

LADY ACES DEFEAT ARCHERS—WIN R49 CLASSIC



The All-Stars selected for this year's Route 49 Classic: Eliza Zulch, Emma Siebenaler, Rachel Williamson, Hope Smith, Addison Bergman, Chelsey Taylor, Katelynn Berenyi. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Route 49 Classic Girls Basketball tournament for 2016 took place at the Edgerton High School gymnasium. The Antwerp Archers and the Lady Aces both won their respective games on Thursday night December 22.

This was an excellent game for both teams. Unfortunately for the Lady Archers, the first period stunk. Even though Antwerp was able to score the first basket, the Aces scored 12 consecutive points allowing Hicksville to lead 12 to 2 before Antwerp was able to add any more to the board. From that point on, Antwerp continued to chase the Aces for the rest of the game. Though there were times that Antwerp was able to claw their way back up and get within five points, they would fall back to being 10 behind.

Rachel Williamson added a 3 point basket before the end of the first period, finishing 16-5. The 11 point deficit would go on to plague the

Lady Archers the rest of the game. The same period was nice for the northern team. Katelynn Berenyi nailed 4 field goals and 2 free-throws for 10 of those first points.

The second quarter was



Addison Bergman drives in attempting the basket with Antwerp's Rachel Smith. More pictures at westbendnews.net

when the Antwerp players got their act together, and Peyton Short was a standout. She hit one 3-point basket and 3 field goals. Another 3 was sunk by Karsyn Brumett. The Aces lead narrowed when they only added 8 more points for a half time score of 24-17.

Momentum reversed itself again when Hicksville outpaced the Archers by the same amount Antwerp had in the previous period. Katelynn

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"SIBERIAN 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 na-

tionally acclaimed group "TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA". 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 29th at 7:00 p.m. For more information about the music group contact Dave Coonrod @ 419-438-4451, web site siberiansoltice.com or concert information contact Mikeal George @ 419-574-2150.

OAKWOOD GIRL SCOUTS SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER



On Thursday Oakwood Girl Scout Troop 20523 led by Amanda Shaffer and Lori Mobley went out into the Oakwood/Charloe area to spread some Christmas cheer. They sang some Christmas carols and delivered goodies they

made & items they collected. Pictured left to right are Ashleigh Densmore, Kristy Boecker, Lacie Shawver and Nicole Mobley in the back. Merry Christmas from the Girl Scouts!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT

The Six County Chapter of the Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition is sponsoring a human trafficking awareness event in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness month in January. This event is free and open to the public.

During this inaugural awareness event, the Coalition will be offering all Northtowne Mall patrons the opportunity to paint one fingernail white to raise awareness about human trafficking. The Six County Chapter will be at the Northtowne Mall in front of Marshall's from Noon - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 7th, 2017. Human trafficking educational information and Coalition information will be provided. This event is being held to raise awareness about human trafficking and to encourage the community to get involved in the fight against human trafficking.

The Six County Chapter of the Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition was established in April 2014 to combat human trafficking in Defiance, Williams, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Putnam counties. This chapter was formed to accommodate the needs of the northwestern counties of the larger Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition. The Six County Chapter is comprised of ap-

proximately 11 regional organizations, has provided trainings and/or public awareness events to over 650 people in 2016 and has assisted 30 human trafficking survivors. Coalition meetings are held the last Thursday of every month at Defiance College and all are welcome to attend. For more information about the Human Trafficking Awareness event at Northtowne Mall, which is located at 1500 N Clinton Street in Defiance, Ohio, please contact Colleen Kilbert at (412) 760-8490 or at colleen.kilbert@gmail.com

WOODBURN LUTHERAN SCHOOL DONATES TO THE WOODBURN FOOD BANK



The students of WLS collected canned goods for the Woodburn Food Bank during the second quarter of school. A total of 854 pantry items

were donated to the Woodburn Food Bank by our students! WLS is blessed to be able to give to our community.

MORE THAN 9,000 DEER CHECKED DURING OHIO'S TWO-DAY GUN HUNTING SEASON

Ohio's hunters braved less than ideal weather conditions over the weekend and checked 9,228 white-tailed deer during Ohio's 2016 two-day deer-gun hunting season, December 17-18, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). During last year's two-day December deer-gun season, 9,447 deer were harvested.

Hunters still have opportunities to pursue deer this winter. Muzzleloader season is January 7-10, 2017, and archery season remains open through Sunday, February 5, 2017.

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

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OBITUARIES

CHRISTMAS GIVING @ VANTAGE

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits”
Psalm 103:1-2 NIV



Record-breaking haul! Vantage students, staff, and alumni raised over \$4,000 to buy toys for the local Toss A Toy project. It took 2 trucks to load them all!

ANTWERP, OH
Billie E. Winhover, 62 of Antwerp passed away at home on December 20, 2016. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

VAN WERT, OH:
Keith Robert Myers, age 55 died Friday, December 23, 2016.

He was born December 28, 1960 in Van Wert the son of the late Robert W. and Anita M. (McPike) Myers. On April 28, 2012 he married Robin L. Bendele. He was a self-employed farmer and was previously employed by Quality Farm Fleet as a supervisor and Eaton Corporation of Van Wert. He was a member of Kingsley United Methodist Church; Mercer FA&M Lodge #121 where he served as past master; he served Chapter #169 RAM; Delphos Council; Life Member Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Toledo; and Spencerville Chapter OES.

He is survived by his wife, Robin; and three faithful companion dogs, Bandit, Bengie and Baxter. Funeral services will be conducted 2:30 PM Wednesday, December 28 at Kingsley United Methodist Church, 15482 Mendon Road, Van Wert, Ohio. Burial will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Ohio City, Ohio.

Visitation will be 9:30 AM until time of services on Wednesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to McPike/Myers Scholarship Fund c/o Robin Myers or the church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherder-fh.com

Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is handling arrangements.

It's not just about what is taught in the classroom. "Life" lessons are a huge part of what Vantage stands for and does throughout the year, and especially at Christmastime. Here are just a few examples to warm your heart on these cold days...
 There will be lots of smiles on the faces of local children because of the Vantage students and staff. Everyone pulled together to make sure children from 530 local families would have a merrier Christmas through the local Toss A Toy collection. Fundraisers, including Jeans days, an ugly Christmas sweater contest, program donations,

buy-a-colorful-hair extension sale, and a change stall, raised over \$3,500. Alumnus Nathan Zuber added nearly \$600 from scrap metal donations for a record-breaking \$4,100 raised for Toss A Toy! Mrs. Amy Grothouse and her VCC classes shopped for the toys in spite of frigid temperatures and a 2 hour delay. "I once told my elves that my dream is to fill this stage full of toys for children... today they made my dream come true!!"

Added to the packages of toys were 88 handmade wooden cars, trucks, and tractors lovingly made by students in the Building and

later. After six months, the balloons are deflated and gently removed. The dual intragastric balloon helps patients feel fuller with less food and it naturally reduces the amount of food consumed.

For 12 months, patients receive personalized coaching primarily from a registered dietitian to help maintain a healthy lifestyle through monthly appointments. Included in the follow-up is education on healthy eating and fitness, as well as establishing and maintaining positive habits for optimal results. Patients receive an activity tracker, a scale, a food portion plate and 24/7 access to an online portal to track progress.

Patient criteria to receive the procedure include body mass index between 30 and 40 with a co-morbidity and no previous weight loss surgery. Equally as important is having patients who are willing to make changes to support a healthier lifestyle.

The dual balloon approach contours to the shape of the stomach better than a single balloon and it holds more saline than the single approach. In addition, having more than one balloon increases the safety of the device. In the rare event that one balloon deflates, the second balloon will prevent the device from passing into the intestines.

The dual intragastric balloon provides an option for overweight people who may experience difficulty with maintaining weight loss, but they do not qualify for surgery or they want an alternative to surgical options.

At this time, the dual intragastric balloon procedure is considered an elective procedure, therefore, it is not covered by insurance.

ReShape Medical Inc. developed the first and only gastric balloon of this kind which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The dual

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TAKES STEPS TO PROTECT WATERSHED OF THE BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE WILDERNESS AREA

The U.S. Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture today announced important steps to protect the watershed of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), a spectacular area in northeastern Minnesota comprised of more than a million acres of lakes and forests.

Citing broad concerns from thousands of public comments and input about potential impacts of mining on the wilderness area's watershed, fish and wildlife, and the nearly \$45 million recreation economy, the agencies today took actions that denied an application for renew-

PAULDING STUDENT COUNCIL VISIT SERVE CHRISTMAS DINNER



The Paulding Elementary Student Council had a delightful time serving a Christmas dinner to those who attended at the Senior Center on Friday, Dec. 16th. The Student Council members also shared some Christmas stories and sang Christmas carols. Shown are Sarah Wong and Sarah Lewis as they serve some of the ladies at the Senior Center.

PAULDING STUDENT COUNCIL HOLD HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE



Paulding Elementary Student Council held a glove and hat drive for the younger elementary students in their building who may be in need this winter. Shown sorting through some of their supply is fifth grade students: Tytus Manz, Casey Agler, Lathan Schneider, Kaidyn Bleeke, with Dillon Shough standing in the back.

LUTHERAN WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CENTER OFFERS NEW OPTION FOR SUBSTANTIAL WEIGHT LOSS WITHOUT SURGERY

The Lutheran Weight Management Center now offers a simpler, nonsurgical way to help achieve and maintain significant weight loss using a dual intragastric balloon. The procedure involves inserting two connected balloons into the patient's stomach using an endoscope and filling the balloons with saline to reduce the capacity of the stomach.

This outpatient procedure marks the beginning of a lifestyle change for the patient,' said David Lippie, MD, Lutheran Medical Group. The dual intragastric balloon enables patients to better-manage portions, which helps them establish a healthier new normal. Our team of dietitians and associates support patients for an entire year to ensure success.'

The procedure itself takes 20 to 30 minutes under sedation to complete; then patients are typically discharged an hour or two

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al of two hard rock mineral leases in the area, as well as initiated steps to withdraw key portions of the watershed from new mineral permits and leases.

"The Boundary Waters is a natural treasure, special to the 150,000 who canoe, fish, and recreate there each year, and is the economic life blood to local business that depend on a pristine natural resource," said Secretary Vilsack. "I have asked Interior to take a time out, conduct a careful environmental analysis and engage the public on whether future mining should be authorized on any federal land next door to the Boundary Waters."

It was in recognition of its irreplaceable resources that Congress set aside the Boundary Waters more than 50 years ago. Today, more than 150,000 annual visitors help drive the local economy through tourism and outdoor recreation.

"There's a reason that the Boundary Waters is one of the most visited wilderness area in America: it's an incredible place," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. "Today's best available science is helping us understand the value of the land and water and potential impacts of development in places like the Boundary Waters. This is the right action to take to avoid irrevocably damaging this watershed and its recreation-based economy, while also taking the time and space to review whether to further protect the area from all new mining."

As the surface management agency, the Agriculture Department's U.S. Forest Service has issued a decision withholding consent to the renewal of two mineral leases located on lands near the wilderness area within the Superior National Forest in northern Minnesota. As a result of that decision, the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the agency managing the mineral deposits, is subsequently rejecting the renewal application, which was submitted by Twin Metals Minnesota in 2012.

BIG BOY'S TOY'S CAR CLUB

Big Boy's Toy's Car Club meeting January 5th at the Bears Den at 6:30 in Antwerp across from the Antwerp Bank. Any one interested in joining come on in. You don't have to have a car to join the club. Everyone welcome.

DAR MEETS AT HISTORIC BASS MANSION

Part 1 The Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter (Ft. Wayne, Indiana) of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met Dec. 10, 2016 at the "Brookside Mansion", 2701 Spring St. Ft. Wayne, Ind, for an "English High Tea". "Brookside Mansion" was formerly known as the "Bass Mansion" It was the summer cottage in Ft. Wayne built by John Henry Bass (b.1835-d.1922) in 1889. He was b. in Salem, Ky. And when he came to live here in the area this was his country home (also having one further downtown in Ft. Wayne). A stream was dammed up to create a Mirror Lake on all the sides of the house, therefore it was called, "Brookside". In 1902 a gas explosion ignited a fire, leaving only a portion of the house standing. He then had it rebuilt in stone, concrete, and steel. Architects were Wing and Mahurin. The interior was redone by Mandel Brothers, a Chicago decorating company, which cost approx. \$82,000 which was about what the cost of the building was. His wife and family lived here also. He had a daughter (who was m. to a Dr. and she had children).

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration bought the home and 65 acres from the Bass family in 1944. They moved what was then St. Francis College from Lafayette, Ind. To Ft. Wayne. The mansion later served as the college library until the Univ. opened another library in Aug. 2006.

The Mansion was beautifully decorated on Dec. 10 with over 25 Christmas trees in the many period rooms for observation by the visitors. Mr. Bass's family pictures, office, informal furniture and formal dining room, reception area and numerous paintings were on display. He had raised Clydesdale Horses and hybrid cattle at this property.

The DAR had their meeting in the upstairs ballroom that was beautifully deco-

rated with a huge Christmas tree and music was being played throughout the building. The flooring, woven wall coverings, light fixtures, hardware, mosaic flooring, murals, and decorative plaster and many pieces of furniture left in place were beautifully displayed and restored. It was and is a place of character and grandeur. It is hopeful that the community of Ft. Wayne will always appreciate it and keep it as it is.

Part 2

The Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter (Ft. Wayne, Indiana) of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. At the "Brookside Mansion", 2701 Spring St., Ft. Wayne, Indiana, for an "English High Tea" and "Program by Sister Elise - "CHRISTMAS AT BROOKSIDE". (Tea) ATONES, CANDIES, and tea sandwiches were also served. Today's DAR meeting was brought to order by the DAR Regent, Barbara Harris. Patriotic Exercises included the opening prayer by the Chaplain, the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America, the American's Creed, and singing of the National Anthem.

Officers give their reports. The National Defense Report was given as well as the Veteran's Patient's Report.

The next meeting will be Friday, January 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen Co. Public Library — Theater. The Program will be DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Awards. No further business. Meeting adjourned. (All the guests were welcomed to visit all the period rooms that were open after the business meeting was over).

Are you a descendent of a Revolutionary Patriot? Would you like to know more about the Daughters of the American Revolution? If so, you may contact: Benita Steyer at 260-241-8284 or Caroline Zimmerman at 419-258-2222.

