

'DOUBLE OR NOTHING' KIND OF NIGHT AT PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BANQUET



Picture L to R: Joe Barker, Cassie Jo Arend and Caitlin Blair

A wide spread of appetizers were on display for Paulding Chamber members to graze over at the Paulding Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Thursday, March 10. After introductions of awards (listed below),

attendees enjoyed an evening of guilt-free and risk-free gambling fun! All game chips won were turned in for tickets to put in for the prize drawings at the end of the evening. Casino Night was a great

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LAURIE'S NATURESCAPES READY FOR 2016 SEASON!



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SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED'S STATEMENT ABOUT OHIO PRIMARY

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted released the following updated statement regarding the ruling in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to overrule state law and reverse decades of election law precedent by allowing 17-year-olds to cast ballots in Ohio's 2016 Presidential Primary Election:

"I believe that Ohio law is clear and that my office has properly administered the law, just as previous Democrat and Republican Secretaries of State over the last two decades have done.

"However, upon learning that the 10th District Court of Appeals does not plan to hear an appeal on the lower court's decision until the day before the election, even if we were to prevail, there is no effective way to responsibly make the changes necessary to implement an orderly election.

"Our elections system needs more stability and less chaos. This last minute legislating from the bench on election law has to stop.

"As a result, we will not proceed with an appeal on

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BENEFITS OF COVER CROPS



By: Staci Miller, Education Specialist, Paulding SWCD

Due to recent high winds and erosion around the county, cover crops have become a topic of discussion. Cover crops have the ability to help improve soil and water quality. There are a variety of different soil quality benefits of cover crops which include soil erosion protection, reduced nutrient leaching, carbon sequestration, weed suppression, integrated pest management and addition of valuable organic matter. Cover crops can also help to protect water quality by reducing losses of nutrients, pesticide and sediment. Only a small percentage of farmers in Paulding County are utilizing cover crops on their farms.

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resources for those who are interested in learning more about cover crops, as well as a program available to them. Cover crops are becoming more popular among farmers in other countries. In France, farmers are mandated to have the ground covered with cover crops from September 15th to November 15th to help improve water quality. In Australia, farmers are encouraged to use cover crops for soil health as part of their crop insurance program guidelines. In the United States, farmers are fortunate enough to have the choice to plant what crops they want to plant. There are truly many benefits to having a growing crop on fields year around. It allows for increased water infiltration, increased soil organic carbon and the ability to naturally recycle nutrients and fix nitrogen with legumes. Soil health is water storage for your crops. Cover crops improve the physical properties of soil and reduce soil compaction. They also improve field trafficability according to OSU Extension Fact Sheet for cover crops. It is vital to keep nutrients on the field and available for the next crop. The different varieties of cover crops improve weed control, attract beneficial insects and help to suppress disease. Cover crops do take extra time and funds to establish a growing year around, but just as your cash crops take extra time and inputs the benefits can be seen. Farmers who are interested in starting to grow cover crops need to ask themselves three questions according to Barry Fisher, Central Team

Leader and Soil Health Specialist with USDA-NRCS. Those questions are: What are you trying to accomplish? When is your planting window? Are you willing to commit to growing cover crops? Cover crops may not fix soil compaction or greatly increase soil organic carbon in just one year of planting. Barry also said, "Soil health is economic development and organic matter is our bank account." It takes time to rebuild and loosen the soils after years of compaction. Soil health is not a thing, but a journey. If you are interested in learning more about cover crops or information about programs available for cost share please contact the Paulding SWCD at 419-399-4771.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/16 - 3/22

3/16 - Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Birthday & anniversary celebration & grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.
 3/17 - St. Patty's Day Celebration; Blood pressure & toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; New - Penny Pitch - at 12:00 p.m. sponsored by Meadows of Kalida; Evening meal at 5:00 p.m.
 3/18 - Bible study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Commodity distribution at 11:00 a.m.; Bingo w/Vancrest at 12:00 p.m.
 3/21 - Raffle day; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Steering committee at 12:00 p.m.
 3/22 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 3/16 - 3/22

