indians are farmers and hunters and not a warring nation. The U.S. Army will do all they can to help them remain good neighbors for a number of reasons. The soldier boy they call Farmer hitched up the team and pulled the wagon and supplies down to the garden area. He said he never used a plow share like this and he was in love with it already. He bragged about how nice the ground worked up and how easy the team pulled the plow.

The Farmer said, "We will plow the whole garden site today, let it dry out in the sun then work it up and plant it tomorrow." That will be April 19. We have an ample supply of seed potatoes and we all worked at cutting up the seed,

each with an eye in it. "The The Farmer said, west has had potatoes for hundreds of years. They are

native to South America but

come to us from Mexico."

The Farmer is the main guy around here for a few days and he pushes the other boys a little, but they all seem to enjoy the work, it is different from soldiering.

Today the Farmer ran over the plowed ground with a tool called a drag. It just leveled it more than anything else. The soil is so loose it just falls apart. He plowed some long rows for potatoes. He said, "I want them

straight so this fall I can easily plow the new spuds out."

We all worked hard all day in the garden. Callie stopped and made coffee and biscuits for lunch along with a bunch of dried deer meat. When you are hungry all food tastes We worked in the garden

all day. We planted all the vegetable seeds that we had. I think we will have enough if we have a nice rain now and We planted the rest of the

garden to corn. Callie and I both like sweet corn and we will have a good supply of that but all the rest of the corn will go to maturity and be feed for the horses. Since the prairie has turned green, we tie the horses out on a long rope and let them graze. That saves our hay for feed in the winter.

At lunchtime the soldier from Tennessee went out to get a small deer. Well, he was lucky and got one. He could carry him back to camp on his shoulders.

Mo, the soldier, started a fire about noon at the spit and put on a pot of soup beans. After the hunter cleaned the deer he put a good supply of venison in the big kettle.

The Farmer and the other boys cleaned up the plow and tools and loaded them into the wagon. It had been a long day, but the garden was in and now needed some good warm weather to make the seeds sprout and grow.

Everyone went down to the ditch called Rattlesnake Creek and washed up for supper. The Farmer even sat down and washed his feet. He said his boots were full of Nebraska dirt. Mo brought out the chairs and the bench and we ate our bean soup and corn bread out by the fire.

By the time it was dark we all went in to bed. The Farmer said he was worn to a frazzle. We all were.

Christmas is for the Birds!

See ya!

THE CHRISTMAS BIRD **COUNT**

Bird counting, that is. If you would like something different to do this holiday season, and enjoy getting out doors, please join the Audubon Society for the Christmas Bird Count on December 14. The Christmas Bird Count is a citizen-driven national science study dating back to 1900, and is used to document the effect of changing climate and man-made conditions on bird populations. Birds are considered to be bio-indicators, meaning the state of their health can indicate problems that affect all of us. We will meet at the Black Swamp Audubon Sanctuary parking lot at 8:30 and split into teams. Don't worry if you aren't good at identifying birds; you will be partnered with someone who is knowledgeable. Call 419-258-0351

for further information.

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net BENSHCNEIDER WINS BILLBOARD **DRAWING CONTEST**



Emma Benschneider, a fourth grader from Divine Mercy, won first place in the school billboard drawing contest. Emma's winning picture focused on littering. The contest was through Paulding County Waste Management Education and Awareness. Becky Suvar, WMEA program manager, presented Emma with her prize check.

GET YOUR LETTER TO SANTA

Have you been a good girl or boy this year? Do you deserve something special this year? The Reindeer are in training and the Elves are busy building toys and getting Santa's sleigh ready so now is your chance to write your letter to Santa.

It's safe to say that Santa is very busy this time of year and the sooner kids get their letters or wish list to him the better. With less than a month left until Christmas, Santa Claus is asking kids to please send their letters soon!

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is helping Santa this year by collecting letters and forwarding them to the North Pole. So get those letters written and drop them off at Santa's mailbox located next to the Town Hall. Don't forget to include your return address so Santa can get back to you!

LOOK FOR THE PEN-GUIN!!

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCA-TIONAL GROUP RELEASES SECOND BOOK

The New Heights Educational Group, an award-winning nonprofit organization in Ohio, has released its second book - the first publication in the Unraveling series which aims to provide academic instruction in core subjects.

"Unraveling Reading," written by Daniela Silva from Brazil, is now avail-

able on Amazon and Kindle. This guide was created in response to the needs and challenges expressed by parents, students and teachers with respect to literacy and education. "Unraveling Reading" presents strate-gies and alternative learning methods for developing reading and writing in children, youth and adults.

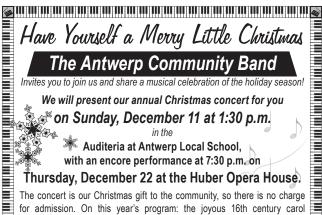
Every brain processes information differently, and "Unraveling Reading' addresses three of these standard learning styles. Through practical educational activities, teachers and tutors are instructed on how to reach students in visual, auditory and kinesthetic approaches.

"Unraveling Reading" also includes instructional activities that improve reading and writing skills through movement called

the Brain Gym technique. The Unraveling series will expand in coming years, offering more instructional tips and techniques in various subject matters in which to effectively reach students.

To learn more about the organization's history and mission, check out "One Nonprofit's Journey to Success," written by Savneet Singh. This book also can be found on Amazon and

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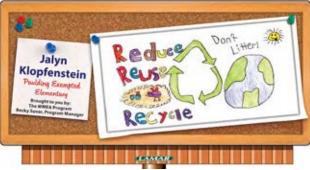
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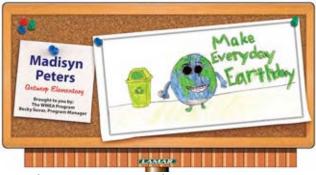


STUDENTS' ART WORK TO BE DISPLAYED ON LOCAL BILLBOARDS





Jalyn Klopfenstein, Paulding Elementary



Madisyn Peters- Antwerp Elementary



Mackenzie Silance - Grover Hill Elementary

This fall, Becky Suvar, Manager of the WMEA Program, spoke to all the fourth grade students throughout the county. She spoke about litter prevention, reduce, reuse, and recycle, closing the loop, and other environmental issues.

After explaining to the students what they could recycle, Mrs. Suvar showed them what natural resources were used: renewable – such as trees, and other resources that are not renewable – such as iron ore or bauxite.

Another point Mrs. Suvar covered was the fourth grade poster contest. A contest where each fourth grader would create artwork that had the potential of going up on a billboard. Since there are six Elementary schools and only 4 billboards, there was some intense competition. The judging was very difficult as there were so many good pictures submitted. However, the judges persevered and four pieces of artwork were chosen. These pictures are going up at the beginning of December, so if you are traveling through Paulding County, you may see some of our great artists'

Listed below are the billboard winners and where their artwork will be displayed.

work.

2016 Billboard Winners: Madisyn Peters- Antwerp Elementary - on old

US 24 Mackenzie Silance - Grover Hill Elementary - US 114 Brooke Kilgore - Oak-

wood Elementary – US 613 Klopfenstein, Jalyn Paulding Elementary - US north 127

Along with these winners, there were first place winners from each school. Their artwork was in the running for a billboard and the judges decided they needed to be recognized as well.

Antwerp – Lily Friend Divine Mercy - Emma Benschneider

Grover Hill - Natalie

Oakwood - Brooklyn hlatter

Paulding – Marley Parrett Payne - Trenton Thomas Congratulations go out

to each of these students for winning. The WMEA Program appreciates the opportunity to share environmental issues to students in Paulding County.

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If I could give everyone in the world a gift for Christmas I would give them happiness. I would give everyone in the world happiness because everyone deserves to be happy. Happiness is one of the best gifts you can give for Christmas because Christmas is a happy day for most people, but not everyone gets to experience being happy. This is why I think happiness is the best Christmas gift. —Sebastian Suffel

If I could give one Christ-

mas gift to every child in the world, I would give each one a book. First of all, I would give them a book because books are adventurous. Next, books would give them an imagination! Also, some books are informational, fun, or give a lesson. Last, books will help them learn how to read if they don't know how to read. In conclusion, I think everyone needs a book, so that is one Christmas gift I would give to every child in the world!

—Ariana Sheaks

If I could give a gift to every child it would be a happy family. Everyone should have a happy family. First, kids need a happy family so they are happy. Next, happy families would make it so not everyone is gloomy. Lastly, if every kid had a happy family, there wouldn't be any bullies or mean people! My final conclusion is, that if every kid had a happy family, everyone would always be nice and happy not mean and gloomy.

—Logan Seibert

If I could give every kid on Earth a gift, it would be a home. Some kids don't have a home. Some countries are very cold so a home would keep them warm. And finally children could keep their belongings in their new home. In conclusion that is why I'd give every child the gift of a home.

-Marty Hopkins

I would give a bible to all the children of the world. I would give everyone a bible because people need to learn about God's love. Next, I would give every person a bible because God loves us and I want everyone to know that. Finally I would give every person on Earth because God tells us that we need to tell about him coming back and he wants us to go up to heaven and to spend eternal life with him. In conclusion that's why I would give everyone a Bible on this Earth.

—Nathan Guyton

USDA AWARDS \$6.7 MILLION FOR RESEARCH TO SUPPORT HEALTHY **AGROECOSYSTEMS**

Editor's Note: This release has been updated to reflect the change of institution for one of the investigators. During the application process, J.A. Forrester moved from the University of Wisconsin, Madison to North Carolina State University, Raleigh. The purpose and amount of the award did not change.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and

Agriculture (NIFA) today announced 18 grants totaling more than \$6.7 million for research to discover how components of the agroecosystem from soil, water and sun to plants, animals and people, interact with and affect food production. These awards are made through NIFA's Bioenergy and Natural Resources Program, Agroecosystem priority area of the Agricultural and Food Research Initiative 'Population growth, along with environmental factors,

including the growing threat of climate change, are putting increasing demand on the land, water and other resources that produce our food," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "These investments will help us understand how we can farm more effectively and sustainably to feed the growing global population.' NIFA's AFRI Founda-

tional: Bioenergy, Natural

Resources, and Environment Program supports research on healthy agroecosystems and their underlying natural resources essential to the sustained long-term production of agricultural goods and services. Agroecosystems may include crop production systems, animal production systems, and pasture, range and forest lands that are actively managed to provide economic, societal and environmental benefits. Projects funded through this program area contribute to the knowledge needed for sustainable production of agroecosystems while retaining needed ecosystem services-such as drinking water, pollination and climate regulation.