-Respectfully Submitted by Caroline Zimmerman

WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12/21/16

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on

Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the Van Wert ESC office. Board President Mr. Ron Treece welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. Treasurer Kim Jones reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

Superintendent Brian Gerber updated the Board on Legislative Issues, Personnel items, and ESC activities. Mr. Gerber addressed the Board about the proposed Biennial Executive Budget that is slated to be released sometime in January. "Governor Kasich has been voicing his concerns about the perceived economic slowdown affecting Ohio. He continues to warn that the next biennial budget (FY18 and FY19) will be tight. His comments have been well publicized in the media this past month. I am completely in favor of accountability and lean budgets. Since becoming the Superintendent at an ESC, lean budgets are traditionally common. I respect agencies that operate with lean budgets while maximizing service to their clients. That's the bottom line at Western Buckeye ESC. We maximize superior high quality services to our partner schools while operating within an extremely lean budget. However, Governor Kasich never mentions the 2 billion dollars sitting in the "rainy day fund." If the economic slowdown is going to create a tight budget according to our Governor, then the 2 billion dollars sitting in the rainy day fund should be considered in helping relieve some of the pressure from tax revenues that have been softer than earlier projected."

Consent Items - WBESC

A. Motion to approve renewed membership with Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) for 2017, at a cost of \$2627.00 and subscribe to the Electronic Copy of OSBA Briefcase at no additional charge.

B. Motion to approve renewed membership with Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) for 2017, at a cost of \$250.00 renewed membership with OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for 2017 and a cost of \$250.00

C. Motion to approve revised FMLA leave for Rosanah Foster, returning work January 3, 2017.

D. Motion to approve NEOLA policies as presented.

E. Motion to set the Organization Meeting for January 18th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Paulding Office with the Regular January meeting to follow, and appoint Ron Treece as President Pro-Term for the Organizational meeting.

F. Motion to approve the Reduction in Force, for the one-on-one Paraprofessional position of Virginia Crisp, effective December 21, 2016, per board policy 4131.

The December 21, 2016 Board meeting adjourned with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Paulding ESC office.

HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT SCHIZOPHRENIA?

(NAPSI)—Schizophrenia is a chronic, debilitating mental illness affecting approximately 1.1 percent of American adults and more than 21 million people worldwide.^{1,2} One of the most significant aspects of the disease is that it is not easily or efficiently diagnosed, and the illness may go undiagnosed—and therefore untreated—after the onset of the first symptoms.³ There is a palpable, sometimes debilitating prejudice associated with schizophrenia, which sometimes interferes with people's willingness to talk about and get treatment for the disorder.⁴ Having a better understanding of the disease—both what it is and what it isn't—could help to address misconceptions.

How much do you really know about schizophrenia? Read further to find out.

True or false? Doctors, patients and families historically viewed schizophrenia, one of the most devastating mental illnesses, as the result of bad parenting.

TRUE. Believe it or not, historically, this was the thinking.⁵ Today, we know that this is not the case, and we know that there are many factors involved with a person's risk for developing schizophrenia. Although there is still much to learn, researchers have identified a number of genes that may contribute an increased risk of schizophrenia and are closer than ever to understanding how they may impact brain development and function in the disease.^{5,6} Additionally, there are a number of environmental factors that can be involved, including the interaction between genes and aspects of an individual's environment, exposure to viruses or malnutrition before birth and other, not yet known, psychosocial factors.⁶

True or false? Men and women tend to develop schizophrenia at the same age.

FALSE. In most cases, the first psychotic episode tends to occur between the late teens and the mid-30s. However, men tend to develop schizophrenia slightly earlier, in their early- to mid-20s, while most females develop symptoms in their late 20s.⁷

True or false? The signs and symptoms of schizophrenia vary from person to person.

TRUE. Although symptoms differ in type and severity among individuals, schizophrenia typically interferes with a person's ability to think clearly, manage emotions, make decisions and relate to others.⁸

Initial signs may include isolating oneself, sleep problems and irritability.⁹ Some individuals with schizophrenia experience hallucinations, the most common of which are "voices" that may influence their actions or seeing people or objects that are not there. However, a person with schizophrenia can experience a combination of symptoms—sometimes severe, other times hardly noticeable—that typically fall into three broad categories: positive symptoms (psychotic symptoms such as hallucinations and delusions), negative symptoms (disruptions in normal emotions and lack of motivation) and cognitive symptoms (changes in memory or other aspects of thinking).⁷

True or false? People with schizophrenia always exhibit violent behavior.

FALSE. Most individuals with schizophrenia are not violent. The sad reality is that people with schizophrenia are much more likely to harm themselves than others, as suicidal thoughts and behaviors are very common among people with schizophrenia. Comorbidities, such as substance abuse, may also increase the chance a person will become

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY VISITS VANCREST



On Tuesday, December 20th, first graders at Antwerp Elementary School visited Vancrest of Antwerp to carol to the residents and deliver Christmas presents, handmade no-slip socks. Here, Elise Meyer hands a pair to her friend Betty.

violent. Both risk of violence to others and to the individuals with schizophrenia is greatest when the condition goes untreated and has been seen to decrease when treatment is in place.⁴

True or false? Because the causes of schizophrenia are still unknown, treatments focus on improving the symptoms of the disease.

TRUE. There is no cure for schizophrenia, but it can be managed in several ways, including antipsychotic medications, which are available in pill or liquid form taken daily or as an injection that provides patients with medication that remains in the body for an extended period of time. Additional forms of treatment include psychotherapy, such as cognitive behavioral therapy and supportive therapy, as well as self-management strategies and education.¹⁰

True or false? Many people with schizophrenia experience improved symptoms with a combination of medication and psychosocial support.

TRUE. Through a combination of the effective treatment

options currently available, continued research and understanding in genetics, neuroscience and behavioral sciences, the outlook for individuals with schizophrenia continues to improve. For example, initiatives such as the NIMH Recovery after an Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) research project, which seeks to fundamentally change the prognosis of schizophrenia through coordinated treatment in the earliest stages of the disorder, also promise to further improve the prognosis for people diagnosed with the disease.⁴

Although navigating the course of diagnosis and treatment for schizophrenia can be challenging, knowing the early warning signs increases the chances of diagnosis and coordinated specialty care treatment in the earliest stages of the condition. Individuals with schizophrenia can lead productive, independent lives. For more information regarding schizophrenia and the treatment options available, visit www.mentalhealthamerica.net/medication.

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Sports Foundation's Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation publication.

Find more information about deer hunting in the Ohio 2016-2017 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildohio.gov. An updated deer harvest report is posted online each Wednesday at wildohio.gov/deerharvest.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

Editor's Note: A list of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters using firearms during the 2016 two-day deer-gun hunting season is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2016, and the 2015 numbers are in parentheses.

Adams: 138 (209); Allen: 60 (21); Ashland: 138 (142); Ashtabula: 422 (305); Athens: 174 (212); Auglaize: 35 (38); Belmont: 226 (216); Brown: 124 (162); Butler: 29 (51); Carroll: 184 (211); Champaign: 39 (41); Clark: 24 (21); Clermont: 85 (95); Clinton: 36 (37); Columbiana: 194 (196); Coshocton: 210 (349); Crawford: 57 (59); Cuyahoga: 3 (1); Darke: 19 (19); Defiance: 118 (74); Delaware: 52 (60);

Erie: 44 (21); Fairfield: 89 (85); Fayette: 17 (10); Franklin: 23 (24); Fulton: 56 (16); Gallia: 139 (165); Geauga: 105 (77); Greene: 35 (21); Guernsey: 302 (263); Hamilton: 29 (21); Hancock: 58 (34); Hardin: 53 (53); Harrison: 193 (228); Henry: 41 (25); Highland: 121 (147); Hocking: 153 (203); Holmes: 118 (209); Huron: 162 (107); Jackson: 149 (194); Jefferson: 168 (169); Knox: 146 (236); Lake: 32 (21); Lawrence: 113 (147); Licking: 195 (236); Logan: 60 (86); Lorain: 169 (98); Lucas: 27 (10); Madison: 18 (26); Mahoning: 131 (107); Marion: 43 (55); Medina: 147 (83); Meigs: 188 (229); Mercer: 32 (18); Miami: 26 (37); Monroe: 156 (156); Montgomery: 16 (14); Morgan: 146 (181); Morrow: 70 (71); Muskingum: 256 (284); Noble: 138 (202); Ottawa: 31 (7); Paulding: 64 (34); Perry: 173 (181); Pickaway: 42 (38); Pike: 104 (140); Portage: 136 (88); Preble: 50 (29); Putnam: 45 (19); Richland: 164 (150); Ross: 146 (185); Sandusky: 66 (29); Scioto: 137 (164); Seneca: 100 (84); Shelby: 44 (31); Stark: 153 (124); Summit: 41 (26); Trumbull: 266 (166); Tuscarawas: 260 (296); Union: 28 (32); Van Wert: 24 (15); Vinton: 125 (201); Warren: 42 (44); Washington: 140 (210); Wayne: 92 (109); Williams: 127 (51); Wood: 37 (31); Wyandot: 60 (72); Total: 9,228 (9,447).

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UNTIL US A CHILD IS BORN

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’ ... When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.” Matthew 1:18-21, 24 (NIV).

Joseph and Mary were in a period of betrothal, contracted to one another, but not actually married. They did not live together. Joseph knew he had held up his end of the bargain, remaining faithful to his intended bride. But the gradual thickening of Mary’s abdomen told a different tale. It appeared, to him and to everyone in their community, that Mary had been unfaithful.

Mary’s situation was desperate. According to the law of Israel, Mary could have been stoned to death for adultery. All it would have taken was a public denunciation by Joseph. The news of her pregnancy meant he held power of life or death over her, but Joseph was a righteous man. That means his ideal was justice tempered with mercy. He would have found no joy at the sight of Mary’s blood on the cobblestones, only an abiding horror. And so, he resolved to do the truly righteous thing, the kind thing. He would “divorce her quietly.” No public denunciation in the synagogue.

Then in a dream, an angel told Joseph that Mary’s condition was not caused by a man, but through the Holy Spirit. The child Mary carried in her womb was a unique child, for He would be a Son whom Joseph should name Jesus for He would save His people from their sins. The unnamed angel also told Joseph that this was in keeping with God’s eternal plan, for the Prophet Isaiah had declared 700 years before that the virgin will be with child.

God chose two very special people to be the par-

ents of Jesus; Mary to be his mother and Joseph to be his step-father and protector, it is because of them that we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas. They are an integral part of the Christmas story along with the angels who announce His birth and the shepherds, and wise men that came to see Him.

For the sake of his beloved Mary and the child in her womb, Joseph accepted Mary as his wife. Because he did, the world received the greatest Christmas present ever given.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. 1st John 3:8; He who sins is of the _____. The Devil has sinned from the _____.
2. 1st John 3:8; What is the meaning of the word destroy?
3. Discussion: What are the consequences of sin?
4. Discussion: What is sin?
5. Discussion: Sin is to _____ oneself rather than _____ God.
6. Discussion: What does sin do?
7. Discussion: To sin is to give oneself to do what Jesus came into the world to _____?
8. 1st John 3:8; Why is sin in the world?
9. 1st John 3:8; How was sin conquered?
10. 1st John 3:9; What does “Whoever is born of God does not sin” mean?

Comments, questions, need a little help in your Bible study, let us know. Just call James Potter 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also there is Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022. Jesus loves all of you and would like for you to be a part of His family in a church of Christ near you.

Answers to today’s questions.

1. Devil, beginning; 2. Abolish; 3. Pain, sorrow, misery, and death; 4. Deliberate law breaking; 5. Please, obey; 6. It undoes the work of Christ; 7. abolish; 8. Selfishness against God and Christ; 9. Through Christ death and resurrection; 10. Does not continue a life of sin as he did before.

Today, let’s see what “know God’s word” is about. Loved ones, according to studies, it takes 70 hrs. And 40 minutes to read the Bible (about 52 hours to read the Old Testament and 18 hours to read the New Testament). At the rate of an hour a day it takes a mere two months and ten days to read the entire Bible.

The Bible tells us of our origin, our purpose for being on this earth, and of our eternal destiny. God’s word plainly, concisely and

boldly declares the desire of our heavenly Father to be saved in heaven after our life on this earth, but informs us that only those who completely obey Him will be saved. We learn the way to heaven in the New Testament. Loved ones, do you really have some better way to spend your time than with the written word of God. Think about it, heaven is a wonderful place. Hell is a horrible place. “Ol Baldy” says bye for now, but please do all that is possible to make heaven your home by praying, reading and studying the Bible. “Luv Ya!”

EXTRATERRESTRIAL LANDINGS DISCUSSED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

The likelihood of alien landings will be explored at Lifetree Café Thursday, December 29th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program - titled “The Aliens Are Coming: What If It’s True?” - features filmed interviews with UFO researcher Stanton Friedman and Mutual UFO Network director Clifford Clift.

“We pursue the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity,” Clift says. “We have about 800 trained field investigators worldwide helping investigate sighting reports that come to us.”

During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss their belief or lack of belief in extraterrestrial life.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at the Bachwell Center, 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert. Please park behind the courthouse and enter on Court Street. Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about 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.

January 5th topic: “Be Yourself - Everyone Else Is Taken”

NIPSCO DONATES \$5,000 TO ASSOCIATED CHURCHES NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD NETWORK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) donated \$5,000 to the Neighborhood Food Network on December 16, 2016. Associated Churches Neighborhood Food Network will use the money to supply 26 food pantries with non-perishable items, dispersed around Fort Wayne and Allen County to help feed over 30,000 families per month.

“As the holidays approached, the donation from NIPSCO continued to provide families with reassurance and hope,” said Steve Staley, Director of Development at Associated Churches. “The gift from NIPSCO this holiday season is one that will reach to all corners of Fort Wayne and Allen County, filling our food banks this Christmas and into the New Year.”

Food pantry attendance

increases seasonally. During the holidays, more people need assistance with food. The Neighborhood Food Network requires extra support to provide families with meals.

“At NIPSCO, we’re proud to help support the Neighborhood Food Network’s efforts to feed Allen County families,” said NIPSCO public affairs manager Dana Berkes. “NIPSCO employees are engaged in supporting many service organizations throughout the year and finding ways to help with hunger relief in our community continues to be a top priority for us.”

Associated Churches Neighborhood Food Network provides families with an emergency supply of food for free. Families may receive food once a month for their entire family. Those in need of food must go to their designated food bank near their residence and present proof of residency and identification. To find a food pantry in your neighborhood, please call the Associated Churches office at 260-422-3528.

Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County was founded in 1944 and includes 135 churches as members. Its primary ministries include the Neighborhood Food Network, A Baby’s Closet, Rising Stars, and Military Families. For more information, visit www.AssociatedChurches.org.

ANTWERP JH BASKETBALL RESULTS

JH boys basketball traveled to Tinora on Monday, December 19. In 8th grade action the Archers lost 28-42. Leading scorers for the Archers were Austin Lichty with 12, Jordan Buerkle and Owen Sheedy with 6 each and Dylan Hines with 4 points. Their record moves to 2-2 on the season.

8th grade boys moved to 3-2 on the season with a 42-23 victory over Woodlan on Tuesday, December 20. Leading scorers for the 8th grade blue and white were Austin Lichty with 14, Dylan Hines with 9 while Ryan VanVlerah and Owen Sheedy each bucketed 6, also scoring for the Archers were Eric Thornell, Hunter Grant and Jordan Buerkle each with 2 and Johnathon Buehrer scored 1.

The JH boys basketball team will be back in action in 2017 when they travel to Fairview on Jan. 9

ODOT SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROJECTS

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Executive Order 11988, is seeking public comments regarding the following proposed projects:

Defiance County
Ohio 15 (Clinton Street Bridge) (PID: 96605) - The proposed project to replace the Clinton Street bridge in downtown Defiance is located within the regulated floodplain of the Maumee

WCCH RECEIVES DONATION



Rose Nahrwold, Secretary of the Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Association presents a check to Joe Heins, Director & Manager of the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home, located at 24902 Notestine Road. The donation of \$461.50 was from the MVAS & GA Christmas Dinner & White Elephant auction held December 5th at the Woodburn Community Center.

River. Impacts to the floodplain are anticipated to be minor and result in no rise in localized flood levels. Construction for this project is scheduled to occur in 2019.

A statement of findings detailing the results of the final floodplain analysis, along with other information about this project can be found at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Projects/defiance15/Pages/default.aspx>

More information on ODOT projects can be found here: www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Projects

Written comments regarding the project(s) may be sent to: Ohio Department of Transportation District 1, Attn: Nate Tessler, 1885 N. McCullough Street, Lima, Ohio 45801; or to nate.tessler@dot.ohio.gov

Please provide comments within 15 days from the day

this was published. To help expedite a response, please provide the project name and PID number provided above as well as contact information. Comments without contact information cannot be responded to.

Project-related issues the public may wish to comment on include, but are not limited to, historic or cultural resources, ecological resources, and environmental justice issues.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for these projects are being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm wondering if the person doing the investigation of the clearing of the new safeway sidewalks performed those duties in a vehicle, traveling down East Canal street, one of the main roads to the school? I'm wondering if they got to experience the bumpy, rutty, icy drive... all the way down East Canal Street, one of the main roads to the school? I'm wondering how their experience was when they had to maneuver that icy S curve at the start of their investigation down East Canal Street? I'm wondering what their experience was as they approached the 4-way stop at East Canal Street and Kroos/Waterplant Drive? I'm wondering if they were able to stop at the stop sign, or did they slide on thru it? Expect that, every year it's a sheet of ice, which is unfortunate since this is one of the student's crossover locations to continue on to the safeway sidewalk. In my eyes, that sidewalk loses its meaning when a car could slide off the icy road and hit you. I'm wondering if they continued on to the 4-way stop at East Canal Street and Harrmann Road. Same story here....could they stop? Did they know this too is a student crossover location? East Canal Street, one of the main roads to the school, is one of the very few roads in this town that is NOT surrounded by flat land. You slide off of it, it's not an easy fix. But maybe you, a student, a parent, may get (un)lucky and be forced to run into an oncoming vehicle rather than nose dive off the side. Evidently East Canal Street, traveled by many students and parents delivering their children to school, does not fit in the 'safeway' category. Sorry for you people making that unnerving drive, but that handful of students that may use that new safeway sidewalk this winter, obviously get higher priority. Their walks WILL be cleared. They will have traction. I wish I could turn the tables and demand removal of the snow for you on that main street to the school, or any street in this town. I wish I could ask that taxes I pay to this community be used to make this town's streets safer in the winter months for the students, the parents, everyone in the com-

munity. So students, parents, even those commuting in from other schools for winter sports activities, I pray for you to have safe travels, especially down East Canal Street, one of the main roads (and one of the un-safest roads) to the school.

-Joni Berenyi, Antwerp, OH

WAYNE TRACE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12/12/16

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on December 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace Local High School Lecture Room

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Kevin Wilson.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Hearing of the Public

A hearing of the public was conducted by Board President for the purpose of gathering public input concerning the 2017-2018 school calendar.

There was no one present concerning the calendar. The calendar will be available for review for 60 days and then will be adopted by the Board of Education during its regular February 2017 board meeting.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public

Guests: Owen Brigner, representative from the Paulding Progress

Eric Baltzell, Garmann Miller Architects Engineers

Mr. Baltzell spoke to the board on the scope of Garmann Miller's proposal for site planning at the High School, Grover Hill, and Payne facilities.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis reviewed the Treasurer report for December. Discussion was on the Munis project, transfer of funds from general fund to the permanent improvement fund, cell phone and internet service, and the Department of Labor overtime rule that has been delayed.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Dick Swary

A. to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 board meeting;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for November 2016 as presented by the Treasurer;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for November 2016;

D. to approve the transfer of \$400,000. from the general fund 001 to the permanent improvement fund 003. This represents a transfer of income tax monies received so far for FY17.

E. to establish January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Lecture Room as the date, time, and place of the 2017 Organizational meeting and to appoint Mr. Pat Baumle as President Pro-Tem at the January 5, 2017 Organizational Meeting until such time that a president of the Board is elected that evening; once all the officers have been elected and sworn in, the regular meeting will proceed, with the newly elected president presiding. (Note: The organizational meeting must take place within the first 15 days of January.)

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

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

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

Report of the Building Principals

Committee Reports - There were no committee reports

Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum

grade some of our computers that are being used by our Jr/Sr High Students daily with our 1 to 1 program. We are looking to purchase some new computers for this program and are currently exploring the best options.

Professional Development for 2017-2018: We have begun discussions about what the PD schedule may look like for next year. At this time, we plan to use a similar model as the 2016-2017 school year with two full-day in-services and about seven two-hour-delay in-services. You will note these dates on the proposed calendar.

B. Personnel

We had several supplemental resignations (consent items A, B, and C).

Consent items D, E, F, and G represent our recommendations for open supplemental positions.

C. Buildings and Grounds

I am asking for your formal approval to work with Garmann-Miller on our site planning for all three campuses (consent item H).

Work has been completed to fix a broken water line that is connected to the heating/cooling system at the Wayne Trace Payne building in the auditorium. Thanks to Bill Childs and Deb Simmerman for putting in some extra time to assist in clean up following the water line break.

D. Events

Christmas Concerts: Congratulations to our staff and students for several nice events at all three buildings (consent item I).

Senior Citizen Luncheon: Many thanks to everyone who made this another nice event (consent item J).

Congratulations to our JH/HS spelling bee (consent item K) and geography bee (consent item L) winners this year. The elementary spelling bees are coming up soon.

NHS and NTHS Inductees:

We extend congratulations to this year's inductees and thanks to the advisor for a nice ceremony (consent item M).

E. Operations

Enrollment currently stands at 977 students in grades PK-12.

We have currently missed 21.84 weather-related calamity hours. The magic number is 52.5 hours before we start making up days. At this time a year ago, we had missed 17.5 hours.

School Calendar for 2017-2018: A copy of what I am proposing is attached. We cannot approve the calendar until we've had a public hearing and waited at least thirty days. I plan to have the public hearing prior to this meeting.

Consent item N represents our need to update a few of our school policies due to changes in state/federal law and recommendations from our NEOLA representative. A copy of these policies is attached.

Appoint a Board Member as President Pro Tem for the January 2017 Organizational Meeting (Treasurer's consent item E).

I. Consent Agenda Items

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following

consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Perry Sinn

Seconded by: Mrs. Lisa McClure

A. to accept the resignation of Dawn Wright, effective November 18, 2016, as Girls Faculty Manager and part time Boys Faculty Manager;

B. to accept the resignation of Jeanne Gribble as Junior Class Concessions Manager at the end of the 2016 - 2017 school year;

C. to accept the resignation of Susie Johnson as Boys Ticket Manager at the end of the 2016 - 2017 basketball season;

D. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to offer a one-year supplemental contract for JV Baseball for the 2016 - 2017 school year to the Corbin Vance;

E. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to offer the remaining portion of the 35% supplemental for Boys Faculty Manger for the 2016 - 2017 school year to Ann Olwin;

F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to offer the remaining portion of the supplemental for Girls Faculty Manager for the 2016 - 2017 school year to Ryne Jerome;

G. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following as volunteer coaches for the 2016 - 2017 school year: Mike Forrer - Baseball; Adam Miller - Baseball; Jeff Morman - Baseball

H. to give approval to the Superintendent to begin working with Garmann-Miller Architects on development of a site plan for the three campuses;

I. to commend music teachers Miss Sharon Spinner, Mrs. Ann Wieland, Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell, and Mrs. Joni Wenninger for coordinating and directing outstanding Christmas programs at their respective buildings;

J. to commend Mrs. Karen Wagonrod for coordinating this year's Senior Citizens luncheon. Also, to commend Mrs. Susie Johnson; Mrs. Rose Ann Hall and JH/HS cafeteria staff; Miss Sharon Spinner, Mrs. Joni Wenninger, the music department; and NHS and FFA students for their important roles in making this a nice event;

K. to commend junior high student Faith Meraz for winning this year's JH spelling bee;

L. to commend junior high student Jeremiah Molitor for winning this year's JH geography bee;

M. to commend the newest members of the Wayne Trace National Honor Society and Vantage Career Center National Technical Honor Society. New NHS members include Connor Baumle, Joel Johnson, Kalin Gerber, Gracie Gudakunst, Lily Sinn, Sara Sinn, Erica Mohr, Megan Moore, and Leah Maassel. Our new NTHS members are Julie Holbrooks, Nathan Klima, and Daniel Sinn. Thanks also to NHS advisor Miss Joni Klopfenstein for coordinating a nice induction ceremony;

HORIZON BANK AWARDS DONATION TO HARLAN CHRISTIAN YOUTH CENTER



(left to right) Mark Roemke, Horizon Bank Agriculture Advisory Member; Debi Knoblauch, Director Harlan Christian Youth Center; Larry Kummer, Market President NE Indiana - Horizon Bank; Lori Andrews, Branch Manager Woodburn Office - Horizon Bank; Eric Aschleman, AVP Agricultural Loan Officer - Horizon Bank

Horizon Bank is pleased to announce the recent donation in the amount of \$2,500 to the Harlan Christian Youth Center in Harlan Indiana, located in Allen County.

The grant, in the amount of \$2,500, was presented to Harlan Christian Youth Center Director Debi Knoblauch on November 9th by Larry Kummer, Market President for Northeast Indiana. On hand for the presentation was Eric Aschleman, Agricultural Loan Officer and Lori Andrews, Branch Manager of our Woodburn Office. Funds will provide support for children's supplies and help aid in activities throughout the year.

"After touring the Harlan Christian Center, you understand how important the community volunteers are to the young people in eastern Allen County. They help children with tutoring, as well as build positive social skills all within a Christian environment. We are very proud to support these programs and believe these activities provide positive character building foundations for our youth," stated Kummer.

N. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and NE-OLA representative, to modify several school board policies to reflect changes in state and federal laws.

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

Roll call vote: Mr. Perry Sinn, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Pat

About Harlan Christian Youth Center

The Harlan Christian Youth Center is a community Christian organization that offers programs to all children at no charge, so that they can participate in the programs and activities without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Their goal is to provide an environment and programs that can help every child become a responsible and productive member of society. Learn more at www.hcyc.org.

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Baumle, Mr. Duane Sinn, and Mr. Dick Swary, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business - No new business

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Duane Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Dick Swary to adjourn meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Lecture Room.

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LOOKING BACK ON 2016

By: Stan Jordan

As I sit here at my desk and look out across Main Street here in Antwerp, with all of the snow laying around and the mercury plunging down to zero, this is the first bitterly cold snap of the winter, and I am already tired of winter. We had such a nice fall, I guess I got accustomed to that kind of weather and I sure do miss it.

Lets look back over the year 2016 and reflect on it a little.

We had that disastrous fire at Bragg's River Street Market. Thank goodness no one was hurt that night. All that area has been cleaned up and maybe some other business will start there.

We had all the usual action and fun days like the Rib Fest, the Big Boy\$ Toy\$, the Day in the Park, all the yard sales and the like.

All the repairs and the remodeling at the high school and football field, lights, bleachers and other changes.

We suffered through the truckus called an election, but we returned our sheriff and voted to have our county jail. I'm sure that was the way right way to go.

The tennis court was repaired by the Rotary Club. The A.C.D.C. made us a marina on the Maumee east of the park.

Our local eagle's nest was blown down by a nasty wind storm. We all feel badly about that.

The kids had fine weather for the Halloween celebration, the parade and all.

Our folks had the usual frenzy of Christmas shopping and buying and what not to buy.

Here at the West Bend News we had our own type of excitement and care. Our graphic designer, Sarah, had a fine baby boy and all is fine. Our machine operator, Jarrison, and Kim were married. Our delivery man, Jerry Grimes, had a bad accident but he is doing okay now.

See ya!

O.S. APPLIGATE 1844 TO 1910

By: Stan Jordan

In reading about the history of Antwerp, I have found the name of O.S. Applegate a few times in the records and I thought I would check up a little on that name.

Well his name is Oliver S. Applegate and he lived northwest of town mostly. I knew that Kenny Donat was a di-

rect descendant, so I talked to Kenny and Mary.

Oliver Applegate, I think was a great, great grandpa to Kenny. Oliver's daughter married a Donat and they named a son Oliver S. Donat, after her father. Well, this Oliver S. Donat, I knew him and he was a fine fellow and very active in the area northwest of Antwerp, but maybe more on him later. Right now, we are talking about Mr. Applegate.

Kenny told me that at sometime Mr. Applegate was a town constable.

During the 1800's, Oliver owned and operated a grocery store, where the Antwerp Hardware is now. In 1890 the post office was where the VFW now stands. It was moved over to where Oley's pizza now is and Mr. Applegate was the postmaster at that time.