3/16 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, banana, Easter cupcakes, milk
 3/17 - Irish chicken & dumplings/vegetables, green salad, lime jello w/fruit, fruit & grain bar, milk
 3/18 - Tuna salad sandwich, potato soup, tomato cucumber salad, tropical blend fruit, sherbert, milk
 3/21 - Cabbage roll casserole over white rice, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll, fruit crisp, milk
 3/22 - Cheeseburger, oven potatoes, buttered lima beans, orange juice, rice krispie treat, milk

ANTWERP ROTARY TO HOST DINNER FOR TENNIS COURT RENOVATION

The Antwerp Rotary Club is hosting a St. Patty's Day Celebration on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Paulding Eagles located at 208 West Perry St. in Paulding, Ohio. The evening will begin with a steak fry, baked potato, and salad bar from 5-7pm. Tickets are available from Rotary members at Marilyn's Petals & Vines, Floyd Ramsier's Law Office, and the Antwerp Exchange Bank all located in Antwerp, Ohio. DJ Larry Colley will be spinning your favorite tunes from 7-10pm and several prizes will be up for grabs! The prizes include 2 - Steak baskets, 1 - Wine basket, and 3 - Ohio State baskets. Prizes awarded for 50/50 drawing include: 1st prize - 50% of tickets sold; 2nd prize - \$100.00 cash; 3rd prize -

\$50.00 cash. 50/50 tickets can also be purchased in advance at the above businesses. This event will benefit the Antwerp Tennis Court Renovation project. Ground breaking is expected to take place by the end of March. Plans include proper drainage, an improved, safer playing surface, "pickle ball" lines and other technical renovations. The Rotary Club is very excited to see this project come to fruition! Don't forget to wear your green and come out for a fun-filled evening of great food and fellowship while supporting this awesome project!

HONOR FLIGHT GENERAL MEETING AT JPMS

Would you like to hear more about the Honor Flight being organized by Paulding Putnam Electric Employees? The John Paulding Historical Society would like to invite you to their General Meeting which will be held On Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the museum, located across from the fairgrounds in Paulding. Steve Kahle, one of the committee members and Paulding Putnam employee, will be conducting a presentation and will answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is invited and bring a friend with you!

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK TO JOIN PRESIDENT OBAMA AND CABINET DELEGATION ON TRAVEL TO CUBA

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack will join President Obama when he travels to Cuba later this month. This historic visit - the first by a sitting U.S. President in nearly 90 years - is another demonstration of the President's commitment to chart a new course for U.S.-Cuban relations and connect U.S. and Cuban citizens through expanded travel, commerce, and access to information. This will be Secretary Vilsack's second trip to Cuba. In November 2015, Vilsack led a delegation of U.S. Government officials traveling to Havana for a series of meetings in the interest of strengthening bilateral agricultural engagement. During his visit in November, the Secretary met with Cuba's vice-president Ricardo Cabrisas, Minister of Agriculture Gustavo Rodriguez Rollero, and Foreign

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this decision and I will direct all county boards of elections later this evening to comply with the court order."

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."
 —Matthew 5:13

VANCREST OF ANTWERP RESIDENTS ENJOY SCHOOL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Vancrest residents enjoying the AHS production of *The Little Mermaid*. The residents all agreed that the cast and crew did a great job in this production.



Despite their busy schedule, many Antwerp National Honor Society students spent the afternoon with the residents of Vancrest playing Bingo and serving refreshments. Vancrest appreciates all that the Antwerp students and staff do for the Vancrest facility.

Minister Bruno Rodríguez, as well as with Cuban farmers, producers and operators of agricultural cooperatives and markets. Secretary Vilsack will use this second trip to Cuba to discuss opportunities for collaboration in agriculture among the United States and Cuba, better understand how climate change is affecting agricultural production in Cuba, and continue to help American businesses interested in exporting to Cuba form and strengthen ties to the Cuban people and culture. "Throughout history, agriculture has served as a bridge to foster cooperation, and I have no doubt that agriculture will continue to play a powerful role as we expand our relationship with the Cuban people in the coming years," said Secretary Vilsack.