Awards for 2016 include: · Arizona Board of Regents, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, \$439,080

- The Regents of the University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, \$439,676
- National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C., \$50,000 • Archbold Expeditions,
- Venus, FL, \$499,921 • University of Florida
- Board of Trustees, Gainesville, FL, \$438,705 • Board of Trustees of the
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- University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, \$ 149,736
- North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC., \$498,995
- The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, \$499,094 • The Ohio State Universi-
- ty, Columbus, Ohio, \$439,966 • Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK, \$375,000
- The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, \$471,324
- New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, \$145,205
- The University of Ten-Knoxville, TN, nessee, \$375,000
- Utah State University, Logan, Utah, \$499,884 For more information on

these projects, visit the NIFA website.

Among this year's projects, the National Academy of Sciences will host a free, livestreamed workshop that will bring together policy makers,

LATTA INTRODUCES **LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE** WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

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foundations and scientists to

discuss how soil affects food

security, water quality and

ecosystem health and identify

policy solutions and research

decisions to preserve this

critical resource. Archbold

Expeditions, a nonprofit ded-

icated to long-term ecological

research, will compare differ-

ent grassland management

systems to see which offer the

most effective ecosystem ben-

efits, such as greenhouse gas

management and water use

projects include a research

and education initiative by

North Carolina State Uni-

versity that investigated how

farming practices such as

tillage, pesticide and fertil-

izer use can affect beneficial

soil organisms like arbuscu-

lar mycorrhizal fungi. Scien-

tists and extension educators

from the University of Idaho,

Washington State Universi-

ty, Oregon State University

and USDA's Agricultural Re-

search Service collaborated

on a planning grant to devel-

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Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has introduced legislation to help public water systems improve their infrastructure and ensure safer drinking water. H.R. 6418, the Drinking Water Affordability Act, provides greater flexibility for states to meet their specific needs, ensures that funds are utilized efficiently, and encourages planning to develop cost-efficient ways to protect drinking water.

"In a time when budgets

are stretched thin, greater flexibility is needed to utilize resources where they can best be used to provide safe and reliable drinking water to residents and businesses," said Latta. "Removing duplicative red tape and providing more flexible loan repayment options for communities will better help them meet their drinking water infrastructure needs. More than just thinking about the short-term implications, it's also critical that we develop a long-term approach to our nation's drinking water infrastructure to ensure the communities across the country will continue to have access to clean water.'

The Drinking Water Affordability Act:

- · Gives greater flexibility for the repayment of Federal funds that states and local communities use to finance clean drinking infrastructure projects.
- Helps disadvantaged communities better finance their infrastructure through the use of Federal funding.
- Cuts excessive red tape by removing duplicative reporting and paperwork requirements when it's determined that state standards are equally stringent, or more so, than Federal standards.
- Encourages Congress to look at a long-term approach to addressing drinking water issues and the economic barriers that preclude communities from rehabilitating and replacing their drinking

water infrastructure. Congressman serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee which oversees drinking water policy, and he authored legislation, the Drinking Water Protection Act, that passed into law last year. The bill created a strategic plan to address algal toxins in





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PANTHER TEAR DOWN THE ARCHERS



Ethan Rhonehouse adds more points to Paulding's side while running over Antwerp's Austin Jones in the fourth quarter. More pictures at westbendews.net

The Paulding Panthers boys basketball team traveled to Antwerp High School on Saturday, December 3. This was the first game of the season for the Archers, and it was a good one for both of the local county teams.

While neither of these teams are in the same conference, they do share a lot, being that they are located in the same county.

For those unable to attend, this was a very aggressive game from the tipoff to the blare of the final buzzer. The first half was incredibly close, leaving both teams on edge. However, it was in the second half where the Panthers were able to pull away and claim the victory. The final score of the game was 57-41, with Panthers going home with the win.

On the Paulding side, a few of the score leaders included: Ethan Rhonehouse with 23 points, Preston Ingol with 9 points, Jaret Miller with 7 points, and Marcus Miller with 6 points.

From Antwerp, a few of the score leaders included: Matt Jones with 13 points, Trey Mills with 6 points, and Hunter Noel with 5 points.

The Antwerp Archers are now 0-1 on the season, while the Panthers improve their record to 1-1, making this their first win of the season. Throughout the game, the Archers were able to grab 30 rebounds. Their opponent claimed 27 rebounds. Antwerp also had 12 turnovers, and the Panthers had 11.

The Panthers claimed the victory over the Archers in the $J\dot{V}$ game as well, with a final score of 44-33.

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was a complete blowout. From the beginning to the end the game was not much of a match. The final score

Wayne Trace moved to 2-0 with a win over Toledo Jones

Package

Leadership Academy on November 29. The Lady Raiders

Leading Scorers for WT: Danae Myers 30; Ellie Stoller 23; Claire Sinn 17; Sadie Sinn 13; Kaylee Shepherd 12; Gracie Gudakunst 10

Leading scorers for Jones Leadership Academy: Arionna Witcher and Shayla Carter both had two points to lead the Mustangs, who fall to 0-2.

No junior varsity game was played.

WOODLAN DEFEATS GAR-**RETT NOVEMBER 29**

Woodlan took on Garrett on November 29 at the Railroaders court. This was the third game of the season for the Warriors Boys Basketball

The team spread their points across the entire quarter with their highest being he last at 24. The top scorer for Woodlan was Austin Fanch-

Score by the Quarter: Woodlan - 18 12 23 24=77 Garrett - 8 15 12 9=44 Scorers of the Game:

Woodlan – D Biggs 7; T McCarter 12; A Howard 12; A Fancher 17; M Elias 2; M Robbins 3; J Rhoades 3; A Hahn 15; J Gerig 6

Garrett - Malcolm 3; Purdy 4; Kam Yarmain 20; Johnson 4; McCann 10; Sat-

PANTHERS SLASH DOWN BULLDOGS

This 2017 winter season has seen a pretty great start for all of our area schools. Every team has been practicing with all that they have and have come into this new sport season with a fiery passion to win. On the evening of Thursday, December 1st, two communities gathered to watch the Paulding Panthers battle against the Edgerton Bulldogs in basketball. Although Paulding had been defeated by the Antwerp Archers in a previous games, the Lady Panthers took the win against the Bulldogs. The final score of the game was 53-46.

The top scorer for Paulding was Faith Vogel with most of her points coming in the first period. By the fourth period she was also racked up quite a few free-throws. On the Edgerton side the top scorer was Claire Flegal with 15 points.

Most of her points came from the free-throw line.

Overall the game was a close match and if it weren't for the 8 point lead the Panthers gathered in the first period the Bulldogs would have walked away with the win. Score by the Quarter:

Paulding - 16 11 11 15=53 Edgerton - 8 14 10 14=45 Scorers of the Game:

Paulding - S McCullough 5; F Vogel 21; A Arend 1; A Manz 8; K Hale 3; S Mc-Cullough 3; C Posey 10; L Mobley 1.

Edgerton - A Cape 10; M Bowen 2; S Roth 5; A Gruver 11; C Flegal 15; C Whitman 3.

PATROL OFFERS TIPS AND WARNINGS ABOUT DRIVING IN WINTER WEATHER

Winter weather can lead to dangerous driving conditions. The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol urges motorists to consider the following tips on how to drive cautiously, what to do in the event of a crash, and what items to keep in your trunk for your own safe-

In the event of inclement weather, motorists should allow extra time to get to their destination and maintain a safe distance between their vehicle and the traffic ahead. Pay close attention to bridges and overpasses, as they are often the first to freeze over, and drive slowly, as everything including accelerating, turning and braking takes longer on snow-covered roadways.

During the winter of 2015-16, there were 11,544 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roadways on Ohio roads. This is a decrease of 54 percent from last year. These crashes resulted in nine deaths and 3,096 injuries. Speed-related factors were reported as a cause in 68 percent of these crashes. The Patrol's 2016 bulletin on winter driving provides more statistics.

"In case of a vehicle breakdown, motorists should turn on their hazard warning lights, safely position the vehicle as far off the road as possible, call #677 for assistance and remain in the vehicle until help arrives," explained Lt. Tim Grigsby, commander of the Van Wert Post.

Troopers also suggest that if you get stuck in snow; make sure that your tail pipe is free of all snow and debris to decrease your chance of carbon monoxide poisoning.

All motorists are encouraged to prepare their vehicle for winter driving by ensuring that the battery, cooling system, tires, wipers and defroster are all in working order. Drivers are also encouraged to carry the following winter car kit items in their vehicle in case of a break-

- Cell phone with car char-
- Road flares or reflectors • Help or Call Police signs
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Blanket/Sleeping bag
- Small shovel • Bottled water and energy
- Candles and matches • Tow strap/chain

Up-to-the-minute conditions are always available by logging onto the Ohio Department of Transportation's website.

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net **JETS CRASH TO LADY WARRIORS**



Rain Hinton grabs the tipoff, starting the Warriors on the right path for the evening. More pictures at westbendnews.

On the dark evening of Saturday, December 3, the Woodlan girls basketball team took on the Adam Central Jets at home. This game was bound to be eventful, as these two conference rivals battled it out on the Warrior Court of the Strautman Gym. However, as gameplay ensued, one of the obvious struggles that the Lady Warriors faced was rebounding under the basket.

Samantha Voors scored a couple of shots from the outside near the three-point line. Rain Hinton was also scoring several points for the Warriors from under the basket.

Ellie Kayser, #23, was fouled underneath the basket and she ended up scoring both of her free throws. The Woodlan Warriors overtook the Jets before the end of the first-quarter.

Addison Bayman scored two points with 50 seconds left on the clock, giving the Warriors a three point lead. The second quarter was an interesting match. The Warriors grabbed ahold of the game and did not give up any footing. They scored 20 points in this quarter, while the Jets scored none. The score at half time was 34-11, with Woodlan holding a strong lead.

Coming into the third bendnews.net

quarter, the Lady Warriors continued on playing the same game. Adams Central just could not keep up with the pace of Woodlan Ladies. At the end of the third quarter, the Warriors has added 25 points, while the Jets managed 5 points. The fourth quarter told a different story, however. In this quarter, Adams Central dug deep and scored 15 points, as well as advancing their defensing, only allowing the Warriors to score 8 points. However, the advancements by the Jets came too late, as Woodlan easily took the game. The final score was 67-31.

A few of the score leaders for the Adams Central included: Lexi Smith with 10 points, Brooklyn Salway with 6 points, Madison Bebout with 4 points, and Keri Sheets with 4 points.

A few of the score leaders for the Woodlan Warriors included: Addison Bayman with an impressive performance throughout the game, she had a final score of 23 points; Sam Houser with 12 points, Rain Hinton with 10 points, and Ellie Kayser with

Congratulations to all the Ladies who participated in

this game! More pictures at west-

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WARRIORS POST WIN OVER PATRIOTS



Josh Gerig adds two points with this basket for the Warriors. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Friday, December 2, Woodlan played host to the Jay County Patriots in boys basketball. The boys basketball game started very well for the Patriots as they gained a quick lead over Woodlan. Any lead at the beginning of the game can be quite substantial and this certainly looked scary for the home team. But by the second quarter, Woodlan was able to dominate with three point baskets from Aaron Hahn and Austin Fancher.