Mr. Applegate and Worden Sperry used the two men in charge of blowing the Six Mile Reservoir in 1886. I understand that the total number of men who worked that night was over 200.

In looking over the list of men who helped blow the reservoir, I knew and remembered four of them. E.M. Sunday, Nick Harmann, Frank Lamb and H. Overmeyer.

Mr. Applegate was in charge of blowing the locks at junction. They warned all the people between Hutchins lock and junction to get out of the way of the high water as they were going to blow the Six Mile Reservoir at midnight and they did.

There must have been some terrible explosion of fifty and a one hundred pounds of dynamite. Then they blew Tate's Landing, then the banks and locks and some of the walls that held the water in.

Their battle cry was "The reservoir has to go" and it did. See ya!



STAN'S RAMBLINGS

By: Stan Jordan

The weekend of December 16th, 17th and 18th, we had snow, freezing rain, rain and anything that was bad. I stayed in the house from Friday afternoon until Monday around 8:00 a.m. I'm sure that the biggest share of people living in this area fared about the same.

I spent a lot of my idle time sitting at the kitchen table, drinking coffee and looking out the window at the weather and highway SR 49, and not much traffic and they were going slow, a good safe speed.

Then I got to thinking about the state of Ohio employees who drive those

snow plows, then the Paulding County boys who done a good job on the county road, and the township fellowS also do a fine job keeping our roads clean.

I made another pot of coffee and I got to thinking about other people who help us so much, sometimes we sort of take them for granted.

All the towns in this area are included here. We all have volunteer fire departments, we have fine EMS people, we have fine police departments and how about the people who do the Meals on Wheels? Or the town council and the other city officials.

Remember Pudge and the city employees when a water main breaks or the temperature is 4 below zero. The State Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Department are all there when you need them.

And on that day when you don't care to cook supper and you go to your favorite restaurant and that little waitress is always glad to see you, even though she has been on her feet all day.

How about a little diversion? It has been suggested to me to tell everyone to go and look at the decorated house at the end of Stone Street, that is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin. As I understand, it is well decorated inside and out. They have worked many hours and you are invited to come and see it.

See Ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 13: YELLOW FLOWER COMES TO THE AGENCY

By: Stan Jordan

We got back to the agency and everything is alright. We all rested the rest of the day out in the cook out area. We had fine deer steaks and biscuits. That really hit the spot.

This morning was Thursday and we were a little slow getting around. The soldier boys cleaned up all their gear and loaded the wagons for the trip back to Fort Kearney. They would have rather stayed and worked for us rather than going back to soldiering and I am glad for the help.

I wrote a letter to General Kearney and told him all that we did back here and at the Lakota Camp. I know that the tribe trusts us and are learning the white man's way and language.

I also asked the General if in the fall when cold weather comes could these four boys help with killing some buffalo and deer for the winter meat. Farmer would like to take that new plow and plow out all of the potato crop, ours and the Indians.

Callie made the boys some biscuits and deer meat for their supper along the road back to camp. It's going to be lonesome here for awhile.

Callie and I sat outdoors a lot and waited for the garden to grow. We made a lot of plans and talked about what we have already accomplished.

We love it here at the agency. Things are slow right now, Callie even had me carry her rocking chair out under the shade trees.

The garden is up pretty good now and we spend a lot of mornings working there. This is June 1852 and the days get pretty warm.

One of those times that Limping Buffalo and I talked around the fire, he liked to

tell me about another Lakota Tribe off to the northeast. He said about the same size as his tribe was. He said he knew they were farmers and hunters and loved to live in peace. But he said some Lakota tribes to the west liked the armed conflict and he hoped they would stay away.

He said his tribe didn't even have rifles, I guess I already knew that.

Boy, it ain't lonesome here anymore. A couple days ago a team and wagon came in from Lakota County. It contained four men and Limping Buffalo and three squaws to help work in the garden. Callie and I were sure glad for the help. We have plenty of tools and the Indians are a working bunch. They do know gardening.

Limping Buffalo and his squaw, Yellow Flower, spent a lot of time with us in the shade. This is the first time she ever visited the agency or was ever around us much.

But she wants to learn the language and our ways and anything else we can teach her. She laughs and says she wants to be smart like her husband, the Shaman. Yellow Flower said they had planned on staying a few days so maybe she could learn the language and figures.

Well, Callie said, "We will have class right after supper while the men talk and smoke."

One of the men wanted to attend these classes. He is Little Beaver, the son of Limping Buffalo and Yellow Flower. Little Beaver wants to learn all he can on all subjects because he wants to follow his father's footsteps and become a tribal Shaman.

Boy, this tickles all of us and we will help all we can. He is a bright young warrior and he will make a good Shaman, but it will take time and effort. He knows that and is ready to start. So, I started him right in on the Little Jim Dandy one burner oil stove. I showed him how it works and how to make coffee. He was excited right away on using the white man's tools.

One of the other natives was Half Moon, the main gardener from the Lakota Camp. He gave a pretty good report on the garden and what else he expected to do while he was here.

It was a warm night with a touch of rain in the air. We all talked until way late in the night. The natives all like the new coffee drink, but most put in a bit of sugar.

The school classes stopped at dark, but we all kept repeating the other fellow's work. I want to learn their language as much as they do mine.

See ya!

USDA INVESTS \$74 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE RURAL RENTAL HOUSING IN 2016 AS 20-YEAR PROGRAM ECLIPSES \$1 BILLION MARK

U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Housing Service Administrator Tony Hernandez today visited North Carolina to tour a USDA-funded rental complex and highlight two decades of USDA investments and partnerships to build and renovate affordable rural rental housing for families across the country.

USDA's investments in rural housing developments have provided more than

CHOCOLATE FAIR



Paulding Elementary fourth graders held a Chocolate Fair on Friday, December 16th. Each student was given an assignment to create a project using chocolate as one of the items used in their project. Shown is an igloo created by Lucas Beckman and a log cabin created by Alexis Ryan.

41,000 affordable rental units nationwide during the past 20 years. Just this year, USDA surpassed the \$1 billion milestone for investments through the Multi-Family Housing Loan Guarantee Program to create and preserve affordable rural rental housing. In Fiscal Year 2016 alone, USDA invested \$74 million to build and preserve 2,765 affordable rural rental apartments nationwide.

"USDA's multi-family housing program has provided loans and other assistance for affordable rural rental housing for two decades," Hernandez said. "Providing decent, safe and affordable homes like those I visited today promotes rural economic development and strengthens communities."

USDA helped finance Holly Woods at Sunset Lake apartments, a 64-unit complex in Holly Springs, through the Multi-Family Housing Loan Guarantee Program. The apartments provide much-needed affordable housing in Wake County, where nearly 30 percent of residents are renters who earn less than \$35,000 annually. The complex is near three major research universities and is part of a community where there is a high demand for affordable housing.

USDA-funded rental properties often are the only affordable option for hard-working families and retired individuals living in rural areas. USDA provides loan guarantees to state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations and federally-recognized tribes. Tenants' rent is generally 30 percent of an area's median income.

One of the developments USDA has funded is Dumosa Senior Village, a 75-unit apartment complex in Yucca

Valley, Calif. The complex, which opened in July 2015, is within walking distance to shopping, a post office, bank, senior center and other community services. USDA Rural Development's Multi-Family Housing Loan Guarantee Program was critical to the project's success, allowing it to leverage a \$1.5 million loan guarantee with funding from various other local, state and federal sources.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development (@USDARD) has helped more than 1.2 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 9,200 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; and invested more than \$14 billion to start or expand nearly 122,000 rural businesses. USDA also invested \$38.6 billion in 1,057 electric projects that have financed more than 198,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines serving 4.6 million rural residents; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

To learn more about USDA's investments in rural America and its successful turnaround, visit Rural America Is Back in Business on USDA's medium.com page.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Brittany Laney and Tyler Paige welcomed baby boy Myles Jack Paige, on December 19th. He weighed 10 lbs 4 oz and was 22 inches long. He has one sibling, Maddisyn Renee Paige.

Grandparents are: Gary and Nancy Laney of Antwerp, OH and Amy and Michael Paige of Van Wert, OH.

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Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool class recently held their annual Christmas program at the Gardens of Paulding. Parents, grandparents and residents all enjoyed the songs and fingerplays performed. Shown here from the left are: Quentin Jackman, Scarlett Neff, Alexandros Isidoro, Liam Burelison, Sawyer Hunt, Savannah Barnes, Carlie Lero, Braydon Rice, Austin VanEtten, Preslee Cline and Ashtyn Madden.

MEETING MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 12/5/16

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Officer Parker (in Chief Duhamell), as well as Councilman Watts, Gerig, Renner, Voirol, and Martin were in attendance. Chief Duhamell was not present.

Chief's Report: Officer Parker presented Council with department stats for the month of November. Discussion occurred among Council regarding writing tickets within the City.

Mayor's Report: At the last BOW meeting, Calvin Yates was appointed as a new full time officer as of January 1st, 2017. AEP was contacted about the pole right next to Feder's that is broke and needs to be replaced, as well as another outlet across the road that needs replaced.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Meeting minutes were presented from the meeting on November 21st. Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor.

Superintendent's Report: On Friday, there was a meeting with Commonwealth to discuss potential changes in the layout of the mechanical plant.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Watts mentioned that there are pylons out on 101, and he thinks that people could get hurt on them.

Paulding County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for 11/30/16.

Councilman Martin reminded the superintendent about taking the parking spot out by Pat and Larry's. The superintendent will begin on that in the near future.

Audience: Nothing to report. Councilman Renner moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/30/16

This 30th day of November, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Zartman.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS Warrants documented as 229321 through 229372 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holsberry to go into executive session at 8:02 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on November 30, 2016, Warrants numbered 229340 through 229370 in the amount of \$47,525.46; and

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

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW REVENUE LINE ITEM (FUND 001-031) WHEREAS, a new revenue line item must be created to accurately track reimbursements associated with Workers' Compensation Pre-Payments; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a revenue line item, to-wit; Revenue Line Items 001-031-10025 General Fund/Commissioners' Miscellaneous/Pre Pay Workers' Comp

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW EXPENSE LINE ITEM (FUND 001-001) Mr. Mark Holsberry moved to adopt the following resolution:

001-001-00014 General Fund/Commissioners/Pre Pay Workers' Comp Appropriation \$50,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF CREATING A NEW REVENUE LINE ITEM (FUND 001-031) WHEREAS, a new revenue line item must be created to accurately track reimbursements associated with the Prosecutor's Salary Reimbursement; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create a revenue line item, to-wit; Revenue Line Items 001-031-10026 General Fund/Commissioners' Miscellaneous/Prosecutor Salary Reimbursement

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 283) 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 Rosedale Ditch Fund (Fund 283), to-wit; 283-001-00003/Rosedale Ditch/Note Principal AMOUNT: \$1,441.60

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-001) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-030-00002/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/Retirement Funds TO: 001-001-00014/General Fund/Commissioners/Commissioners/Prepay Workers' Comp AMOUNT:40,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-001) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/CORSA TO: 001-001-00014/General Fund/Commissioners/Commissioners/Prepay Workers' Comp AMOUNT:\$10,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 032) 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 Certificate of Title Fund (Fund 032); to-wit; FROM: 032-001-00004/Certificate of Title/Contract/Services TO: 032-001-00003/Certificate of Title/Supplies AMOUNT: \$2,600.00

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING A FACILITIES GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER TO THE W.O.R.T.H. CENTER WHEREAS, Paulding County is a member of the Western Ohio Regional Treatment and Habilitation Center (W.O.R.T.H.), a community based corrections facility located at 243 Bluelick Road, Lima, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, as a Member County it is incumbent on this Board to act in conjunction with the other Member Boards of Commissioners to reappoint the Commissioners' appointment to the Facilities Governing Board; and

WHEREAS, Steven L. Diller was appointed by the Boards of County Commissioners to serve an initial one (1) year term, beginning October 12, 2006, and expiring on October 12, 2007; was reappointed for another three (3) year term beginning October 12, 2007, and expiring on October 12, 2010; and was reappointed for another three (3) year term beginning October 12, 2010, and expiring October 12, 2013; and was reappointed for another three (3) year term beginning October 12, 2013, and ending October 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Steven L. Diller submitted his resignation to the Facilities Governing Board effective December 31, 2014, and was succeeded by Michael Kirkendall; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2301.51 of the Revised Code, this Board, in conjunction with the other Member Boards of W.O.R.T.H., wishes to reappoint Michael Kirkendall to a full three (3) year term effective October 13, 2016, and ending on October 12, 2019; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board, as a member County, and with the collective Boards of County Commissioners, hereby appoints Michael Kirkendall to the Facilities Governing Board of W.O.R.T.H. to a full three (3) year term effective October 13, 2016, and ending October 12, 2019;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clerk of this Board certify a copy of this Resolution to the Facilities Governing Board of the W.O.R.T.H. Center and be included with the Resolutions of the other eight (8) member Counties, which collectively shall constitute the appointment of said member.

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WHEREAS, Kimberly Switzer was appointed by the Boards of County Commissioners to serve an initial three (3) year term, beginning October 12, 2006, and expiring on October 12, 2009; was reappointed for another three (3) year term beginning October 12, 2009, and expiring on October 12, 2012; and was reappointed for another three (3) year term beginning October 12, 2012, and expiring October 12, 2015; and was reappointed for another three (3) year term beginning October 12, 2015, and ending October 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Switzer submitted his resignation to the Facilities Governing Board effective May 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Drew Wortman had been proposed to fill the vacancy of Kimberly Switzer; however, a consensus of the collective Board's of County Commis-

WAYNE TRACE SPELLING BEE



On Monday, December 19th, 2016, Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary hosted the annual School Spelling Bee. After 32 rounds, Anna Miller became victorious, correctly spelling the word "vulpine."

Anna is the daughter of Derek and Kim Miller, and she is in the 6th grade. Libby Meraz came in a close second after a long, competitive battle. Her parents are Saul and Lucinda Meraz, and she is in the 5th grade.