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through installation with selection of shrubs, trees, flowers, pavers, stone, mulch and edging. Landscape quotes are always complimentary. Seasonally, we carry a wide selection of mums, poinsettias/Christmas trees, firewood and offer snow plowing.

Laurie's also offers complete lawn care services including mowing, fertilizing, bed cleanup, tree and bush trimming. Several varieties of mulch are offered and delivery is available.

Inside is our well known store and gift shop, Laurie's is proud to carry the A.M. Leonard premium line of lawn & garden tools; and wide selection of fertilizers and insecticides. Additionally, we carry Root candles, decorative pottery, memorial products and many other accessories for indoor/outdoor use. New for 2016 is "The Gallery Nook" which offers women's jewelry, purses and metal artwork (custom pieces are available).

Laurie's Naturescapes is located at 12368 State Route 118, Van Wert, OH 45891 (just south of the high school). Current hours are Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Effective April 1, hours will be Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Have questions or need a quote call us at 419-238-1595. Check us out at www.lauries-naturescapesvw.com or www.facebook.com/Lauries-Naturescapes and watch for our advertising in the West Bend News. Shop with us for your Easter and Mother's Day gifts and join us for our spring Open House on April 23.

MERCY DEFIANCE CLINIC WELCOMES DR. RACHEL ANN ROSENFELD TO ITS PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT



Mercy Defiance Clinic recently welcomed Dr. Rachel Ann Rosenfeld to its pediatric department. Dr. Rosenfeld specializes in providing primary care for patients from birth to age eighteen. She is succeeding Dr. Foldvary, who retired at the end of 2015. Dr. Rosenfeld is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and is a fellow of both

the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Board of Pediatrics. She has extensive experience in caring for children, most recently at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus.

"As a community-minded healthcare provider, it's important that we have physicians who can meet the unique needs of our patients. Children require different care than adults, both from a medical perspective and an emotional one, and we are pleased that we can continue providing our younger patients with the compassionate care they deserve," said Chad Peter, Mercy Defiance president and CEO.

All previously scheduled pediatric appointments will continue as scheduled. To schedule a new appointment, please call 419.784.1414.

AUTHOR VISIT: A READING WITH B.J. HOLLARS



BJ Hollars will be at Meeting Room C, Main library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN, Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.

B.J. Hollars is the author of several books most recently two nonfiction books, *From the Mouths of Dogs: What Our Pets Teach Us About Life, Death and Being Human*, and *This is Only A Test*. He will be reading from and discussing these books as well as accepting answers from the audience.

Hollars is an assistant professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He serves as a mentor of Creative Nonfiction, the reviews editor for *Pleiades*, and a contributing blogger for *Brain Child* and the *Michigan Quarterly Review*. <http://www.bjhollars.com/>

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL FIRST IN STATE TO EARN HIGHEST-LEVEL CHEST PAIN CENTER ACCREDITATION

Lutheran Hospital has reinforced its position as a state leader in cardiac care by receiving the most advanced chest pain center accreditation possible — the first facility in Indiana

to achieve the designation. Lutheran officially received full cycle V accreditation with percutaneous coronary intervention* and resuscitation accreditation" from the accreditation review committee of the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care. This three-year re-accreditation expires January 14, 2019.

"By design, each re-accreditation gets a little more difficult to achieve, and each cycle incorporates six essential components," said Latesa Conley, chest pain center coordinator, Lutheran Hospital. "We're ecstatic that Lutheran wields the highest achievement level available for a chest pain center. We're among only a handful of facilities in the country to reach this level."

Lutheran has participated in and achieved all five cycles of Chest Pain Center accreditation. It received initial cycle I accreditation in 2001. At that time, it became the first accredited chest pain center in northeastern Indiana and only the 27th in the nation. As of March 7, Lutheran was the 18th out of 19 total facilities in the nation to receive the more advanced, voluntary accreditation.

With the increase in chest pain centers more than a decade ago came the need to establish standards designed to improve the consistency and quality of care provided to patients. SCPC's accreditation process ensures that centers meet or exceed quality-of-care measures in acute cardiac medicine.