By the end of the second quarter, at half time, Woodlan had tremendously outscored Jay County.

During the third and fourth periods, both teams scored the exact same Woodlan

holding their first half lead all the way to the end of the conference match.

Overall Woodlan has done very well this season and looks like they will continue to do well. So far their only loss has been to New Haven in their opening game. This was the first season game of the conference for the home team.

Score by the Quarter: Jay County - 17 8 12

Woodlan - 13 19 12 16=60 Scorers of the Game:

Jay County - Stieglman 4. Schlosser 10, Calvert 2, Schlechty 4, Houck 33

Woodlan - D Biggs 16, T McCarter 4, A Howard 2, A Fancher 15; A Hahn 21; J

DELAUNE EARNS MSC WRESTLER OF THE WEEK **HONORS**

Cumberland senior Kyle Delaune improved to 4-2 on the year with a pin of Reinhardt University's Austin Brown in CU's 33-3 dual match victory over the Eagles, earning Mid-South Conference Wrestler of the Week honors, as announced Monday by the league office.

The New Orleans, LA., native missed the first weekend of the year with an eye injury but is 4-0 in duals with three pins and one Major Decision. He pinned Brown at 4:39 at 184, helping the Phoenix improve to 4-0 in duals as well this fall.

Cumberland to Limestone College this Thursday for a 6:00 p.m. Central Time match and will take part in the 38th Annual Midwest Classic in Indianapolis, IN., on December 17-18 in the final action before the New

2017 ARNOLD SPORTS FESTIVAL TO FEATURE 20.000 ATHLETES

The Arnold Sports Festival, already the largest multi-sport event in the world, will grow even larger in 2017 when an estimated 20,000 athletes from 80 nations compete in 70 sports & events from March 2-5, 2017 in Columbus, Ohio.

Headlining the festival are professional bodybuilding and strongman competitions with the most well built and strongest athletes in the world. These premier physique and strongman competitions are featured on

two structurally reinforced stages at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The PCS Pole Fitness National Championships, returning for its third year, will be held at Battelle Grand on Friday, March 3, immediately following Arnold Classic 212, Fitness International, Figure International and Arnold Women's Physique International Finals. The 29th Arnold Classic

will be held at Battelle Grand on Saturday, March 4, along with the Arnold Strongman Classic, Bikini International and Arnold Classic Men's Physique Finals. The Arnold Amateur

Bodybuilding, Figure, Bikini & Physique Championships will be held at the Battelle Grand and Arnold Fitness EXPO on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4 and attract more than 700 athletes from 80

Sports and events at the Ohio Expo Center in 2017 include Årnold SportsWorld Kids & Teens EXPO, archery, baton twirling, boxing, cheerleading & dance, gymnastics, lacrosse, table tennis, taekwondo, and XPC Powerlifting & POWER X.

The Arnold SportsWorld Kids & Teens EXPO features competitions in basketball, volleyball, as well as a talent show and teen fitness pageant. Attendees can also try out more than 20 sports with hands-on clinics lead by area sports teams and have fun trying the Spartan obstacle course and several zip lines. The Arnold SportsWorld Kids & Teens EXPO is Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5.

New events in 2017 include lacrosse, paraplegic powerlifting, yoga, Arnold Pro Strongwoman and the Arnold Transformation Challenge.

The 2017 Arnold Fitness EXPO will be held March 3-5 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, and feature more than 1,000 booths of the latest in sports equipment, apparel and nutrition and stages that host unique, non-stop competitions and entertainment that combine to make the Arnold Fitness EXPO the heart of the Arnold Sports Festival.

Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jim Lorimer have co-produced the Arnold Sports Festival since 1989, when it debuted as a one-day bodybuilding competition known as the Arnold Classic. The Arnold Sports Festival has grown over the years and is now a four-day festival that features more than 70 sports and events.

"A Daily EXPO ticket affords a huge entertainment value for attendees to experience a great variety of sports and events," co-promoter Jim Lorimer said. "We are very proud to provide the opportunity for athletes, a majority of them youth, to

WARRIORS FALL SHORT IN WRESTLING DUEL

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Austin Roemer pins his opponent, Michael Garrett in the second period.

By: Jeff Abbott

Woodlan opened their wrestling season at the Warriors' gym, battling back and forth with the Bishop Dwenger Saints, before falling 42-27. The Saints picked up a forfeit and 2 decision wins to get the vic-

tory. Both teams had 4 pins in the match. Malik Murray (285), Chris Schuller (113), Austin Roemer (145), and Tucker Wallace (160) had pins for Woodlan. The reserve match ended in a 24-24 tie with each team getting 4 pins in the match.

compete at the largest multisport festival in the world."

For more information, including schedules, locations and hours, visit www. arnoldsportsfestival.com, Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com/arnold or 800-745-3000.

LATTA VOTES TO APPROVE ANNUAL DEFENSE BILL

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in passing the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) in a vote this morning. The NDAA is the annual military legislation that supports troops and operations and has passed Congress every year since 1961. Included in the legislation is a 2.1% pay increase for members of the military, and the bill puts in place the resources and policies needed to defend the nation.

"The Constitution says it's the role of the Federal government to 'provide for the common defense,' and this legislation gives the men and women in our armed services the tools and resources they need to protect and defend our nation," said Latta. "With increasing tensions around the globe, it's essential that our military has the training, personnel, and facilities necessary to protect American interests both at home

and abroad. Our military has been stretched thin for too long under this Adminstration and passing the NDAA reverses this trend and keeps our country safe."

In addition to increasing the pay for members of the military, the NDAA strengthens military health care for troops and their families. It also authorizes funding to improve readiness by replenishing depleted munitions inventories, increasing ground and aviation training, and stopping the troop reductions under President Obama.

An important provision for Ohio authorizes funding to construct an indoor small arms range at the Ohio Air National Guard 180th Fighter Wing in Toledo.

The NDAA also prohibits the transfer of detainees at Guantanamo Bay to the U.S. and guarantees that the base is not closed or transferred to





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Jayden Sherry scores the last 3 point basket of the game with this shot. More pictures at westbendnews.net

A fantastic game started the season for Wayne Trace Raiders boys basketball program as the team out scored Columbus Grove on Friday night December 2. CG wasn't bad, but the Raiders were really good!

The Raiders looked very good from the beginning of the game when they scored 22 points in the first period. Initially, it looked like it would be an easy defeat of the Bulldogs in this match. Not quite. CG was able to score the most points in both the third and the second periods.

Interesting to watch was Ethan Linder who scored his highest opening season game of his career with 41 points by the end of the game. Ethan is struggling to believe this is his senior and final year. It really is though—his last year as a Raider. Seniors: Make the

best of it!

The game finished with the Raiders winning in a quick game at 70-56.

On December 10, Wayne Trace will host Paulding. Be sure to get there early for a good seat! Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 22 13 13 Columbus Grove - 5 17 18

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - B Stabler 14; E Sinn 6; J Sherry 3; J Kuhn 3; J Sinn 4; E Linder 41

Columbus Grove - C Grothaus 8; G Cassidy 9; G Flores 12; L Schroeder 2; L Clymer 1; L Malsam 9; R Rones 15

This first win against Columbus Grove put Wayne

Trace at 1-0. More pictures at west-

bendnews.net

ANTWERP BLOWS AWAY **EDON**

On November 28 the Lady Archers posted the Edon Bombers. This was the first game for the Lady Archers and the Bombers.

The first quarter Antwerp Archers decidedly took over the court with 14 points. You had Rachel Williamson who scored six points from under the basket. Karsyn Brumett also added a three pointer in her first game of her high school career. All together Antwerp lead the score 14 to 2 at the end of the first period.

In the second quarter the away game.

The second half started with Antwerp coming back on fire. Williamson nailed 2 - 3 pointers from the outside

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game was not so hot for the Lady Archers as they only added five points to the scoreboard. Peyton short, Maggie Wilson and Hope Smith all scored. The bombers were able to recover their flight in this second period by adding nine points back to the board. Halftime score finished at 19-11 with Antwerp in the lead but it was no longer a run-

be safe and keep traffic movand Becca Johanns also adding smoothly on busy highways. When crashes block traffic, it increases the risk of secondary crashes. If possible, move minor collisions off

> der. Indiana law states that drivers involved in crashes that do not result in injury or death shall not obstruct traffic more than necessary. Off the roadway or on a shoulder is a much safer place to exchange information or wait for help. Don't worry - your

the roadway or to the shoul-

Move over for emergency vehicles

To protect lives, Indiana's Move Över Law requires motorists to approach cautiously when an emergency vehicle is stopped with emergency lights flashing. Change lanes

ed her first points. This period confirmed the victory for the home team after scoring 17.

The fourth period was also good for Antwerp when Kortney Smith, adding 6 points to the game. The final score of the game was 49 to 23 with Antwerp more than doubling the Bombers score.

Score by the Quarter: Edon - 2 9 6 6=23 Antwerp: $14\ 5\ 17\ 13 = 49$ Scorers of the Game:

Antwerp - K Smith 6; R Williamson 20; M Wilson 4; B Johanns 2; K Brumett 3; H Smith 9; P Short 5

SAFETY TIPS FOR WHEN YOUR VEHICLE BECOMES DISABLED

Every motorist has the responsibility to be safe. Safe driving includes behaviors while operating a vehicle as well as properly maintaining a safe vehicle and knowing what to do in an emergency. Because highways can be

dangerous for pedestrians, motorists involved in crashes and breakdowns need to be knowledgeable about how to safely respond. Most drivers are likely to experience this kind of situation at some point, and it is impossible to establish recommendations for all conditions. However, it is important that all motorists make good choices to prevent tragedy.

What to do if your vehicle is disabled:

If removing a vehicle from traffic is not safe or possible, or if people are injured, immediately call 9-1-1.

The safest place is off the roadway - especially on busy interstates. If possible, safely attempt to reach an exit ramp or shoulder and get as far away from moving traffic as is safely possible.

Stay in the vehicle,

Remain buckled up, Turn on flashing lights,

Call for help. If anyone decides to exit

the vehicle, Stay as far away from traf-

fic as possible, Put your parked car between you and moving traffic,

Do not turn your back to oncoming vehicles, and

Always be aware of your surroundings.