Paulding County Jail Operating; 1.35%; 2.5128%; Paulding County Carnegie Library; 1.5; 2.7921%; Paulding County OSU Extension; 1.00; 4.653%; Tri-County Mental Health; 1.25; 1.8614%; Blue Creek Township; 5.2; 9.6791%; Vantage Career Center; 4.7; 8.7484%; Wayne Trace Local School District; 29.4; 54.7241% and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said distribution of the PILOT for said Blue Creek Wind Farm be reviewed annually.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF IBERDROLA'S BLUE CREEK WIND FARM (LATTY TOWNSHIP) PILOT (PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES) FOR 2016, PAYABLE IN 2017

WHEREAS, Paulding County will soon be receiving revenue generated by Iberdrola's Blue Creek Wind Farm located in Latty Township for tax year 2016, payable in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section §5727.75 sets forth the framework for the receipt of the revenue to be generated by the wind turbines, stating: "The County Treasurer shall allocate the payment on the basis of the project's physical location"; and

WHEREAS, it is the Paulding County Prosecutor's opinion, dated September 25, 2012, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners have the authority by resolution to determine how the revenue to be generated by the wind turbines is to be distributed; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Board of Commissioners, in consideration of the current levies in place for county entities, do hereby resolve to distribute the 2016 PILOT, payable in 2017, for the Blue Creek Wind Farm in Paulding County, Latty Township, be distributed as follows: NAME; Millage Rate; % of total rate: Paulding County General Fund; 3.2; 6.0867%; Paulding County Health Department; .8; 1.5217%; Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities; 4.3; 8.1790%; Paulding County Senior Center; .5; .9510%; Paulding County 911; 1.074; 2.0428%; Paulding County Hospital Bond; .25; .4755%; Paulding County Jail Bond; .20; .3804%; Paulding County Jail Operating; 1.35; 2.5678%; Paulding County Carnegie Library; 1.5; 2.8531%; Paulding County OSU Extension; .25; 4.755%; Tri-County Mental Health; 1.00; 1.9021%; Latty Township; 4.05; 7.7034%; Vantage Career Center; 4.7; 8.9398%; Wayne Trace Local School District; 29.4; 55.9212%; and be it

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WOODLAN FALLS TO FREMONT



Woodlan Senior Deontae Biggs goes for the basket in Thursday night's game. Photo by Jarrison Steiner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

By: Jeffery Abbott

After 9 ties, 7 lead changes, and neither having a lead of more than 3 points in the first half, Fremont used a 7-0 run to start the second half and go on to a 77-60 win over Woodlan in boys' basketball. The Eagles soared over the final 16 minutes of the game, outscoring the home team 40-24 for the win. Fremont had 13 players in double figures with Wade Regadanz leading the Eagles with 27 points. Woodlan had 4 players score

in double digits with Deontae Biggs getting 15 points and Micah Robbins, coming off the bench, had 12 points. Woodlan ran away with the reserve game for a 49-33 win. Matthew Elias had 18 points and Ben Reidy had 13 points.
 Fremont 20 17 19 21 - 77
 Woodlan 17 19 8 16 - 60
 Fremont: Regadanz 27, Wall 22, Pentecost 16, Midtgard 6, Larose 4, Kuhn 2
 Woodlan: Biggs 15, Hahn 13, Robbins 12, Gerig 10, Fancher 8, Howard 2

7TH GRADE ARCHERS STAY STRONG

On December 20th, a team of Warriors traveled from Woodburn, Indiana, to take on the hometown Archers. The young Archers set the pace from the jump ball and finished the 1st quarter up 13 points with a score of 16-3. The mighty Archers continued full steam ahead to end the game with a score of 44-26. Leading the team in scoring was Luke Krouse

with 14. The rest of the group scored like this; Jagger Landers-9, Mason Steel & Hunter Sproles with 5, Tucker Franklin & Kaden Miller scored 3 each, Kaden Recker & Gaike McMichael both had a bucket for 2 and Kaden Phares rounded out the scoring column with one free throw for 1 point. The 7th grade group worked hard on the court to go to Christmas break with 5 wins and no losses.

RAIDER LADIES LANCE LINCOLNVIEW

It was Monday, December 19, when the Lady Raiders Basketball team travelled to take on the Lancers at their court.

The Lady Raiders and Lincolnview both started strong and the game was tight in the first quarter. It was the second period when the Lancers overtook the small lead the Raiders had in the first period. They out scored them by 8 points this period and Lincolnview was in the lead 25-19 at the half.

The Lady Raiders have a very interesting way of being able to turn games around when other teams cannot. Doing the same thing in this game, the Wayne Trace Girls scored 21 points in the third period. Three point baskets were the bomb with Claire Sinn, Gracie Gudakunst and Brooke Sinn all hitting them.

The fourth period was not as successful in total points but it was just as good when the defense was able to hold the Lancers to only four points. The final score was 53-44 with Wayne Trace taking another win.

Girls Basketball - Wayne Trace 53, Lincolnview 44 December 19
 Score by Quarter:
 Wayne Trace: 15 4 21 13 = 53
 Lincolnview: 13 12 15 4 = 44

Wayne Trace Scorers: Claire Sinn 13; Sadie Sinn 2; Kaylee Shepherd 3; Gracie Gudakunst 5; Danae Myers 19; Brooke Sinn 11;
 Lincolnview Scorers: Frankie Carey 2; Katlyn Wendel 6; Maddie Gorman 2; Ale-na Looser 18; Kayla Schimmoller 10; Lakin Brant 6.



Hicksville wins the Route 49 Classic Girls Basketball Tournament. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Hope Smith scores a basket for the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

(Continued from Page 1)
 Bergman added 2 shots to the scoreboard, and Natalie Briskey posted another 3 pointer

along with Berenyi. The third ended 36-26.

The fourth period was nothing but exciting to watch as fans on both sides got behind their teams. Hicksville had a good period but Antwerp put on their best show yet.

Within the last minute of the game The Lady Archers approached Hicksville, down by only three points not only that, but they had possession of the ball with 15 seconds left on the clock. The ball was passed around, perhaps too long, until a second left on the clock. Williamson attempted to launch a three-point basket while being guarded, but was not able to score and Hicksville took the win when the buzzer shouted out.

Coach Scott McMichael, after the game, stated he was proud of the girls even though

they had struggled. They were able to work real hard, making a tremendous comeback, and he was proud of his team.

Score by Quarter:
 Hicksville: 16 8 12 11 = 47
 Antwerp: 5 12 9 18 = 44
 Hicksville Scorers: Katelyn Bergman 6; Natalie Briskey 6; Katelynn Berenyi 15; Chelsey Taylor 5; Addison Bergman 11; Ashley Peters 4
 Antwerp Scorers: Rachel Williamson 13; Becca Johanns 3; Karsyn Brumett 3; Hope Smith 14; Peyton Short 11.

In the losing bracket Edgerton crushed Edon 49-29.

To the All-Star team Hicksville sent three of their ladies and Antwerp was able to send two and Edgerton and Edon both sent one to the All-Stars.

Lots more pictures at westbendnews.net

WOODLAN STARTS ON TOP AND STAYS ON TOP

By: Jeffery Abbott

An 8-0 run in the second period gave the home team a lead they never relinquished and Woodlan went on to down Heritage 47-34 for a win over the Patriots in an ACAC girls' basketball matchup. Samantha Houser hit a three-pointer with Samantha Voors following with a three of her own and then added a 2 point field goal to give the Warriors the lead for good in the game. Rain Hinton had 26 points in game for Woodlan and Samantha Voors added 13. Gabby Joyce had 10 points and Taya Kitzmiller had 9 points in a 37-32 win for Woodlan in the reserve game
 Heritage 8 7 10 9 - 34
 Woodlan 8 15 11 13 - 47
 Heritage: Everhart 14, Bienz 8, Dossen 7, Feasby 3, Scott 2
 Woodlan: Hinton 26, Voors 13, Houser 5, Kayser 3

ARCHERS BOMB EDON, ADVANCING TO R49 FINALS

On Thursday, December 22, the Route 49 Classic Girls Basketball Tournament took place. The host site was between Edon and Hicksville at Edgerton.

In this game, Hicksville and Edgerton competed, while Antwerp and Edon were drawn for the first set.

In the first period, Antwerp and Edon ladies both had a tight match when the period ended with only a 2 point difference. Edon's Mason and Gallehue both were able to tap into their long

distance abilities, dropping in 3 pointers. Antwerp decided they could easily handle under the basket when Hope Smith and Rachel Williamson were able to pick up rebound points and layups for their team. The quarter ended at 17-15.

The second period was once again right there competitive for both teams with Smith and Williamson both leading the charge once again. Peyton Short was also able to add in a field goal here. Kortney Smith was fouled on the shot, and she sunk in both of her free-throws. The half ended at 33 to 31 — The Lady Archers in the lead.

The Second Half started, and it was Antwerp who was able to finally increase the difference in this highly competitive game. Williamson sunk two 3-point baskets, and Ashley Miller added her second basket of the game

in too. Antwerp held onto the ball longer and kept the Lady Bombers from the basket, ending the period with a score of 45 - 38.

In the final period, the Lady Archers slowed down their scoring. They only posted 7 points. Edon was only able to hit 5, and all of those were on foul shots. Antwerp took the win 52-43 win and went on to compete against Hicksville after they defeated Edgerton 45-35.

Score by Quarter:
 Antwerp: 17 16 12 7 = 52
 Edon: 15 16 7 5 = 43
 Antwerp scorers: Kortney Smith 2; Rachel Williamson 21; Maggie Wilson 2; Becca Johanns 5; Karsyn Brumett 4; Hope Smith 12; Peyton Short 2; Ashley Miller 4
 Edon scorers: Eliza Zulch 7; Shalyn Mason 12; R Gallehue 7; Hanna Fogel 11; H Kaylor 6.

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PAULDING CRUMBLES TO MILLER CITY



Ethan Rhonehouse drives in to score a basket for the home team. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Paulding Boys basketball team took on Miller City at home on Monday, December 19. The game started with Miller City easily taking the lead from the Panthers. Mark Kuhlman rocked the boat quickly. Paulding couldn't get a grip on the ball with the turnovers going to Miller City. The only points scored on the home side were six points by Ethan Rhonehouse. Mind you, Paulding is not a bad team. It was just a struggle to get in gear and they did. The second period rolled around and both teams were able to score. Paulding and Miller City both tacked on 14 points. Ethan Rhonehouse

and Preston Ingol both posted 3-point baskets in this quarter. The half score was 20-29, with the Wildcats leading the game. The third period was 3-point period for Paulding. Cameron Doster knocked in three in a row and two more from under the basket. It was a good night for him. In the final quarter, Paulding continued with three point baskets from Marcus Miller, Rhonehouse, Kameron Echols, and Preston Ingol. For the night Paulding posted 30 points worth of 3-point baskets. Perhaps not a record, but must definitely laudable for this hardworking team.

The Panthers worked hard and did not give up. The first quarter sunk the team and they clawed their way back. The nine point deficit borrowed in the first period is what the game finished with when the clock ran out, giving Miller City the 55-64 victory.

Score by Quarter:
Paulding: 6 14 15 20 = 55
Miller City: 15 14 22 13 = 64

Paulding Scorers: Carson Shull 2; Marcus Miller 3; Ethan Rhonehouse 14; Jaret Miller 1; Kameron Echols 5; Cameron Doster 16; Preston Ingol 9; Logan Bradford 2; Griffin Harder 3.

Miller City Scorers: Justin Snyder 3; Mitch Gable 8; Mark Kuhlman 15; Jaob Kuhlman 17; Tyler Schroeder 2; Matt Niese 6; Jordan Barlage 2; Noah Otto 11.

More pictures at westbendnews.net

7TH GRADE ARCHERS TAKE THE WIN FROM RAMS

The 7th grade Archer boys traveled to Ram Country for a GMC contest on Monday December 19th. It was just as cold at Tinora Middle School as it was in Antwerp, and the young Archers played just the same--ice cold!

The game came right down to the wire. Kaden Recker swished a 3 point basket to put the Archers on top for good securing the win with a score of 24-23.

Scoring for Antwerp were Luke Krouse with 11, Jagger Landers with 4 and Tucker Franklin, Kaden Recker & Hunter Sproles each scoring 3 points. Great win Archers!

WAYNE TRACE COMPETES IN LAKOTA DUALS.



On December 17th, The Wayne Trace varsity wrestling team traveled to Lakota High School for the annual dual meet tournament.

Due to inclement weather, the event was changed to a Super Quad. The Raiders defeated Liberty Benton 41-24, before falling to the Host Lakota 50-15. Going 2-0 on the Day was 106 Daniel Ruiz, 120 Tyler Bauer and 132 Ruger Goeltzenleuchter. Goeltzenleuchter was also named the most valuable wrestler of the tournament. He defeated Noah Caudill of Liberty Benton 28-11, then Logan Bloom of Lakota 28-13. In both matches, Goeltzenleuchter won via takedown after takedown. In doing so, He earned his place in Ohio Wrestling History, by scoring his 600th career takedown, thus earning the right to have his name placed in the Ohio High School State Record book. He already owns the Wayne Trace Season, and career takedown record. One of his goals for this season, is to break the Ohio State Record of 425 takedowns in a season. He currently sets at 153 takedowns and has a record of 13-0.

LADY RAIDERS CONTINUE TO WIN

On Thursday, December 22, the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders travelled to Fort Jennings for the girls basketball game.

The first quarter was a close match for both of these teams. The second period changed the rest of the match. The Raider defense kicked into full gear, while the offense continued on as it did in the first period. By half time, the score was 28-16. With Claire Sinn and Danae Myers leading the charge in points, the team was on fire. This ended up being the seventh victory in a row for the Paulding County team.

The second half was very good too when the Wayne Trace team kept pressing in the third period, keeping them limited to only 8 points. In the fourth period, the coach put in several of the JV players for the experience, and they did a great job too. The game finished with Wayne Trace having 53 and Fort Jennings 38.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 13 15 16 9 = 53
Fort Jennings: 12 4 8 14 = 38

Wayne Trace Scorers: Claire Sinn 19; Sadie Sinn 3; Kaylee Shepherd 5; Gracie Gudakunst 4; Danae Myers 19; Brooke Sinn 2.

For Jennings Scorers: Makenna Recker 2; Abby Von Sossan 3; Madison Neidert 3; Erin Eickholt 4; Vanessa Wal-

RAIDERS CONTINUE WINNING STREAK



Wayne Trace junior Eli Sinn runs, jumps in, and conveniently slides to the goal as he scores another basket for the Raiders. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On December 20, the the Wayne Trace Raiders hosted the Van Wert Boys Basketball Team. The home team won the JV game 37-29 just minutes before this game started. The first basket of the game was scored by Ethan Linder - 3 pointer and set the tone for the rest of the match. This was his first and only and the game continued hot and heavy with Linder leading the charge. The first period ended 16-10 with Wayne Trace in the lead.