If you and your passengers

decide to leave the vehicle, leave a note on the dashboard explaining what happened and include contact informa-INDOT and the Indiana State Police want motorists to

insurance coverage will not be compromised if you move your vehicle to the shoulder.

away from the emergency ve-

hicle if you can do so safely. If not, reduce your speed 10 mph under the posted speed limit and proceed with caution. Emergency vehicles in-

- Hoosier Helpers
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- sponse vehicles Highway maintenance
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- · Vehicle recovery equipment (tow trucks) Violating the law can re-

sult in a fine and your license will be suspended up to 2 years if you cause damage to emergency equipment, injury or death to an emergency worker. Even though Indiana's Move Over Laws state that

motorists must move over and yield for only emergency vehicles, drivers should always be courteous to those who are broken down on the shoulder. Give them room so that they can safely repair their vehicles. Be an attentive and courteous driver and help prevent tragedies. Crashes are no accident! Each year, more than

800 people lose their lives in crashes on Indiana roadways. Most of those crashes were caused by impaired driving, speeding, and aggressive or distracted driving. The following safety tips can help prevent the most common fatal errors drivers make and help drivers reach their destinations safely.

Buckle Up! Make sure you and your passengers are properly restrained.

Never drive impaired. Avoid alcohol and drugs. Use a designated driver.

Avoid distractions: Smartphones, audio devices and radio, and food and beverages.

Drive defensively. Aggressive drivers take unnecessary risks and often cause crashes.

Share the road. Look out for pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, and commercial trucks.

For more safe driving tips, visit www.YouHoldTheKey. in.gov.

STATEMENT FROM AG-RICULTURE SECRETARY **VILSACK ON FARM INCOME FORECAST FOR 2016**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack issued the following statement on the Farm Income and Financial Forecasts for 2016, released by USDA's Economic Research Service.

'This forecast continues

to show that the health of the overall farm economy is strong in the face of challenging markets. After reaching record highs in 2012-2014, net farm income declined in 2015 and is forecast to decline in 2016, but the bigger picture shows that farm income over the last five-year period reflects the highest average five-year period on record. The comprehensive farm safety net provided by the 2014 Farm Bill will continue to help America's farmers and ranchers respond to market conditions and provide financial stability for producers. Farm Bill program payments are forecast to increase over 19 percent to \$12.9 billion in 2016, primarily through Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Cover-

age (PLC) payments. "As we saw in the August

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net LADY ARCHERS DEFEAT PANTHERS



Becca Johanns at the foul line, attempts two points for the Archers.

Paulding travelled to Antwerp for the second game of the season. The Lady Archers had previously defeated Edon the evening before. Antwerp dominated the

first half of the game while Paulding was on top the second but not enough to turn the deficit around from the first half. The top scorer for Ant-

werp was Hope Smith and the top for the Lady Panthers was Bri Townley.

Score by the Quarter: Antwerp – 10 16 5 4=35 Paulding - 7 6 2 8=23 Scorers of the Game: Antwerp - K Smith 1; R

Williamson 7; M Wilson 1;

K Brumett 9; H Smith 11; P Short 2; A Miller 4. Paulding - F Vogel 4; A Arend 2; A Manz 2; K Hale 3; S McCullough 2; B Town-

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ley 8; C Posey 2

forecast, the estimates again show that debt to asset and debt to equity ratios—two key indicators of the farm economy's health—continue to be near all-time lows, and more than 90% of farm businesses are not highly leveraged. Median household income for farming families remains near historic highs and is expected to remain stable relative to 2015. In 2016, higher off-farm earnings are expected to help stabilize losses due to low commodity prices.

"The trend in strong household income reflects work of the Obama Administration since 2009 to make significant and targeted investments to help rural America thrive, including farming and non-farming families alike. At the beginning of the Obama Administration, rural areas were reeling from the Great Recession. Rural counties were losing 200,000 jobs per year,

rural unemployment reached nearly 10 percent, and poverty rates reached heights unseen in decades. Over the past eight years, USDA has invested in building a more robust system of production agriculture, expanding foreign markets for U.S. farm goods, bolstering local and regional food systems across the country, and creating a new biobased economy in rural communities that today supports more than 4.2 million American jobs. Rural counties added over 250,000 jobs in both 2014 and 2015, and the rural unemployment rate has dropped below 6 percent for the first time since 2007. Rural populations have stabilized and are beginning to grow. Median household income in rural areas increased by 3.4 percent in 2015, poverty rates have fallen, and child food insecurity is at an alltime low."

NOTICE: TO VILLAGE OF (WIDE TRASH PICK-UP TO START JANUARY 2, 2017

Starting Monday, January 2, 2017, the Village of Oakwood will have one trash pickup and all residential addresses that are current water and sewer customers will be serviced by Real Waste Disposal, LLC. Please have trash out by 6:30am. The Village entered into a contract with Real Waste to provide for one village-wide trash company. Residents will be billed for this service on their water and sewer bill The cost will be \$10.85 per month and will be billed monthly. This cost will include up to four (4) 30-gallon plastic bags (up to 50 lbs each). Any resident wanting a cart can rent one directly from Real Waste Disposal. Their contact phone number is 119-594-2888.

The first billing will appear on your January, 2017 water/sewer bill and will cover the month of January. Should you have another trash company, you should contact your hauler and let them know that as of January 1, 2017, the village is requiring that all residential customers use Real Waste Disposal, LLC Included in this cost, Real Waste will

provide for large bulky item pickup once per quarter. The first Monday of January. April, July, and October, residents can set

items that can't be set out as determined by what the landfill will not allow The Village utility office will be the con-

tion. The village utility office has a list of

tact for the move in or move out of homes or rental property as the village will contact Real Waste to start or stop collection Residents who expect to be away from home for 30 consecutive days or longer should also call ahead to the utility office to have service stopped. The utility office number is 419-594-3352 and the village administrator's office is 419-594-3359

Commercial businesses are exemp from this requirement and will continue to negotiate their own contracts with trash companies. If you have a business and have questions on this new program please contact the utility office or administrator's office. It is hoped that this new approach to trash pickup in the village wil result in savings to home owners, along with an opportunity to dispose of large items to the without having to haul these items to the landfill yourself. Again, any one who will be affected by this change in trash service who has questions should feel free to contact the village administrator or utility billing clerk at numbers listed out large items with their regular collecPhone: 419-258-2000 • Website: www.westbendnews.net Editor's Note: We here at the West Bend News print all "Letters to the Editor" because we believe that everyone has a Constitutional right to freedom of the press. In saying that, we do not necessarily agree with the content that is printed. We are just the messengers. The name of the person who wrote the letter is placed at the end of each article. To be considered for publication, letters must be no longer than 1000 words, and you must provide a name along with a phone number and/ or email to confirm validity of content. You can respond

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

How can I say goodbye?

Well America, over the past few weeks we have seen a lot going on in our country haven't we? Marching in the streets, looting, police cars smashed and burned, businesses burned, people killed, flags burned. But should we expect any less? The same things usually happen after a Superbowl or some other big sporting event. What the

heck, we made it through the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the French and Indian War, the Spanish American War, the Civil War, WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the war in Viet-Nam and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. I believe we can make it through this pity party that is taking place in the streets of our cities. If we give these kids a free coupon to Build-A-Bear and mail the coupons to them (after all we don't want to invade their space, now do we?), then they can return to mom and dad's basement and cuddle up, put their thumbs in their mouths and enjoy life. The American system

works. I hear the democrats ever chanting, Hillary won the popular vote, and yes, if a general election was decided on that, she would be the president-elect. But that is not the way the system works, is it? We hear all kinds of rumors like California is talking about seceding from the Union! I say, for one, go ahead. Take your 55 electoral votes with you. That would make the country a one party system! We have friends and relatives there, but I think they would move east and count that a blessing.

Just seven more weeks and some sixty three million plus voters are going to say byebye to Mr. Obama. I, for one, am at a loss as how to say it.

Should I say it in Arabic, "maa salam" should I say it in the Indonesian language, "salamat tinggal" should I say it in Spanish, "adios", should I say it in Hawaiian, "aloha" or should I say it in Swahili (the official language of Kenya) "kwa-heri" can someone help me? All I do know is that he is going bye-bye. Take all the regulations, all the political correctness and every person in your administration and just go. Heck, we might even ask you to take the Reverends Sharpton and Jackson with you, the country doesn't need them any more. By the way, the Reverend Sharpton never spent one minute in a seminary! And Reverend Jackson less than a year. Go figure

-Kenny Barnes Paulding, Ohio

SECRETARY HUSTED AN-NOUNCES MEETING OF THE OHIO BOARD OF VOTING MACHINE EXAMINERS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced a meeting of the Ohio Board of Voting Machine Examiners will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 10:00am. The meeting will be held in the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office on the 15th floor of the Continental Plaza Building at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The agenda includes:

Review of the application for certification of the Verity Voting, Version, 2.0, Voting System, a series of modifications to the Verity Voting, Version 1.0, Voting System (submitted by Hart Intercivic), and examination of the voting system for certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

Re-Examination of the Hart 6.2.1 Voting System (submitted by Hart Intercivic), which originally was certified in 2006 and re-examined in 2011, for continued certification and approval for use in Ohio elections.

This meeting of the board, which certifies voting equipment for use in Ohio, is open to the public.

Board Members: Jeffrey A. Matthews (Chair; Director, Stark County Board of Elections), Joyce Kale-Pesta (Director, Mahoning County Board of Elections), Shawn Stevens (Member, Delaware County Board of Elections) and William Anthony Jr.

USDA PROPOSES REVI-SIONS TO NUTRITIONAL **FACT PANEL FOR MEAT** AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (ÛSDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) proposed a critical step in ensuring that consumers have updated nutritional information for meat and poultry products, helping Americans make better informed decisions when purchasing meat and poultry products.

FSIS is proposing to amend the nutrition labeling regulations for meat and poultry products to parallel the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) final nutrition regulations, which were published on May 27, 2016. The proposed rule will improve the presentation of nutrition information to assist consumers in maintain-

'This new rule will provide more transparency on nutrition labels so that American consumers can make informed decisions about the foods they eat and

feed their families," said Alfred Almanza, Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety at USDA. "The new nutrition facts panel will complement the many other proactive, prevention-based food policies that we've put in place in recent years."

Specifically, FSIS is proposing to: • Update the list of nutri-

- ents that are required or permitted to be declared;
- Provide updated Daily Reference Values (DRVs) and Reference Daily Intake (RDI) values that are based on current dietary recommendations from consensus reports;
- Amend the labeling requirements for foods represented or purported to be specifically for children under the age of 4 years and pregnant women and lactating women and establish nutrient reference values specifically for these population subgroups;
- Revise the format and appearance of the Nutrition Facts label;
- Amend the definition of a single-serving container;
- Require dual-column labeling for certain containers; • Update and modify sev-
- eral reference amounts customarily consumed (RACCs or reference amounts); and

· Consolidate the nutrition labeling regulations for meat and poultry products into a new Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part.