The first period started this, but it became much worse in the second when one of the Van Wert players started pushing quite a bit. By the half though the referees got it under control. The half finished 30-19 and the Raiders continued their game.

Wayne Trace continued their aggressive game play in the third period when they had the highest of the game at 22 points. This is when Josiah Linder hit his 3 point basket. Jake Kuhn was also doing well under the basket, posting his own points.

The fourth period Van Wert refueled their offense and the game was back on. Unfortunately for the Cougars, it was too late for the rejuvenation when the Raid-

ers had outscored them in the previous three quarters. The game finished with the home team winning 65-56.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 16 14 22 13 = 65

Van Wert: 10 9 15 22 = 56

Wayne Trace Scorers: Brady Stabler 4; Eli Sinn 6; Josh Kuhn 3; Jon Sinn 7; Ethan Linder 29; Josiah Linder 5; Jake Kuhn 11.

Van Wert Scorers: Jacoby Kelly 12; Nate Place 13; Austin Sudduth 2; Nick Gutierrez 3; Blake Henry 5; Dylan Lautzenheiser 9; Drew Bagley 12.

Interesting enough both the boys and the girls varsity teams are still undefeated. Both teams have done very well and the school is very proud of these student athletes.

On Friday, December 30, a tripleheader will now be held at Wayne Trace High School in boys basketball action vs. Woodlan (IN).

The freshman game will start the night's activities at 4:30 p.m. followed by the junior varsity game beginning at 6:00 p.m. The varsity game between the Raiders and Warriors will then follow the two previous games.

Lots of pictures at westbendnews.net

lenhorst 12; Haley Wittler 6; Katie Luersman 7.

The Wayne Trace junior varsity won 34-29.

Wayne Trace will travel to Woodlan on December 29 for their next match.

WOODLAN TAKES DOWN ADAMS CENTRAL IN SECOND HALF

By: Jeffery Abbott
After trailing by 4 points at the half, Woodlan outscored Adams Central 22-11 in the third quarter and flew away

from Monroe with a 57-48 win over the Jets in an ACAC boys' basketball game. Aaron Hahn led the Warriors attack with 22 points and Ah'lan Howard added 11 in the win.

Woodlan 8 10 22 17 - 57
Adams Central 10 12 11 15 - 48

Woodlan: Hahn 22, Howard 11, Fancher 8, Biggs 8, Gerig 4, McCarter 2, Rhoades 2

Adams Central: Carroll 24, Schultz 6, Miller 5, Bauman 4, Wellman 4, Brown 3, LaFontaine 2

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ANTWERP FIFTH GRADERS GRADUATE D.A.R.E.



The Paulding County Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E. program held its graduation for Antwerp Elementary fifth graders on December 7, 2016. Each student was required to write an essay before they could graduate. D.A.R.E. program consists of 12 lessons and the essay gives the students a chance to reflect back on the lessons.

Essays describe what they learned and how the D.A.R.E. program can help them make safe, responsible choices. "Once I receive all the essays, winners are selected and they receive a prize. This year the two essay winners were Aewyn McMichael and Haley Hammer," says D.A.R.E. Deputy Mendez, "I am proud of each and every student and hope they will always be safe and responsible." Each 5th grader who completed the essay received a Certificate of Completion at graduation as well.

"I truly appreciate our Paulding County Commissioners assisting the D.A.R.E. program and covering majority of the costs beyond grant monies and donations," said Sheriff Jason K. Landers.

Winning Essays:

MY D.A.R.E. REPORT

Many students in the U.S. go through bullying, stress, peer pressure, and difficult situations. Many students might not know what to do, but there is a solution, it is D.A.R.E.. D.A.R.E. is a program that has a police officer come to talk to your class about making good choices. I have learned a lot in D.A.R.E. from Officer Mendez and I already have used what I learned in D.A.R.E. and I plan to use what I learned in D.A.R.E.

in the future.

I have learned many useful things in the D.A.R.E. program. I've learned about making good choices such as the D.A.R.E. decision making model. Also, I have learned about defining the problem, risky situations, and making safe and responsible choices. Lastly I've learned about knowing my signs of stress and seeing signs of stress, peer pressure, communication, and so on. I have used D.A.R.E. in many ways. For example I've used D.A.R.E. by taking a split second to think about the choice I am going to make and what impact it will have on me and those around me. I plan to use what I've learned in D.A.R.E. in the future by hanging out with people who make good choices, not doing drugs or alcohol, and coping with stress by following the D.A.R.E. decision making model.

Office Mendez has taught so much in D.A.R.E.. And I am so glad that I am able to be in the D.A.R.E. program because I know what to do when it comes to me to make a choice. I would like to thank Officer Mendez for coming into our classroom and taking the time to teach us important skills about making good and safe responsible choices. Lastly, as Officer Mendez says, remember to be safe and be responsible.

By: Aewyn McMichael
D.A.R.E.

Standards for Drug Abuse Resistance Education

Many kids in the U.S. are going through peer-pressure, stress, bullying, drugs, alcohol, and more. That's where D.A.R.E. comes in handy. D.A.R.E. is a program where a police officer

comes in and talks with classes about how to say no, and walk away, peer-pressure, and more. I have learned a lot in D.A.R.E., I have used D.A.R.E. in the past, and I plan to use it in the future.

I have learned a lot in the D.A.R.E. program. I have learned things like the D.A.R.E. decision making model, risks and their consequences, safe and responsible choices, peer-pressure, knowing and feeling stress and seeing other peoples signs of stress, evaluating your decision, communication and its styles, bullying, and non-verbal communication. I also learned about alcohol, drugs, smoking, and tobacco and how they are bad for you. I have learned so much in D.A.R.E.! I can't wait to learn more!

Prior to the D.A.R.E. program I played basketball and didn't like it and I did not want to play for this league and my mom signed me up and I really did not want to play in it, but then I went through and thought about what I did not like about it and stuff I did like about it and decided I would try it one more year and I really enjoyed playing. I go to practice every Sunday night. I have used D.A.R.E. a lot and sometimes I don't even know that I am using D.A.R.E. D.A.R.E. helps you not to make bad choices and do the right thing without getting hurt or losing any of your friends from risks that you had made. D.A.R.E. will help you make good choices.

I plan to use D.A.R.E. a lot more in the future by making the right safe and responsible choices, and not putting wrong things into my body. I plan to use what I learned in D.A.R.E. to stop bullying when I see it even if it means I will start getting bullied now, I will say no to putting bad things into my body. I will make smart decisions, I will look for signs of stress and try to relax and forget about what happened and move on. I will remember what drugs, alcohol, and smoking does to you, there are tons more things I can do in the future, but the one I need to remember is the D.A.R.E. decision making model, making a right choice and saying no when you know what happens or might happen. I will use D.A.R.E. a lot over these next years and even when I am older. D.A.R.E. will help you with a lot of choices and making the right choices.

D.A.R.E. can help you make a lot of the right choices and will help you to not hurt yourself and it will keep you safe. With D.A.R.E. kids will not be on drugs, alcohol, or they won't smoke because D.A.R.E. will help them to make the right choices and they will not get hurt. D.A.R.E. will also help with saying no when it is the wrong thing to do. I have learned a lot in D.A.R.E., used D.A.R.E. a lot in the past, and I plan to use D.A.R.E. in the future. Now that D.A.R.E. has been around kids in the U.S. and all around the world will not be hurting themselves, will be making the right choices, will not be putting wrong stuff into their body, and lots more.

By: Haley Hammer

27TH ANNUAL FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW

The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, Indiana celebrates the 27th Annual Fort Wayne Farm Show.

Show dates and hours:

Tuesday, January 17, 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m; Wednesday, January 18, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Thursday, January 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Fort Wayne Farm show has established itself as one of the most respected farm shows in the upper midwest, featuring the latest technology the industry has to offer. Over 35,000 farmers attend the show annually, to view the area's largest variety of farm equipment and services in one location.

The Northeastern Indiana Soil & Water Conservation District along with Purdue Cooperative Extension Services present educational seminars daily. CPR classes will be offered each day by Parkview Health Systems. This year's grand prize will be a Massey Ferguson 2400 series zero turn lawn mower* courtesy of Harmony Outdoor Equipment located at 102 Peckhart, Auburn, IN.

In support of Indiana's FFA Scholarship Foundation, a fund raising auction will be held at 1:00 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday, featuring a variety of donated items. Last year's auction raised over \$20,000.00 for scholarships.

In addition to the Fort Wayne Farm Show, Tradexpos produces the North American Farm & Power Show in Owatonna, MN, the Wichita Farm & Ranch Show along with the Topeka Farm Show; both in Kansas.

Visit the Tradexpos website at www.Tradexpos.Com

For more information on the Fort Wayne Farm Show contact Tradexpos, inc. P.O. Box 1067, Austin, MN 55912 or call Fred Cline 1-800-347-5225

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PAULDING FFA CHAPTER OVERVIEW



From left to right: FFA Officers Chantal Monnier, Katlynn Fuller, Estee Miller, Kalyn Strahley, Paige Fitzwater, Kourtney Thomas, Courtney Luderman, Austin Howell, Hannah Farr

By: the Paulding FFA Reporter

The Paulding FFA Chapter has seen significant growth in its membership, currently there are 102 members. The Paulding FFA Officer for 2016-2017 consists of nine very active leaders. They are as follows; President: Hannah Farr, Vice President: Chantal Monnier, Secretary: Paige Fitzwater, Treasurer: Estee Miller, Reporter: Katlynn Fuller, Sentinel: Kourtney Thomas, Student Advisor: Austin Howell, Historian: Courtney Luderman, and Parliamentarian: Kalyn Strahley.

They have two FFA advisors, Staci Miller, teacher and Advisor and Brett Foster, Advisor.

We participate in many of the Career Development Events (CDES) that the FFA has to offer, such as Parliamentary Procedure, Food Science, Job Interview, Milk Quality, Poultry Judging, Ag Communications and Soil Judging. The Paulding FFA Chapter has received banners at the state level for two consecutive years. The poultry team placed 4th in 2015, and 5th in 2016 at the state level. We have also recently received a banner for the hard work of our Milk Quality team placing 5th at the state level. The Paulding FFA Chapter received a bronze rating on the National Chapter Award for the 2015-2016 school year, this was a huge honor for our chapter.

The chapter has a variety of different fundraisers throughout the year to help raise funds for our active chapter. Our largest fundraiser is fruit sales with the chapter selling over \$32,000 worth of fruit. Another fundraiser is our strawberry sales in the spring.

The Paulding FFA Alumni Chapter is very active and the chapter teams up with

them throughout the year on many different projects and events. The Paulding FFA Alumni runs a sausage stand during the Paulding County Fair, and during the county's Flat Rock Fall Festival. Our members volunteer and help out during these events. The funds raised from these events are used for our scholarship fund, helping to send members to National and State FFA Convention as well as CDE's. The Paulding FFA has a greenhouse, where our greenhouse classes prepare and start a variety of different vegetables, flower and plants in the greenhouse to sell during our annual plant sale. The Alumni helps to support this by volunteering to run the plant sale and assist students with materials needed to grow the plants.

The Paulding FFA believes that community service is very important. Throughout the year the chapter volunteers a tremendous amount of time in our community. They help with the Habitat for Humanity 5k, adopt a family a for Christmas, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, Relay for Life, as well various other community service projects.

Every Spring, the chapter holds a petting zoo where elementary students come to the ag shop and learn about the different animals and participate in an agricultural activity. The goal of the petting zoo is to raise awareness about agriculture and livestock in our community. This year the chapter's theme is to have a RECORD YEAR! They hope to accomplish this through their classroom work, CDE contests and community service. The Paulding FFA Chapter strives to grow and spread the leadership of FFA throughout Paulding County.

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SPANISH CLASS MAKES PINATAS



To finish the first semester, students in Senora Areli Reuter's Spanish classes created pinatas. Here, freshmen Emma Zielke and Emily Wentland display their finished product, a donut.

USDA INVESTS \$225 MILLION IN INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that 88 high-impact projects across the country will receive \$225 million in federal funding as part of the USDA's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). In addition, partners have proposed to contribute up to an additional \$500 million to improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat and protect agricultural viability.

With today's announcement, the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is investing a total of \$825 million in 286 projects, bringing together more than 2,000 conservation partners who have committed an estimated \$1.4 billion in financial and technical assistance. By 2018, NRCS and its partners, including Indian tribes, nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, private industry, water districts, universities and many others, will have invested at least \$2.4 billion through RCPP, which was created by the 2014 Farm Bill.

"RCPP plays a critical role in connecting partners with producers to design and implement conservation solutions that benefit both natural resources and agriculture," Vilsack said. "The Farm Bill is the largest source of federal funding for private lands conservation, and RCPP is contributing innovative conservation solutions to communities across the country."

RCPP offers new opportunities for the NRCS, conservation partners and agricultural producers to work together to harness innovation, expand the conservation mission, and demonstrate the value and efficacy of voluntary, private lands conservation. The program is increasing investment in conservation from a diversity of partners, leading to cleaner and more abundant water, improved soil and air quality, enhanced wildlife habitat, and stronger rural economies.

Water quality and drought are dominant themes in this year's RCPP project list with 46 of the 88 projects focusing on water resource concerns. More than a fourth of the projects are focused on improving fish and wildlife habitat. See the full list of 2017 projects spanning the country, impacting almost every state in the nation and Puerto Rico.

In California, NRCS is investing \$10 million in the Black Rascal Creek Project, which is proposed by the partnership of Merced County, Merced Irrigation District, and City of Merced. The project will provide flood protection to the communities of Merced and Franklin/Beachwood, as well as surrounding prime agricultural lands, in an area that has seen frequent and severe flooding. In addition to flood control, this multi-benefit project will address drought, water quality, soil quality, and

inadequate wildlife habitat. Partners expect to triple the federal investment in the project.

NRCS is also investing \$6 million in the 25,000-square-mile Maine Aquatic Connectivity Restoration Project, which will restore some of the state's highest-value aquatic networks that have been impacted by habitat fragmentation and degradation caused by road-stream crossings. Led by The Nature Conservancy and 18 other partners, the project will use Stream Smart design and installation to improve habitat and aquatic organism passage and reduce the impacts of increasingly volatile storm-water flows. The tribal, state, federal, nonprofit, and private landowner partnership will more than double the NRCS investment.