The proposal may be viewed on the FSIS website at http://www.fsis.usda. gov/wps/wcm/connect/ a8674ea1-0c26-4bf3-8413-43b6551c0680/2014-0024. pdf?MOD=AJPERES. FSIS is seeking public comment for 60 days from the publication date. Comments may be submitted: online through the Federal eRulemaking Portal; by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163B, Washington, DC 20250-3700; or by hand at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-163B, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Nutrition labeling continues to be an integral part of USDA's efforts to educate consumers about nutrition and diet. Since 1980, USDA and the Department of Health

be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day. The online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can also be accessed

24 hours a day at: www.fsis.

usda.gov/reportproblem.



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WAYNE TRACE HS CHOIR PERFORMS AT EMBASSY

Fort Wayne Embassy on November 29th to perform at the Festival of Trees on the Embassy Stage. They entertained many people with songs of the Christmas season and were able to enjoy the many decorated trees sponsored by area businesses. The WTHS band and choir Christmas concert is Friday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the HS Gym.

and Human Services (HHS)

have jointly published the Di-

etary Guidelines for Ameri-

cans (DGA) every five years.

The 2015-2020 DGA provides

advice on food choices that

promote overall health, re-

duce the risk of chronic dis-

ease, and help individuals

attain and maintain a healthy

weight. The nutrition labeling

information that FSIS is pro-

posing to require in this rule

would assist consumers in

maintaining healthy dietary

practices and help consumers

follow the advice in the 2015-

with other federal partners

to safeguard America's food

supply, prevent foodborne

illnesses and improve con-

sumers' knowledge about the

food they eat. USDA's FSIS is

working to strengthen fed-

eral food safety efforts and

develop strategies that em-

phasize a three-dimensional

approach to prevent food-

borne illness: prioritizing

prevention; strengthening

surveillance and enforce-

ment; and improving re-

Consumers with food safe-

ty questions can "Ask Karen,"

the FSIS virtual representa-

tive available 24 hours a day

at AskKaren.gov. The toll-

free USDA Meat and Poultry

Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-

888-674-6854) is available in

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BOOKS OPEN DOORS AT GROVER HILL ELEM



Critical thinking - Mrs. Jennifer Mohr in the gym



Be an Author picture - Mrs. Elyse Boyer teacher - Micah Sinn, Lori Sinn, Diane Sinn



Mrs. Allyssa Alvarez Classroom Boys



I survived - Winning Decorated 4th grade door

November 17th, 2016, Grover Hill Elementary School had another very successful literacy night. The theme for 2016 was "Books Open Doors." Students in grades pre-K through sixth brought their parents and siblings to participate in family-friendly, hands-on reading and writing activities. Doors painted by the Wayne Trace High School Art program were placed around the build-

Family literacy night at Grover Hill is an opportunity for parents to come to learn some ideas on how to promote reading at home. Many parents know the importance of getting their children to read, and the GH staff takes this opportunity each year to give families ideas on how to make it happen.

The evening started out with a short skit starring the teachers. Then the families spread out to enjoy staffled sessions throughout the building. Participants had the opportunity to write a story using computers, construct bookmarks, experience the difference between inferences and observations, or do a nursery rhyme scavenger hunt. Two stations, Story Spinners and Rainbow Retell Bracelets, allowed families to make and use an activity that would help their children learn story elements. Several critical thinking and movement activities were held in the gymnasium. Paulding County Bookmobile set up a station out front for families to get library cards, check out books, and receive free materials.

Another highlight of the evening was when families participated in the voting of book-themed classroom doors decorated by each class. The winning classroom door went to Mrs. Baker's 4th grade class with their book theme, "I Survived... 4th Grade."

In new business, the Board: ▶ Employed the following list, as Ohio Technical Center employees, as needed, as sched-

dinator ▶ Appointed Lonnie Nedderman as President Pro-Tem for the January 2017 Organizational

uled: Jackie Brandt; EMS Coor-

Meeting; > Accepted the donation of computer equipment from Central Insurance, current estimated value of \$8,476.00, for

Systems program;

Approved the amended job description for Educational Aide/Classroom;

instructional use in the Network

> Approved the TIF agreement for payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from Prosperity Holdings Group, LLC, York Township, for the infrastructure improvements of a hog barn, at 10% for 15-years approximately \$274.00 per year;

Approved the TIF agree-

ment for payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from CJ's Holding Group, LLC, York Township, for the infrastructure improvements of a hog barn, at 10% for 15-years approximately \$274.00 per year.

➤ Waived the 45-day notice and approve the City of Van Wert commercial Community Reinvestment Area Agreement

between V Wert 1, LLC, 1180 Kear Road, Van Wert, OH and Vantage Career Center at 90% for 10-years, \$5,000,000 invest-

> Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Paulding Wind Farm III, LLC and Vantage Career Center in fulfillment of Senate Bill 232 and the Paulding County Alternative

Energy Zone.

➤ Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), the Board President hereby requests that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee or official of the School District;

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room.

HOUSE PASSES LEGISLA-TION TO HONOR OSS VET-**ERANS WITH CONGRESSIO-NAL GOLD MEDAL**

Legislation to honor veterans of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) with a Congressional Gold Medal passed the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously in a vote this evening. The bill, S. 2234, recognizes the members of the intelligence agency for their "superior service and major contributions during World War II." Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) introduced companion legislation, H.R. 3929, in the House earlier this Congress. The Senate bill was introduced by Senators Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Mark Warner (D-VA). The OSS, the predecessor

to the Central Intelligence Agency, conducted critical operations during the war including establishing intelligence networks, training resistance organizations throughout Europe and Asia, and carrying out "mercy missions" at the end of the WWII to save the lives of thousands of Allied prisoners of war. Since the legislation previously passed the Senate, the bill will now head to the President's desk to be signed into "Honoring veterans of the

OSS with a Congressional Gold Medal will ensure that their heroic actions during one of our country's most trying times will not be forgotten," said Congressman Latta. "The clandestine nature of the OSS often meant members had to operate behind enemy lines in situations calling for unquestionable bravery and unparalleled skill. Their actions played an important role in winning the war and saved countless American lives in the process."

"The members of the OSS saved thousands of lives during World War II. From establishing intelligence networks deep behind enemy lines to bolstering resistance organizations throughout Europe and Asia, these intelligence officers played a critical role in securing the Allied victory," said Senator Blunt.
"I urge the president to sign this bill so we can move forward in officially recognizing the heroic efforts of the OSS members with the Congressional Gold Medal."

"For many years, the heroic contributions of the OSS - which included some of the most daring covert operations of World War II — remained shrouded in secrecy, their impact largely unknown to the American public. Today, Congress is able to publicly recognize the members of the OSS for their remarkable heroism and many sacrifices," said Senator Warner. "As the predecessor to the modern CIA, other elements of the U.S. intelligence community, and U.S. special operations forces, the OSS once boasted nearly 13,000 members, but more than 70 years after they won the war, fewer than 100 are still with us. I know how much it means to the veterans of the OSS, as well as their families, that this legislation is finally making its way to the President's desk to be signed into law. Today, Congress has ensured that their courage of spirit and their love of country will long live on in our nation's memory."

The OSS was created in 1942 under the leadership of General William J. Donovan to better coordinate and oversee American intelligence operations. At it's peak, 13,000 members served in the OSS including notable names such as Julia Child, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., John Ford, and James Donovan, who was depicted in the 2015 movie, Bridge of Spies. OSS veterans

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net and their family members were present in the House gallery when the legislation was approved.

SECRETARY HUSTED OFFI-CIALLY CERTIFIES OHIO'S 2016 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS IN HIS OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS.

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted certified the official results of the 2016 Presidential General Election held on November 8, 2016. In total, 5,607,641 Ohioans cast ballots, out of 7,861,025 registered voters, leading to a voter turnout rate of 71.33

"As we close the books on another election, one thing that is abundantly clear is that Ohio is a national leader in elections administration as our state once again has delivered a well-run election," Secretary Husted said. "Despite the unwarranted predictions of a troubled election, it is clear that voters had a great experience and the 2016 Presidential Election in Ohio was free of any major problems.'

2016 Election Records:

More Ohioans cast an absentee ballot than at any election in Ohio history.

Fewer Ohioans cast a provisional ballot during the 2016 Presidential Election than during any Presidential Election since 2004, the earliest year records are available.

The final results in the Presidential, U.S. Senate, Congressional and certain judicial races as well as the provisional, absentee ballot and precinct-by-precinct reports are available below and are permanently housed under "Election Results and Data" on the Secretary of State's website.

2016 Election By-the-Numbers:

- 5,607,641 total ballots (turnout: 71.33%) were cast in 2016, compared to 5,633,246 (turnout: 70.53%) in 2012 and 5,773,777 (turnout: 69.97%) in 2008.
- · President-Elect Donald Trump carried 80 of Ohio's 88 counties.
- 1,890,069 absentee ballots were cast with 1,879,630 (99.45%) counted. This compares to 1,876,174 absentee ballots cast in 2012 with 1,862,984 (99.3%) counted. In 2008, 1,744,753 absentee ballots and 1,717,256 (98.42%) were counted. More absentee ballots were cast and a higher percentage were counted than in 2008 or 2012.
- 56.8 percent of counted absentee ballots were cast in counties won by President-Elect Donald Trump, with 43.2 percent cast in counties won by for former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.
- 154,965 provisional ballots were cast with 131,987 (85.17%) counted. This compares to 208,084 provisional ballots cast in 2012 with 173,785 (83.52%) counted. In 2008, 206,859 provisional ballots were cast with 166,870 (80.67%) counted. Fewer provisional ballots were cast and
- a higher percentage were counted than in 2008 or 2012. 50.3 percent of counted
- provisional ballots were cast in counties won by President-Elect Donald Trump, with 49.6 percent cast in counties won by for former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

VANTAGE DECEMBER **BOARD MEETING HELD** 12/01/16

The Vantage Board of Education held the December Board meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016 in the District Conference room. The minutes from the November 3, 2016 regular Board meeting were approved along with financial statements for the month of October, 2016.