In Iowa, NRCS is investing \$900,000 in the Fox River Water Quality Project, one of the longest running watershed projects in Iowa. The river has been on Iowa's and Missouri's impaired waters list for many years. In its 18th year, the project is committed to continued conservation efforts improving the health of the Fox River by addressing water quality, conservation, protection, and development of natural resources using voluntary programs, while providing economic opportunity. The eight partners, led by the Davis County Soil and Water Conservation District, will help producers improve water quality through conservation practices like installing grade stabilization structures, water and sediment control basins, tile outlet terraces, and cover crops.

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect over 400 million acres nationwide, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water and enhancing wildlife habitat. For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit <http://medium.com/usda-results>.

SPANISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNG AT WAYNE TRACE



Wayne Trace Spanish II students made their rounds on Wednesday, December 21, and sang Spanish Christmas Carols. The class is taught by Mrs. Patricia Hart. Feliz Navidad!!!

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System. In establishing the wilderness area, Congress directed the Forest Service to maintain its water quality, protect its fish and wildlife, and minimize the environmental impacts associated with mineral development.

This past summer, the Forest Service held two listening sessions and a 30-day public input period related to the potential lease renewals and received more than 30,000 comments. The decision to withhold consent and study the impacts of this type of mining near the Boundary Waters echoes the concerns of many in the area, including former Vice President Walter Mondale and Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton, who has similarly said that the state will not authorize or enter into any new state access or lease agreements for mining operations near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

The Forest Service also submitted an application to the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw key portions of the watershed that flows into the BWCAW from new mineral permits and leases.

The BLM will review the withdrawal application and issue a notice in the Federal Register to segregate the lands - essentially, place them in a 'time out' - for up to two years, subject to valid existing rights. To preserve the status quo during that 'time out,' no new mineral exploration or development applications would be accepted while a thorough, scientific environmental analysis is conducted. Upon publication of the Federal Register notice, there will be an initial 90-day public review period for the proposed withdrawal and additional analysis during the segregation period that will include further public

involvement, including public meetings.

During the segregation period, BLM and the Forest Service will conduct an environmental analysis to determine if the lands should be withdrawn for a period of 20 years. This process will invite participation by the public, tribes, environmental groups, industry, state and local government, as well as other stakeholders. By law, the Department of the Interior can only withdraw these lands for a maximum of 20 years. Only Congress can legislate a permanent withdrawal.

The segregation or any future withdrawal would not prohibit ongoing or future mining activities on any valid existing rights or prohibit any other authorized uses on private lands. Other National Forest management activities that are not related to mineral exploration or development, including permits, licenses, and cooperative agreements compatible with the intended use on the lands, would still be permissible at the discretion of the authorized officer.

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ANTWERP STUDENTS PLAY FAMILY FEUD



Students in Mr. Cord Ehrhart's statistics class at Antwerp High School participated in a non-traditional, hands-on exam this semester. The high school students in the class issued surveys to Antwerp Elementary students, collected and analyzed the data, created a game with that data, and then hosted the fourth and fifth grades in a Family Feud competition. Here, fifth grader McKenzie Monroe and fourth grader Teeghun Marlin wait for junior statistics student Rebecca McCroskey to read the next question as classmates Caydence Shull, Macy Nutter, and Lily Friend wait their turn.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MINUTE MEETINGS 12/7/16

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 229373 through 229504 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to go into executive session at 8:05 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 8:38 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Roy Klopfenstein, Statehouse, Columbus OH - December 8, 2016

Ellen Bidlack, ATPS Blue Training, Columbus OH -

December 9, 2016

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on December 7, 2016, Warrants numbered 229377 through 229470 in the amount of \$102,616.90; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these pur-

chases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; now, therefore

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 094)

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 Payroll Deductions Fund (Fund 094), to-wit; 094-001-00007/Payroll Deductions/PERS AMOUNT: \$97.86

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 196)

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 Wellness Grant Fund (Fund 096), to-wit; 096-001-00001/Wellness Grant/Salaries AMOUNT: \$424.38

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 255)

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 IDEP Grant Fund (Fund 255), to-wit; 255-001-99999/IDEP Grant/Advances Out AMOUNT: \$10,176.84

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 AN-

NUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 256)

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 STEP Grant Fund (Fund 256), to-wit; 256-001-99999/STEP Grant/Advances Out AMOUNT: \$7,814.32

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-003-00014/General Fund/County Treasurer/Bank Fees TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/County Treasurer/Supplies AMOUNT: \$ 686.24; FROM: 001-003-00006/General Fund/County Treasurer/Travel TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/County Treasurer/Supplies AMOUNT: \$ 777.46; TOTAL AMOUNT: \$1,463.70

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-008)

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: 001-008-00012/General Fund/Court of Common Pleas/Other Expenses TO: 001-008-00011/General Fund/Court of Common Pleas/Expenses-Foreign Judge AMOUNT \$:1,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017)

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: 001-017-00006/General Fund/Sheriff/Jail Supplies TO: 001-017-00003/General Fund/Sheriff/Jail Wages AMOUNT: \$15,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017)

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: 001-017-00016/General Fund/Sheriff/Workers' Comp TO: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Sheriff's Equipment AMOUNT: \$6,822.54

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017)

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: 001-017-00015/General Fund/Sheriff/PERS TO: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Sheriff's Equipment AMOUNT: \$16,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-017)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Oakwood Elementary fourth and fifth graders presented "The Mystery of Simon Shepherd" on Monday, December 19th to a huge crowd! Simon and his mother are on a journey to Bethlehem when he ends up missing. A trial is held to determine the circumstances surrounding this mysterious disappearance.

modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-017-00004/General Fund/Sheriff/Communication Wages TO: 001-017-00008/General Fund/Sheriff/Sheriff's Equipment AMOUNT: \$25,898.97

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009)

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 Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; FROM: 009-001-00008/Engineer-Gas Tax/Equipment TO: 009-001-00011/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contract Projects AMOUNT: \$31,315.30

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 009)

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 En-

gineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; FROM: 009-001-00008/Engineer-Gas Tax/Equipment TO: 009-001-00017/Engineer-Gas Tax/Materials AMOUNT: \$40,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND196)

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 Wellness Grant Fund (Fund 196), to-wit; FROM:196-001-00006/Wellness Grant/Incentives TO: 196-001-00001/Wellness Grant/Salaries AMOUNT: \$88.75

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 255)

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 IDEP Grant Fund (Fund 255), to-wit; FROM: 255-001-00001/IDEP Grant/Salaries TO: 255-001-99999/IDEP Grant/Advances Out AMOUNT:

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-30** on December 19, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CRANE TOWNSHIP FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FOR YEARS 2017, 2018, AND 2019." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute the proposed contract to provide emergency medical service in the area defined in the contract with Crane Township for calendar years 2017, 2018, and 2019.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-31** on December 19, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARRYALL TOWNSHIP FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR A TEN (10) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2017." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute the proposed contract to provide fire protection services in the area defined in the contract with Carryall Township for a ten (10) year period commencing in calendar year 2017.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-35** on December 19, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, AND PARAGON TEMPERED GLASS, LLC FOR THE SUPPLY AND PURCHASE OF WATER AND PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICE, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Village to enter into an agreement with Paragon Tempered Glass, LLC for the sale and purchase of water and treatment of sewage discharge at the rates agreed to by the parties for calendar year 2017.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-36** on December 19, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes the time and place of regular council meetings for calendar year 2017 to be the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. unless there is a holiday then the meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. with the meeting in January being on January 17, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting in February being on February 21, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-37** on December 19, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ENTITLED SEVERANCE PAY RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance establishes a special revenue fund to accumulate resources for the payment of accumulated benefits as may be appropriate and payable upon termination of employment or the retirement of officers and employees of the Village and for a transfer of funds from the general fund to this special revenue fund in 2017 from which payments may be lawfully made.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-38** on December 19, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance makes appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, for the funds and sums as set forth in said Ordinance.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-39** on December 19, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to amend appropriation amounts for 2016.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-40** on December 19, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND: PUMP STATION PROJECT - FUND NUMBER D01; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the establishment of a capital improvement fund to account for related revenues and expenses for the Pump Station Project.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-41** on December 19, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND: WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS - FUND NUMBER D02; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the establishment of a capital improvement fund to account for related revenues and expenses for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-42** on December 19, 2016, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$5,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$5,000.00 from the general fund to the police fund for the operation of the police department.

The publication of the Ordinances is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinances may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

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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 IDEP Grant Fund (Fund 255), to-wit; FROM: 255-001-00002/ IDEP Grant/PERS TO: 255-001-99999/ IDEP Grant/Advances Out AMOUNT: \$806.38

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 255)

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 STEP Grant Fund (Fund 256), to-wit; FROM: 256-001-00002/ STEP Grant/PERS TO: 256-001-99999/ STEP Grant/Advances Out AMOUNT: \$110.67

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 256)

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 STEP Grant Fund (Fund 256), to-wit; FROM: 256-001-00006/ IDEP Grant/Transportation TO: 255-001-99999/ IDEP Grant/Advances Out AMOUNT: \$630.84

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 IDEP Grant Fund (Fund 255), to-wit; FROM: 255-001-00003/ IDEP Grant/Medicare TO: 255-001-99999/ IDEP Grant/Advances Out AMOUNT: \$76.08

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 255)

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 IDEP Grant Fund (Fund 255), to-wit; FROM: 255-001-00004/ IDEP Grant/Workers' Comp TO: 255-001-99999/ IDEP Grant/Advances Out AMOUNT: \$56.22

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 255)

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IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 256)

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IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 256)

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 STEP Grant Fund (Fund 256), to-wit; FROM: 256-001-00005/ STEP Grant/Education TO: 256-001-99999/ STEP Grant/Advances Out AMOUNT: \$1,500.00

UPGRADES AT WEST BEND PRINTING



With the New Year just around the corner, we here at West Bend Printing have decided that we should expand our printing capabilities to offer a wider variety of products to all of our customers. As always, we guarantee the highest quality products to our customers. Our customers leave satisfied, and always come back for more. With our staff of full service design professionals as well as highly trained print technicians, our services and products are never lacking. We offer the widest variety of print products and services compared to any other print and design shop in northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana.

As we have for the last 2 years, West Bend is still offering high-quality large format printing. This area includes such a large variety of products that it would be too difficult to list all of them. A few of the most popular

options include: banners of all sizes, vinyl graphics, decals, water-proof posters, heavy-weight vehicle and refrigerator magnets, window clings, yard signs, metal and plastic signs of ALL sizes, and so much more! Some of our more popular options are vehicle decals and vehicle wraps. These vehicle vinyls are high-quality flexible vinyls with inks that retain brilliant colors for years. This vinyl material also comes in a reflective form, allowing signs and decals to be seen at night. We can additionally apply a lamination that increases the lifetime of these beautiful photo-quality prints and vinyls. To partner with our large format printer, we also have a digital vinyl cutter. This machine can cut out just about any vinyl material. We can also take vinyl prints from the large format printer and create beautiful outlines, decals, and graphics using the cutter.

wit; FROM: 256-001-00002/ STEP Grant/PERS TO: 256-001-99999/ STEP Grant/Advances Out AMOUNT: \$110.67

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THE WEST BEND NEWS

Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

PAULDING ELEMENTARY PRESCHOOLERS



Mrs. Taylor's preschool students at Paulding Elementary are very excited about the new books they received from the Elementary PTO

missioners of the three DD Board position open as of January 1, 2017. The Commissioners will advertise the positions and those interested may apply. Ms. Guilford reported there are many adults in need of assistance. She noted there is a 'waiting' list. Ms. Guilford was happy to announce all the Parc Lane buses have been purchased. She also noted she plans to attend the meeting next Wednesday with the PC Workshop director and its board members. The reason for the meeting is to discuss the PC Workshop building, currently owned by the County.

• Suzanne Rister, County Court Judge - Ms. Rister reported she has been gathering quotes for a security system at the County Court Annex. She shared ideas for placing a security desk, metal detector, etc. in the Annex lobby area. Her goal is to have the security system up and running soon. Judge Rister also noted the number of cases is similar to that in 2015.

• Larry Colley, Paulding County Agricultural Society - Mr. Colley requested a road vacation on the fairgrounds so they may proceed with horse barn plans. He also requested a temporary closure of County Road 107. The Commissioners will take both under advisement.

• Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA - Mr. Bohn met with the Commissioners to discuss his budget. Some adjustments were necessary. Mr. Bohn reported the EOP (Emergency Operation Plan) will be submitted for approval soon. Mr. Bohn reminded the Commissioners he will be attending the Ohio EMA conference this week.

• Corey Walker, Defiance/ Paulding Consolidated JFS - Mr. Walker dropped off the board meeting paperwork for the Monday meeting. He also reported several interested parties have toured the Jacob-Eaton Children's Home for possible service provider choice.

• Robert Fisher, Paulding Village Administrator - Mr. Fisher reviewed the sewer maintenance letters the Commissioners received for county-owner property within the Village limits.

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TRACT 1: 24.24± Acres, all tillable. Soils are mostly Glynwood silt loam with a vein of Pewamo silty clay loam. Approx. 1,268 ft. of road frontage along N. County Line Rd., 834 ft. of road frontage along SR 101. This tract has the highest elevation of the entire farm for a possible elevated walk-out site.

TRACT 2: 20± Acres, all tillable. Soils are also mostly Glynwood silt loam with some Pewamo silt clay loam. Approx. 687 ft. of road frontage along S. R. 101.

TRACT 3: 20± Acres, all tillable. Soils are Mostly Glynwood silt loam with some Pewamo & a vein of Morley soils. Approx. 687 ft. of road frontage along SR 101. Tract 3 is adjacent to the mostly wooded acres on Tract 4. Combine Tracts 1 - 3 for a 64± Acre Farmstead!

TRACT 4: 16± Acres. Approx. 9 acres of woods along the east edge and to the south of the tract, leaving approx. 7 clear tillable acres. Approx. 316 ft. of road frontage along N. County Line Road.

INSPECTION DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 3-6 PM - Meet a Schrader representative at the farm on N. County Line Rd. Walk-over inspections permitted.

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Rylen O Asher, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Nathan E. McAlexander, Antwerp, OH; Criminal damage; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Shall pay \$3575.00 restitution addition to rules of probation; Shall have no contact with victims or the Oasis Bar; Shall maintain general good behavior
 Jeshondre N. Hollins, Toledo, OH; Poss marijuana; Dismiss; Case dismissed; With prejudice; Costs waived
 Freddy G. Uzhca, Chicago, IL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Jeremy E. Lowe, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Jacob T. Shook, Antwerp, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Jacob S. Lockhart, Paulding, OH; Dom violence; Dismiss; Count A dismissed per state
 Jacob S. Lockhart, Paulding, OH; Dom violence; Dom violence; Guilty; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Placed on standard probation; 30 days jail 5 days credit; Shall run concurrent; Complete Thinking For a Change Program; Evaluation at Westwood or Maumee Valley; No unlawful contact w/victim
 Jacob S. Lockhart, Paulding, OH; Disorder conduc; Guilty; Same conditions as Count B
 Jacob S. Lockhart, Paulding, OH; Resisting arres; Guilty; Same conditions as Count B
 Jayda D. Miler, Defiance, OH; Driv/FRA susp; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 1/27/17 or will be sent to collections; When fines and

costs are paid in full the O.L. forfeiture will be released
 Edvardo A. Turrer-Morales, Fort Wayne, IN; Driv under susp; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay all fines and costs by 1/27/17 or will be sent to collections; Pay \$50.00 today
 Basim Nasser A Al Fuhida, Indianapolis, IN; DUS-Non FRA; Dismiss; CT A dismissed at states request
 Joshua K. Adkins, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Sheryl D. Bice, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Layne N. Dickerson, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant paid in full
 James J. King, Lima, OH; A.C.D.; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/30/16 or will be sent to collections
 Randolph S. Glosser, Sidney, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant paid in full
 Ellyn A. Wetter, Canton, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Chad A. Morehead, Oakwood, OH; Fail control; Guilty; case was waived by defendant
 Mitchell P. McClure, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Angela Gomez, Defiance, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall pay for stay at Paulding County jail; Shall repay court appointed attorney fees; Complete 24 hours community service; Placed on standard probation; Fees waived; No contact with Rhees' Market
 Josep L. Schilt, Oakwood, OH; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior
 Lynda P. Hassen, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant
 Lynda P. Hassen, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 William S. Steffes, Oakwood, OH; Domestic violen; Prel-held; Preliminary held; Court finds probable cause; Case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio
 Java Leeann Barnwell, Cecil, OH; Loud exhaust; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/31/17 or will be sent to collections; Proof of financial responsibility provided
 Aaron S. McMillan, Haviland, OH; Non comp FRA; Pled no cont., found guilty; \$250 suspended if progress of O.L. is shown with-in 90 days; Pay all fines and costs by 12/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$25 per mo commencing 1/27/17; 20 hrs of community service; 180 jail days reserved
 Katlyn M. Wesley, Paulding, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/31/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 1/27/17
 Catlyn R. Pavel, Van Wert, OH; Loud exhaust; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Daniel J. Desota, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Ronald A. Phillips Sr, Paulding, OH; DUS/forfiture; Guilty; CT A amended from 4510.16 driv/fra susp; Pay all fines and costs by 9/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 1/27/17; Defendant is given until 12/23/16 by noon to show proof of insurance
 Duane A. Allen, Milford, IL; Permit viol; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Janet Norling, Paulding, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
XLOCAL X26.85

ANTWERP BAND & CHOIR PERFORM



The Antwerp High School Band, choir and show choir all performed on December 19th at their Christmas concert. Parents, Grandparents and family where all there to enjoy the sounds of the season as the talented students performed.

INDIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY GIVES BACK IN A BIG WAY



Indiana Physical Therapy teams up with Big Brothers Big Sisters as their sole Corporate Community Partner for 2017.
 Both organizations are excited to partner together to benefit the organization and its mission to help local children reach their potential through professionally supported one-to-one mentor relationships.

and vision of Big Brothers Big Sisters, investing to help strengthen the local communities by providing children with mentors to improve their grades and school attendance, enhance their self-esteem, avoid the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and have better opportunities for brighter futures.
 IPT, the premier independent provider of outpatient rehabilitation services in northern Indiana was founded in 1988 and has grown to sixteen locations including seven in Fort Wayne and one each in Angola, Auburn, Bluffton, Columbia City, Decatur, Huntington, Kendallville, New Haven, and Warsaw.

In the spirit of Holiday Giving, the partners of Indiana Physical Therapy presented a donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters to support their mentoring programs in 2017. The funding will support more than 50 brand new mentoring matches as well as programming and events to benefit the lives of children.
 Indiana Physical Therapy, a long time supporter is committed to the mission

of providing outpatient rehabilitation services in northern Indiana was founded in 1988 and has grown to sixteen locations including seven in Fort Wayne and one each in Angola, Auburn, Bluffton, Columbia City, Decatur, Huntington, Kendallville, New Haven, and Warsaw.
 For more information on both of these organizations, please visit www.indianapt.com and www.bbbsnei.org

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
 Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:
THE ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
MARK A. MARENBERG, ET AL., Defendants,
 Case No. CI 14 066.
 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 19th day of January, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., the real estate located at:

- 103-109 South Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio 43813
- Parcel Number: 12-10S-003-00; 12-10S-004-00; 12-10S-005-00; 12-10S-006-00; 12-10S-007-00; 12-10S-008-00; 12-10S-009-00; and, 12-10S-009-01

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 Thousand 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 the above date, a second sale will be held on the Second of February, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.
 The purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.
 The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.
 Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.
TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued.
 The successful bidder will have 30 days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has 30 days to file a written motion requesting the sale shall be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.
 Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.
 Sheriff Jason K. Landers
 Paulding County, Ohio
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 Michael C. Jones, Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
Laura Schoenherr, et. al.
 Defendants,

Case No. CI-16-170
 Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: LAURA SCHOENHERR AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA SCHOENHERR

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 421 E. Orchard Street, Payne, Ohio 45880

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by LAURA SCHOENHERR to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you. The real property in question is situated in the Village of Payne, County of Paulding, and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:

A parcel of land being known as Outlot No. Eight (8) of Block "E" in the Village of Payne, Paulding County, Ohio, and which is more particularly described as follows: commencing at an iron pin found on the South right of way of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad and on the West line of the East half (1/2) of the Southwest quarter (1/4) of Section 35, Town 2 North, Range 1 East, Paulding County, Ohio; thence South 0°14' West (assumed bearing for the purposes of this description) on the said West line of the East half (1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 35, Town 2 North, Range 1 East, Paulding County, Ohio; thence South 89°43' East, three hundred fifty-six and forty hundredths (356.40) feet to an iron pipe found and the point of beginning; ---thence South 89°43' East, seventy-four and thirty-five hundredths (74.35) feet to an iron pin with ID cap set; thence South 0°11' West on the East line of said Outlot 8 and the West line

of Lot 8, Proxmire's Payne Allotment and the West line of Lot "A", McGrew's Parcels, two hundred seventy-eight and sixty hundredths (278.60) feet to an iron pipe found on the Northerly right of way of East Orchard Street; thence continuing South 0°11' West, twenty-five and seventy-two hundredths (25.72) feet to a point in East Orchard Street; thence North 74°51' West in East Orchard Street, seventy-seven and twenty-one hundredths (77.21) feet to a point; thence North 0°14' East, twenty-five and seventy-two hundredths (25.72) feet to an iron pipe found on the Northerly right of way of East Orchard Street; thence continuing North 0°14' East, two hundred fifty-eight and eighty hundredths (258.80) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.503 acres of land, more or less, but subject to all legal highways, easements, zoning regulations and restrictions of record. The forgoing premises was surveyed by Paul J. Westhoven, Registered Surveyor No.

Parcel ID No. 19-06S-013-00 Property Address: 421 E. Orchard Street, Payne, Ohio 45880

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of your real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk
 Court of Common Pleas
 Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *Spuch Ann Hart*
 Deputy

Respectively submitted,
Joseph K. Burkard
 Joseph K. Burkard, (#0059106)
 Paulding County, Ohio
 Prosecuting Attorney
 112 1/2 N. Water St.
 Paulding, Ohio 45879
 419-399-8270

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BROWN TWP

12/19/16 FROM: BOOHER, RUTH ANN TO: BOOHER CHARLES F TRUSTEE
 BOOHER CHARLES F TRUSTEE
 BEECH RD, JOHNSTOWN OH 43031, 101 - CASH - GRAIN OR GENERAL FARM SE1/4 NW1/4 LESS 1.42A S-27

OAKWOOD VILL

12/19/16 FROM: OWENS, RONNIE G TO: OWENS KONNOR D

OWENS KONNOR D
 106 E SUPERIOR ST
 106 E SUPERIOR ST
 OAKWOOD OH 45873
 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP
 LOT 2 KECK ADD

CRANE TWP

12/20/16 FROM: THOMAS WENDELL, THOMAS JENNIFER TO: US BANK TRUST NA TRUSTEE;

US BANK TRUST NA TRUSTEE, 14787 US 127, 13801 WIRELESS WAY, OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73134; 511 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG UNPLAT 0-09; PT E1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 S-25

HARRISON TWP

12/16/16 FROM: SMITH DONALD E & SMITH DAWNITA A TO: HECK, THOMAS E.; HECK THOMAS E, 8610 SR 49, 3478 RD 144, PAYNE OH 45880; 511 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG UNPLAT 0-09; PT S1/2 NW1/4 SEC 26

12/19/16 FROM: DMP

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DONATION TO HEATHER'S CLOSET MADE



On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, Indiana Physical Therapy presented a check to Heather's Closet. The donation was raised by both staff and over the course of October through individual donations and an in-house fundraiser.

Heather's Closet is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate young people on teen dating violence prevention in addition to relationship awareness by using a customized curriculum and specialty programs. In order to fulfill their mission and provide these services, they rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses for support. After seven years of operation, the organization strives to expand its programs and events.

IPT was first made aware of this amazing organization when dating violence claimed the life of one owner's family member far too

soon. During the fundraiser, IPT personnel were able to wear purple and purchase shirts to wear by donating a small amount.

If you would like to donate or become involved in any way with this organization, you can contact Executive Director Joni Kuhn, at Heather's Closet, (260) 615-4831.

IPT, the premier independent provider of outpatient rehabilitation services in northern Indiana was founded in 1988 and has grown to sixteen locations including seven in Fort Wayne and one each in Angola, Auburn, Bluffton, Columbia City, Decatur, Huntington, Kendallville, New Haven, and Warsaw.

For more information on Indiana Physical Therapy, please visit www.indianapt.com and visit Heather's Closet on their Facebook page.

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 12/19/16

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

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Licht, Village Administrator Sara Keeran, and EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougall. Media present: none. Visitors: Julian Wagner and Rachel

Juino. Minutes from the regular council meeting held November 21, 2016, were reviewed.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the minutes from the November 21, 2016, regular council meeting. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the special council meeting held November 29, 2016, were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by West, to accept the minutes from the November 29, 2016, special council meeting. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

The November disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Derck, to approve the November reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors

Julian Wagner (government student) and Rachel Juino were in attendance to observe only.

Police report

Police Chief George Clemens provided a written report showing 90 calls for service with 4 citations for the month of November.

EMS report

EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing collections of \$9,452.11 for month of November and for year-to-date a total collected of \$89,934.33. She provided a written report showing 28 ems runs for November with a total of 321 EMS runs for year-to-date in 2016.

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Fiscal Officer's report

Third reading of ordinance no. 2016-30: An ordinance authorizing the mayor and the fiscal officer to enter into a contract with crane township for providing emergency medical service for years 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by West, to accept ordinance no. 2016-30. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Third reading of ordinance no. 2016-31: An ordinance authorizing the mayor and the fiscal officer to enter into a contract with carryall township for providing fire protection services for a ten (10) year period commencing in calendar year 2017.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Derck, to accept ordinance no. 2016-31. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-35: An ordinance authorizing an agreement by and between the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and Paragon Tempered Glass, LLC for the supply and purchase of water and provision of sewer service, and declaring the same an emergency

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-35. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2016-35. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-36: An ordinance to establish time and place of regular meetings of the council for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio, for calendar year 2017, and declaring the same an emergency

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-36. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2016-36. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-37: An ordinance establishing a special revenue fund entitled sever-

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ance pay reserve fund and authorizing the transfer of funds from the general fund to the special revenue fund, and declaring the same an emergency

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-37. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2016-37. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-38: An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, and declaring the same an emergency

Motion made by West, seconded by Ryan, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-38. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2016-38. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-39: An ordinance authorizing the fiscal officer of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio to amend appropriations and declaring it an emergency

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by west, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-39. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2016-39. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-40: An ordinance establishing a capital improvement fund: pump station project - fund number d01; and declaring the same an emergency

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-40. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2016-40. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-41: An ordinance establishing a capital improvement fund: water

treatment plant improvements - fund number d02; and declaring the same an emergency

Motion made by West, seconded by Derck, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-41. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2016-41. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2016-42: An ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$5,000.00 from the general fund to the police fund, and declaring the same an emergency

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2016-42. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2016-42. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Administrator's report

Snow removal on residential sidewalks has been an issue this winter including the safe routes to school area. Public service committee will meet January 4, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. To discuss potential resolutions to this issue.

Discussion on estimates for replacing the roof of the fire hall. The contract will be awarded by the Paulding County commissioners as the block grant money was awarded by the county but a recommendation on the proposals must be provided by council.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to recommend approval of tri-county roofing estimate of \$30,600.00 For replacement of fire hall roof. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

Discussion had on contract term for village-wide trash pick-up with Real Waste Disposal, LLC and 90 day time period to provide a notice of renewal to extend term for another one-year period.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to approve village administrator to send notice to Real Waste Disposal, LLC to extend the term of the village-wide trash pick-up contract for another one year period commencing in April 2017. 6 years, 0 days.

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

Motion carried and approved.

Committee reports

No committee reports.

West commented on engineering services and obtaining bids for these services on future projects. Solicitor Farr will research pre-qualification requirements and competitive bidding process for engineering services and exceptions thereto.

Solicitor Farr also mentioned that she researched information on indoor shooting ranges in village corporation limits and found information regarding the regulation of the noise levels and zoning requirements. She will continue to research the issues raised by Matt McDougall at last council meeting.

Mayor's report

Mayor's court brought in \$794.00 to the village in the month of October with \$329.00 going to the state and \$15.00 going to the county for a total of \$1,138.00.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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