Superintendent Kaufman updated the Board on several items, including tax incremental financing agreements and a commercial CRA, all within Van Wert county, slated for approval. She reported the recent public auction total, auctioneered by Straley Realty & Auctioneers, to be estimated at \$38,000 before expenses. The three business programs are piloting a stand-up ergonomic student desk option, with preliminary feedback being favorable from the Network Systems program participants. Ohio Technical Center Director Pete Prichard reported that enrollment for the Adult Diploma Program, specifically welding and STNA is still open and anticipate having four more students graduate this year. Prichard also updated the Board

that the Ohio Department of Higher Education has approved the Truck Driving program, li-censure has been applied for, and a site visit is pending from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. If approved by the ODPS, an application for accreditation will be submitted, which will allow for advertising and an anticipated January 2017 start date. High School Director Tony Unverferth updated the Board on exploring the possibility of adding a Criminal Justice program to the high school offerings. The majority of cost would be salary and benefits for one instructor, since the classroom space and much of the equipment needed are in place, due to the existence of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) program offered in the Ohio Technical Center for adults. The high school program will not duplicate the curriculum of the adult program, nor will it be OPOTA certified. Director Unverferth reported that two Interactive Media seniors, Alex Foust and Aubrey Kremer, submitted two of the top 20 designs in the Ohio Business Professionals of America pin design contest. The students will know at the end of fall leadership conference if their design has been

PAULDING FFA COMPETES IN JOB INTERVIEW CDE



By: Katlynn Fuller, Paulding FFA Reporter

The Paulding FFA Chapter recently competed in the Job Interview Career Development Event (CDE). This contest is designed to allow student to learn and exhibit interview skills that they can use in their futures as they apply for college or job interviews. Students must develop a resume, complete a job interview and write a follow-up letter to the interview committee. This contest is truly an important contest to help students prepare for their future interviews. The members competing in this contest were Hannah Farr, Chantal Monnier, Kalyn Strahley, and Jen Stahl. After hours of hard work and preparation their efforts paid off at the sub-district

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contest held at Lincolnview where Hannah Farr placed 1st, and Chantal Monnier placed 2nd in the senior division. The other participants also did an outstanding job in the sophomore division where Kalyn Strahley placed 3rd, and Jen Stahl placed 4th. Hannah Farr, and Kalyn Strahley then moved on to the district job interview contest held at Arlington where Hannah Farr placed 4th in the senior division, and Kalyn Strahley placed 1st in the sophomore division allowing her to advance onto the state contest on December 3rd held in Columbus Ohio! The Paulding FFA chapter is very proud of all member participating in this CDE and we want to wish Kalyn Strahley best of

step in the process of requesting a Writ of Certiorari from the United States Supreme Court in the case of the Ohio A. Philip Randolph Institute v. Jon Husted in his official capacity as the Ohio

"Proper voter roll maintenance, including the removal of deceased voters and those who have longsince moved, is one of the pillars of ensuring fair elections," Secretary Husted said. "Ohio's process for removing duplicate registrations and those of deceased and relocated voters has been consistent under both Republicans and Democrats for over two decades and has been one of our greatest defenses against voter fraud and abuse.'

Despite rhetoric from plaintiffs in this case, the number of Ohioans who show up at the polls on Election Day and experience issues with their registration status is on the decline. During Secretary Husted's first term as Secretary of State, 166,808 fewer provisional ballots were cast than during the previous, Democratic administration. In addition, a larger percentage of provisional ballots cast were counted.

"Poorly maintained voter rolls lead to frustrating problems at the polls for voters on Election Day and opens the door for voter fraud by allowing outdated and inaccurate registrations to be on the rolls," added Secretary Husted.

The 2016 Presidential General Election saw fewer provisional ballots cast than the 2004, 2008 and 2012 Presidential Elections, showing that far fewer voters are experiencing issues on Election Day than in previous election cycles. You can find more information on the official 2016 Presi-

dential Election results here.

this case leaves one of our most important election safeguards in limbo, which puts into jeopardy our goal of making it both easy to vote and hard to cheat in Ohio," concluded Secretary Husted. "I will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse this unnecessary intrusion into our state's elections

HITE PRAISES SENATE PAS-SAGE OF BILLS CREATING A SAFER, HEALTHIER OHIO

Lawmakers returned to the Statehouse this past week to discuss various bills aimed at making Ohio a safer and healthier place, including three bills sponsored by Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay).

Preventing Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Student Athletes

Last week, the Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 252, also known as "Lindsay's Law," named after former Miss Ohio Lindsay Davis, a national heart health advocate, who suffers from a heart problem and has dedicated her career to raising awareness about heart conditions.

Last year, Senator Hite enlisted the help of the former Miss Ohio to help champion his bill in the Ohio Statehouse to equip Ohio coaches and athletic staff with the necessary training to identify and address the warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest among student athletes.

Nationally, sudden cardiac arrest is the number one killer of student athletes. Studies estimate that one out of every 100 children is living with an undetected heart

"This bill equips coaches to recognize the symptoms that often lead to sudden cardiac arrest," said Hite. "Coaches will be prepared if students show certain symptoms, and quickly get them the potentially life-saving screening and treatment they need."

Hite, a former educator and high school football coach, knows firsthand that awareness has the potential to save lives.

"I'm so thankful that Darren Sudman from Simon's Fund and former Miss Ohio Lindsay Davis brought this important issue to my attention," added Hite.

Amendments made to the bill in the House of Representatives were approved by the Senate earlier this week, and the bill now goes to the governor to be signed into law.

Supporting Local Police

Senate Bill 322, also sponsored by Senator Hite and approved in the Senate this week, provides additional training opportunities to help equip local police chiefs as effective leaders in their departments and in their communities.

The legislation would establish a 40-hour police chief training program designed for newly appointed local police chiefs. Course content would include diversity training with an emphasis on historical perspectives and community-police relations.

eral's office and the Ohio Po-

"I'd like to thank Chief Michael Harnishfeger of Ada, Ohio for bringing this idea to my attention," said Hite. "We've worked on this for 3 years, with the help of a number of different organizations including the Attorney Gen-

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

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Sudoku Puzzle

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CHARACTER EDUCATION DAY AT PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL



Character Education Day was celebrated at Paulding Middle School on November 22, 2016. Various community members were invited to come speak with our 7th graders on the following topics: Talking with Parents, Drugs, Dealing with Emotions, and Personal Hygiene- each student even received a supply of toiletries donated by the Paulding County Hos-

lice Chief's Association."

Senate Bill 322 now goes to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

Impactful Developing Strategies to Address Ohio's Diabetes Problem

Members of the Ohio Senate Health and Human Services Committee decided to merge Senator Hite's legislation to establish a statewide Diabetes Action Plan into House Bill 216, a larger bill encompassing various healthcare-related reforms earlier this week.

"I'm thrilled that we found a legislative vehicle for our Diabetes Action Plan. Diabetes is something that has become close to an epidemic in this state and we need to be more vigilant about helping people that have Type I or Type II diabetes."

Senator Hite's plan seeks to more efficiently combat diabetes, which currently affects more than 1.3 million Ohioans and nearly 3 million who are considered pre-diabetic. The proposal, passed unanimously in the Senate in May, improves Ohio's diabetes prevention and management efforts by assessing incidence rates as well as forming a statewide plan to address the disease and its complications.

Diabetes is the seventh-leading cause of death in Ohio. The legislation requires certain state agencies to asses the incidence of diabetes, along with establishing goals to reduce its prevalence. The Diabetes Action Plan will help legislators, policy makers and medical professionals to work together to take stra-

tegic steps toward increasing diabetes care, reducing associated risks and controlling complications.

The modified version of House Bill 216 must be approved in the Ohio Senate before it returns to the House for further consideration.



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SHERIFF'S SALE OF **REAL ESTATE**

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

> THE STATE OF OHIO. PAULDING COUNTY:

VAN WERT FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK,

CHARLES D. WILSON, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 16 080 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 22nd day of December, 2016 at 10:10 A.M., the real estate located at: 203 Cedar Street

Haviland, Ohio 45851 Parcel Number: 06-03-032-00

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

Thousand and No/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date In the event this property does not sell on

the above date, a second sale will be held on the Fifth of January, 2017 at 10:10 A.M. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. The purchaser will be responsible for any

costs, allowances, and taxes which the pro ceeds 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.

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Charles F. Koch, Attorney for Plaintiff

overtime regulations.

County Auditor.

118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2016

34 on November 29, 2016, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OR

DINANCE NO. 2016-32 ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017, AND

DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance amends Or-

dinance No. 2016-32 to adjust the compensation for the Village Adminis-

trator in light of the preliminary injunction blocking implementation of new

The publication of the Resolution and Ordinances is by summary only.

The complete text of the Resolution and Ordinances may be obtained

or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO.

2016-27 on November 21, 2016, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMEND-

ING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-21 AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF

WATER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP. COUNTY OF

PAULDING, OHIO." This Ordinance authorizes an increase in the

minimum charges for the water rates and establishes water rates for

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed RESOLUTION NO. 2016-

08 on November 21, 2016, entitled, "RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE

AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COM-

MISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND

CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR." This Resolution

accepts the amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission

and authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifies the same to the

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2016-

32 on November 21, 2016, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING

COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO FOR

THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN

EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes the compensation rates

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO.** 2016-33 on November 21, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMEND-

ING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-14 AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF SEWER RATES, TAP FEES AND RE-CONNECT FEES

PAULDING, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY."

This Ordinance authorizes an increase in the minimum charges for

The publication of the Ordinances and Resolution is by summary only.

for Village officials and employees effective January 1, 2017.

FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, COUNTY OF

sewer rates, effective January 1, 2017.

at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

treated bulk hydrant water, effective January 1, 2017.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF **REAL ESTATE**

General Code, Section 11681

Revised Code, Section 2329.26

PAULDING COUNTY: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

THE STATE OF OHIO.

WILLIAM C. COLLEY, ET AL., Defendants.

Case No. CI 16 118.

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12849 Road 176, Paulding, Ohio 45879 Parcel Number: 13-25S-018-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Sixty Thou-

sand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date. In the event this property does not sell on

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Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the apprais-

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Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the

sale and paid from the sale proceeds. Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Joshua J. Epling, Attorney for Plaintiff

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE **HOSTS WE ARE STEMM DAY**



Duchene, checking the vital signs of Defiance high school student Tyrel Goings. Duchene educated students on the various vital signs, and how to check them using a variety of methods. All sessions included educational components, career-focused application, and a lot of fun.

Northwest State Community College recently hosted a We are STEMM Day for over 200 students from 18 local schools. Students enjoyed sessions

throughout campus with hands-on activities and discussions of careers in the STEMM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Medicine).

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposi-

James B. Jones, Akron, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 30 days jail on each count, shall run concurrent; Shall repay Ct. appt. attorney fees; \$400 shall be forfeited to Paulding County Court for fines, costs, restitution; Maintain gen. good behavior

James B. Jones, Akron, OH; Theft; Guilty; Same conditions as Count A

James B. Jones, Akron, OH; Theft; Guilty; Same conditions as Count A

Wade F. Miller, Paulding, OH; Paraphernalia; Dismis; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived; All evidence seized shall be destroyed in a manner as designated by the sher-

Wade F. Miller, Paulding, OH; Possession drug; Dismis; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived; All evidence seized in this matter are hereby ordered to be destroyed in a manner as designated by the sheriff's office

Travis Pelo, Batesville, IN; DUS- Non FRA; Pled no cont., found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay all fines and costs

Mark Minasi; Newport, NY; Traf dev/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bryce J. Flynn, Middle Point, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Karen S. Gebhart, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ausitn W. McCoy, Montpelier, OH; DUS (Fail/rein); Guilty; Defendant shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 12/16/16; Pay all fines and costs by 10/27/17 or will be sent to collectios; Proof of financial responsibility pro-

Austin W. McCoy, Montpelier, OH; Left of Center; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 10/27/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing

The complete text of the Ordinances and Resolution may be obtained 12/16/16 or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located Jeremy L. Pamer, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Danielle N. Okang, Van

Wert, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Danielle N. Okang, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive;

defendant John A. Shellenbarger, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Guilty; Case was waived by

Richard Emerling Jr, Payne, OH; F.R.A. susp.; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility not provided, if defendant provided proof of insurance by 12/5/16 \$150 will be suspended; Pay all fines and costs by 12/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$25.00 per mo. commencing 2/24/17

Richard Emerling Jr, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing

Justin S. Feasby, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kody A. McCague, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

Kevin M. Dumas, Highland, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Charles L. Paisley, Pauld-

ing, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Meshalaye M. Johns, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PAULDING COUNTY COM-MISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/28/16

This 28th day of November, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Zartman

ALLOWANCE Warrants documented as

229268 through 229313 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Roger Taylor, OSAVSC Fall Conference. Dublin OH - November 19, 2016

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FORFEITED LAND SALE

AUDITOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Revised Code, Sec. 5723.05

The land, lot, part of lot, in the County of Paulding, State of Ohio, forfeited to the State for the non-payment of taxes, together with the taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, interest, and costs charged on them, agreeable to law, and the date on which this land, lot, and part of lot will be offered for sale, are contained and described in the following list. To be offered for sale beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, the 9th of December, 2016, and continue from day to day thereafter, at the Paulding County Auditor's Office, in the Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio on which property of the amount of (see below) is currently owed for taxes, with assessments, charges, penalties, interest, and costs: Amount Owed

 Time of Sale
 Parcel #
 Address

 10:00 A.M.
 Parcel #12-38S-021-01
 504 E. River St. Antwerp, Ohio

 Parcel #12-34S-097-00
 Canal St. Antwerp, Ohio
 \$166.00 Notice is hereby given to all concerned, that if court may enter the deficiency judgment

the taxes, assessments, changes ,penalties, interest, and cost charged on the list are not paid into the county treasury and the county treasurer's receipt produced for the payment, before the date mentioned in this notice for the sale, each tract, lot, and part of lot, so forfeited, on which the taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, interest, and costs, and that the sale will be adjourned from day to day until each tract, lot and part of lot specified in the list has been disposed of, or offered for

If the tract, lot or part of lot, so forfeited, is sold for an amount that is less than the amount of the delinquent taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, and interest against it, the court, in a separate order, may enter a deficiency judgment against the last owner of record of the tract, lot, or part of lot, before its forfeiture to the state, for the amount, of the difference; if that owner of record is a corporation, the

against the stockholder holding a majority of the corporation's stock. Public Notice is hereby given that all such

real property to be sold at public auction may be subject to federal tax lien that may not be extinguished by the sale, and purchasers or any such real property are urged to search the federal tax lien index that is kept by the county recorder to determine notice of a federal tax lien has been filed with respect to any such property.

Public Notice is hereby given that said pur-

chaser is subject to any and all assessments not certified to the Paulding County Auditor by date of signature. Said assessments will be due and payable to the Paulding County Treasurer at the following tax collection. Signed November 23, 2016

—Claudia J. Fickel. Paulding County Auditor

AMENDING THE 2016 ANNU-AL APPROPRIATION (FUND BE IT RESOLVED, that the

Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 An nual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Emergency 911 Fund (Fund 062), to-wit; 062-001-00010/Emergency 911/Salaries-Dispatchers AMOUNT: \$18,602.28

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNU-AL APPROPRIATION (FUND

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 SVAA Fund (Fund 177), to-wit; 177-001-20121/SVAA/Salaries AMOUNT:\$1,567.72

IN THE MATTER OF MOD-IFYING 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: 001-010-00014/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Appointed Counsel TO: 001-010-00001/ General Fund/Juvenile Court/ Salaries-Employees AMOUNT: \$4,100.00

IN THE MATTER OF MOD-IFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL (FUND APPROPRIATION 001-015)

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: 001-015-00008/General Fund/Board of Elections/Precinct Workers TO: 001-015-00004/General Fund/ Board of Elections/Equipment AMOUNT: \$75.00 001-015-00007/General Fund/Board Elections/Other Expenses \$287.14 001-015-00003/General Fund/Board of Elections/Supplies \$37.00 TOTAL:\$399.14

IN THE MATTER OF MOD-IFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION 001-030)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 by directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-030-00006/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/ Workers' Comp TO: 001-030-00004/General Fund/Insurance/ Loss Control/Salaries/Loss Control AMOUNT: \$12.79 IN THE MATTER OF MOD-

Annual Appropriation and here-

IFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-031)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-031-00003/ General Fund/Commissioners' Miscellaneous/Contract Services 001-031-00001/General Fund/Commissioners' Miscellaneous/Postage AMOUNT: \$3.400.00

IN THE MATTER OF MOD-IFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND

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 Board of DD Fund (Fund 014); to-wit; FROM: 014-001-00001/ Board of DD/Salaries-Employees TO: 014-001-00005/ Board of DD/Contract Services

AMOUNT: \$80,000.00 Meeting Notes of Appoint-

• Chris Collier, Black Swamp Conservancy - Mr. Collier presented maps, showing the aerial view of two sites for the Commissioners' review. The Black Swamp Conservancy will be applying for grants to preserve, reforest, and improve trails with the intentions of eventually opening both sites to the public. Mr. Collier assured the Commissioners the Black Swamp Conservancy will be working closely with the Paulding County Park District. He also noted they are looking to build boat access ramps for access to the river. Mr. Collier stated the Black Swamp Conservancy has already been working with the adjoining property owners to make sure drainage doesn't become an issue

• Corey Walker, JFS - Mr. Walker updated the Commissioners on the Jacob Eaton Children's Home.



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By: Sue Knapp

TIMES, SOLD!

We shopped with them for 50 years. We saw them move from a corner store front to a new building with 2 additions to follow. We wished them good luck when they decided to retire and move out of town. Yes, I am talking about the Kammeyers. They served this area and like the "new addition" or the "new gym", "Kammeyers" will always be a part of Antwerp history.

Well, like they say "there's a new sheriff in town", in this case the name is Tommy Clair. Tommy has lived in the area for 30 years and you might have seen him around

Saturday morning, Dec. 3, Gorrell Brothers auctioned off the Kammeyer's lot (aka River Street Market). There were a few bidders and they all wanted it. It came down to 2 bidders. Tommy Clair and another bidding over the phone. They sparred back



and forth for what seemed an eternity then Tommy won the

Tommy is a God fearing man who is community minded. He wants to serve this community and is determined to do so. The plans are to build a co-op and put in a restaurant. There are lots of plans to be made, lots of legalities to overcome, and it will take time, but as things progress, Tommy will let the community know via The West Bend News. So if you see Tommy around town, congratulate him and give him your support.

We have a town we can be very proud of and we have people and organizations who work hard to keep things going and sometimes that means changes are going to

Yep, change is good. Don't forget to support our town and shop locally.

FEWER DEATHS OVER THANKSGIVING WEEKEND **FROM CRASHES**

Provisional numbers released today by the Ohio State Highway Patrol show fewer motorists were killed on Ohio's roadways this Thanksgiving Holiday than in recent years. Seven people were killed during the five day reporting period, from Wednesday, November 23, until Sunday, November 27. This is a decrease from the past three years when 9 were

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dors welcomed. Info, call 49-50p 574-298-6199. **GUN SHOW.** December 10-11, from 8 to 4 at 5278 CR 424 Antwerp, OH. Vendors welcomed. Info, call 574-298-6199.

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killed in 2015, 23 were killed in 2014, and 17 were killed in

The Patrol arrested 460 drivers for OVI, 454 for aggressive driving and 1,320 for not wearing safety belts.

'We are always pleased to see a decrease in lives lost on Ohio's roadways. However, we can't settle until the number of fatalities is zero," said Colonel Paul A. Pride, Patrol superintendent. "The Ohio State Highway Patrol is committed to keeping you and your family safe on our roads, every day and every night."

A complete statistical analysis of the Patrol's enforcement activity over the holiday weekend is available on the Ohio State Highway Patrol website.

OHIO'S DEER-GUN SEASON OPENS WITH MORE THAN 18,000 DEER HARVESTED

Hunters checked 18,776 white-tailed deer on Monday, November 28, the opening day of Ohio's deer-gun hunting season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). In 2015, 22,253 deer were reported the first day of the deer-gun sea-

Ohio's deer-gun season remained open through Sunday, December 4. Two additional days of deer-gun season (Saturday, December 17, and Sunday, December 18) are available for people to hunt with firearms. Find more information about deer hunting in the Ohio 2016-2017 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio. gov. Past years' harvest summaries and weekly updated harvest reports can be found at wildohio.gov/deerharvest.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer populations. The goal of Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists

Hunting Popularity

Ohio ranks fifth nationally in resident hunters and 11th in the number of jobs associated with hunting-related industries. Hunting has a more than \$853 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and more, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation publication. ODNR ensures a balance

between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr. Editor's Note: A list of all

white-tailed deer checked by hunters during opening day of the 2016 deer-gun hunting season is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for opening day 2016, and the 2015 opening day harvest numbers are in parentheses.

Adams: 274 (373); Allen:

58 (116); Ashland: 411 (483); Ashtabula: 701 (771); Athens: 375 (420); Auglaize: 41 (99); Belmont: 407 (429); Brown: 167 (248); Butler: 36 (66); Carroll: 480 (571); Champaign: 70 (104); Clark: 29 (52); Clermont: 81 (154); Clinton: 58 (79); Columbiana: 419 (522); Coshocton: 767 (888); Crawford: 134 (177); Cuyahoga: 8 (7); Darke: 47 (74); **Defiance:** 179 (316); Delaware: 88 (110); Erie: 50 (66); Fairfield: 182 (219); Fayette: 30 (33); Franklin: 32 (31); Fulton: 79 (140); Gallia: 379 (372); Geauga: 147 (167); Greene: 43 (54); Guernsey: 592 (647); Hamilton: 18 (44); Hancock: 95 (135); Hardin: 94 (149); Harrison: 529 (556); Henry: 67 (125); Highland: 221 (300); Hocking: 431 (521); Holmes: 542 (552); Huron: 342 (367); Jackson: 270 (377); Jefferson: 365 (386); Knox: 651 (619); Lake: 53 (44); Lawrence: 208 (224); Licking: 463 (562); Logan: 155 (249); Lorain: 180 (195); Lucas: 23 (27); Madison: 30 (28); Mahoning: 168 (165); Marion: 96 (120); Medina: 154 (152); Meigs: 392 (418); Mercer: 38 (76); Miami: 28 (52); Monroe: 333 (334); Montgomery: 18 (28); Morgan: 364 (387); Morrow: 158 (184); Muskingum: 696 (722); Noble: 386 (352); Ottawa: 20 (20); Paulding: 75 (157); Perry: 339 (399); Pickaway: 65 (107); Pike: 180 (209); Portage: 155 (157); Preble: 47 (80); Putnam: 60 (90); Richland: 355 (462); Ross: 263 (320); Sandusky: 41 (76); Scioto: 195 (206); Seneca: 203 (273); Shelby: 79 (97); Stark: 208 (248); Summit: 30 (24); Trumbull: 425 (468); Tuscarawas: 645 (658); Union: 67 (97); Van Wert: 31 (63); Vinton: 338 (401); Warren: 34 (61); Washington: 438 (490); Wayne: 206 (211); Williams: 138 (327); Wood: 39 (87); Wyandot: 168 (227). Total: 18,776

(22,253)

STATEMENT BY AGRICUL-**TURE SECRETARY VILSACK ON LATEST QUARTERLY EXPORT FORECAST FOR** 2017

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack issued the following statement on the forecast for U.S. agricultural exports in fiscal year 2017. "U.S. farmers and ranch-

ers continue to rise to the challenge of supplying the world with high-quality, American-grown products. At a projected \$134 billion in 2017, U.S. farm exports continue to rally and remain on the record-setting pace of the past eight years. Since 2009, the United States has exported more than \$1 trillion in agricultural products, far more than any other period in our history, thanks to the productivity and ingenuity of American farmers and ranchers, aided in part by the work of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service to arrange and support trade missions and of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to break down trade barriers. 'The \$134-billion forecast

represents an increase of \$4.3 billion from 2016 and would be the sixth-highest total on record. U.S. agriculture is once again expected to post a trade surplus, totaling \$21.5 billion, up nearly 30 percent from the \$16.6 billion surplus in 2016. "The expected volume

of 2017 exports is noteworthy, with bulk commodity exports expected to surpass last year's record levels - led by soybeans at a record 55.8 million metric tons, and corn, up 11 percent from last year, to 56.5 million metric tons. The volume of cotton exports is expected to begin recovering and most livestock and poultry products should see moderate increases in export volume as well.

"Exports are responsible for 20 percent of U.S. farm income, also driving rural economic activity and supporting more than one million American jobs both on and off the farm. Earlier today, USDA's Economic

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Research Service (ERS) released the Farm Income and Financial Forecasts for 2016, demonstrating the strength and resilience of the farm economy in the face of challenging markets, in large part due to the contribution of exports. Over the past eight years, USDA has worked to boost export opportunities for U.S. agricultural products by opening new markets, pursuing new trade agreements, enforcing existing agreements, and breaking down barriers to trade.

"USDA has made support for exports and production agriculture one of the Four Pillars of a 21st century rural economy, along with local and regional food systems, the biobased economy, and conservation and natural resources, and has made significant, targeted investments in these areas. Today's reports showing growing exports and stable farm incomes reflect the strategic, consistent work of the Obama Administration since 2009 to help rural America thrive. We must continue promoting a favorable trade environment for American exports and making targeted investments that drive the rural economy forward to ensure this progress

PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The VILLAGE OF CECIL Will hold it's regular meeting and 2017 budget meeting on Saturday, December 10th at 9am at the Village Fire House

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GROVER HILL STUDENT COUNCIL HOST "SHARE WHAT YOU CAN" FOOD DRIVE



The Grover Hill Student Council is working on their canned food drive. The food drive will end on Friday, December 16, and all items will be given to the Grover Hill Food Bank. Pictured here are 5th and 6th grade WTGH Student Council members Kyle Stoller, Blake Stoller, Kara Stoller, Kyla Hurd, Hannah Maenle and Abby Moore.

LIBRARIES CLOSE FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Paulding County Carnegie Library system will be closed all day on Friday, December 9th for Staff Development. All libraries will reopen normal hours on Saturday, December 10th. Call 419-399-2032 for more infor-

OFFICER PHIL PROGRAM IN NEW HAVEN

Creative Safety Products is proud to present their 2016-2017 Officer Phil Program to the New Haven area Elementary Schools. The Officer Phil Program's topics this year are Respect, Bullying, and Stranger Awareness. With 41 years of experience and over one million students taught, we have learned that along with a little fun, like incorporating magic tricks and jokes into the educational lessons, comes a lot of learning! The students will enjoy a 30-minute safety assembly and get to meet police officers from the New Haven Police Department, as well as Officer Phil's pal Lucky the Duck, who will join the performer to help

teach the students some of the lessons.

One of the primary objectives of the Officer Phil Program is to help the New Haven Police Department establish a positive relationship with the youth in the community. It is very important for the children to know that the officers are friendly, approachable, and always available to help the children and their families, when in need. The program will begin with an introduction of the New Haven Police Officers in attendance.

The first lesson of our program is Respect. Officer Phil wants all the children in his "Safety Squad" to see his "bucket of respect". The bucket gets filled every day by showing respect to others and following safety rules. The children will come up with ways that they are going to show respect for others. The bucket starts out empty, but when the children start "tossing" ideas into the bucket, bright foam stars magically appear in the bucket. The take away from this magic lesson is that if you want others to respect you than you need to show respect also. The children are reminded to respect yourself, others, and the school rules, which in turn will help to fill your bucket of respect every day.

The next lesson is Bullying. The performer will use three colored balls to talk about the different aspects of bullying. The Green ball will represent what does and does not constitute bullying. The Yellow ball will represent caution. The children are reminded to be careful when they are on the internet. Cyber Bullying can happen to anyone that is on the internet if they are not cautious. The Red ball reminds them of the word stop. If someone is bullying them, they should ask the bully to stop, and tell an adult. The takeaway here is that we can stop bullying by being a buddy, being cautious and working together. The final lesson is Strang-

er Awareness. The performer will use our Magic Drawing Board, which is a favorite of the children. The face on the whiteboard comes to life with the help of our performer. When a child finds themselves in an unsafe situation, they are often asked to describe the person that caused the concern. Through the use of the drawing board, our performer will ask for a description of a made-up stranger. The children giggle when the "stranger" starts moving his eyes and talks to them. This is a great illustration to get the message across to the children that the details are important in identifying a stranger. We once had children escape a potential abduction situation, and because of our show and our lesson on Stranger Awareness, they were able to describe to police in full detail, exactly

what the suspect looked like. At the end of the assembly, the children will all receive a hands-on activity book to work on at home with their family, to reinforce the lessons taught at the program. There are also online resources that will give teachers and parents some tools to review the safety messages.

For more information, please contact (800) 825-7445 or customerservice@officerphil.com

SANITARY SEWER PLANT OFF LIMITS TO FOUR WHEELERS

Damage has been done to the sanitary sewer plant on Harrmann Road from four wheelers tearing up soft ground by the lagoons. The plant is off limits to everyone except village personnel, with the exception of the composting site once it is up and registered.

Reports have been made that a four wheeler has been on top of newly spread soil at the plant. Not only is this not allowed but it is a danger to anyone to be at or near the sanitary lagoons.

SECRETARY HUSTED AN-NOUNCES DECEMBER AS "MOVING OHIO" MONTH

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the Ohio Business Profile program will feature businesses that deal with transportation and "Moving Ohio" throughout the month of December.

"From the ports of Lake Erie to the Ohio River and all the parts in between, Ohio is a transportation hub for our nation," Secretary Husted said. "Ohio has a rich history of transportation, from the Wright brothers and the birthplace of aviation to Charles Kettering and the invention of the electric starter for the automobile.

Ohio is uniquely positioned for successes in the transportation industry, being within a day's drive of 60 percent of the U.S. and Canadian populations. The state has more than 100 publicly-owned airports, over 250,000 roadway lane miles and the second largest inventory of bridges. Ohio boasts the 12th highest transit ridership in the United States with 62 public transit systems.

Companies profiled this month include:

Honda of America Mfg., Inc. (Marysville, Ohio) started its first Ohio plant in 1979 with the production of motorcycles and shortly after began producing automobiles. Today, Honda operates 13 companies in Ohio and has

The Paulding County Sheriff's Department will be made aware of this and anyone who witnesses unauthorized vehicles and recreational type four wheelers on the sanitary plant property should call the village administrator at 419-506-0205.

> port Harbor, Ohio) is a recreational boat manufacturer that developed its first model in 1960. With the help of their 35 employees, TLC Yachts, LLC has developed over 30 different models and produced over 5,000 boats.

> National Flight Services, Inc. (Swanton, Ohio) started in 1960 as a small aviation company and has grown to be a part of major aviation projects around the world. While they have strengths in several areas of aviation, one of their top services is the overhaul and repair of aircraft engines.

> DRR USA (Brunswick, Ohio) was created in 2000 with a vision to create safer four wheelers, ATVs and dirt bikes for kids.

In January 2016, Secretary Husted announced that 2015 was Ohio's sixth consecutive year of record business growth and Ohio set an alltime, one-month record in

21.8 percent increase in the number of newly-registered businesses and a 24.4 percent drop in rejections from 2010 to 2015. This growth can largely be attributed to Secretary Husted's efforts to provide better customer service to Ohio businesses by reducing the costs associated with registering a new business, ensuring faster processing

in 2015. Ohio businesses now have easy access to free tools through Google when they apply to start a business online with the Secretary of State's office and Ohio is now the least costly state in the region to start and maintain a new business. Learn more by reading Secretary Husted's guest column in the Cincinnati Enquirer here.

Launched in June 2011, Ohio Business Profile has helped raise awareness about companies registered and doing business in Ohio that are creating interesting products, offering outstanding service, contributing to their local communities and employing Ohioans in the process. Each month, a handful of diverse businesses linked together by a common theme are featured on the Secretary of State's website, where Ohioans are encouraged to submit companies they feel are deserving of



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CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS TRAVELS TO WAYNE TRACE

Wayne Trace JH-HS once again welcomed Rick Small from

98.1 to help in the annual Christmas For Kids Campaign.

Pictured are Wayne Trace JH-HS Student Council Members with some of the gifts collected to benefit area kids at Christ-

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