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death in the United States, with 600,000 people dying annually of heart disease. More than five million Americans visit hospitals each year with chest pain.

NEW HAVEN BICYCLES RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

Selling and repairing bicycles are the specialty at a new shop in downtown New Haven. New Haven Bicycles has moved into 502 Broadway Street. They will be celebrating on April 2 with a Ribbon Cutting and an open house. The Ribbon Cutting will be held at 9:00 a.m. that morning. Come in and see what this new store has to offer.

MVNU INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES TO PERFORM

The Mount Vernon Nazarene University Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Flute Choir will present a spring concert on Tuesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the R.R. Hodges Chapel Auditorium. The community is invited to this free event.

The concert will feature a variety of music. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, directed by Dr. John Packard, will present a program entitled "Wizards and Whales" which includes music from "Harry Potter" and a musical setting of five scenes from Herman Melville's "Moby Dick" by W. Francis McBeth titled, "Of Sailors and Whales." MVNU senior Spanish major Aaron Turnbull will narrate the final work. The Jazz Band, direct-

ed by Mr. Jim Puckett, will perform instrumental and vocal arrangements of jazz, pop, and Broadway standards including special tributes to the late Natalie Cole and Maurice White.

The Flute Choir, directed by Mrs. Jennifer Packard, will offer a medley of songs from Richard Rodgers' "The Sound of Music."

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

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GOVERNORS' FITNESS COUNCILS TACKLES CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN OHIO

Fitness icon Jake Steinfeld, chairman of the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils (NFGFC), has selected the State of Ohio to kick off its National Fitness Champion campaign to help fight childhood obesity. The campaign recognizes elementary and middle schools for demonstrating new and innovative ways of introducing physical activity and wellness into their curriculum. Three Ohio schools, selected by the NFGFC as competition winners, will each be awarded a \$100,000 state-of-the-art fitness center for their efforts. The nomination process opens today and will run through the end of May. Nominate your school now at www.natgovfit.org.

"I've declared war on childhood obesity and it's inspiring to see elected leaders like Governor Kasich immediately jump on board and welcome us into their state to help fight this disease," said Jake Steinfeld. "The fight to stop childhood obesity in its tracks is a cause that everyone can back. In fact, every state leader that I've met with recognizes that obesity is neither a democrat nor republican issue, it's a kids issue and all have vowed to do everything possible to help. Now, Ohio schools have an opportunity to make a change that will have a lasting impact on kids well into their future."

Ohio Governor John R. Kasich has pledged his support, while the state's First Lady Karen W. Kasich is taking a lead role in Ohio's participation. The First Lady has been a leading advocate for efforts to improve health and wellness in the state. Among her activities, the First Lady has worked to increase physical activity among kindergartners through fifth-graders with her "Time for 10!" exercise video series.

The National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils program will make its way into all 50 states in the coming years. Each fitness center awarded as a top prize is financed through public/private partnerships with companies like The Coca-Cola Company, Anthem Foundation and Nike, and does not rely on taxpayer dollars or state funding. Additionally, TuffStuff Fitness International provides all of the fitness equipment. The Foundation's goal is to build a nation of the fittest, healthiest kids in the world. "I've always said that academics and fitness go hand

WLS PRESCHOOLERS VISIT MCMILLEN HEALTH CENTER



The preschool students of Woodburn Lutheran School recently took a field trip to McMillen Health Center to learn all about keeping their bodies healthy. While there, the students participated in the Scrubby Bear program and heard from King Wisdom Tooth and TAM (Transparent Anatomical Mannequin), about the importance of dental care and hand-washing. The activities helped the students learn that sleeping, eating well, exercising, and taking good care of themselves keeps them healthy.

WLS proudly and passionately offers preschool programs for children ages 3-5. The preschool programs provide students the opportunity to grow and develop socially, academically, and spiritually and lays a strong foundation for cultivating life-long learners.

For more information about Woodburn Lutheran School, please call the office at 260-632-5493 or visit their website at www.woodburnlutheranschool.org to learn more about WLS.

in hand. We're not only building bodies, but most importantly we are boosting confidence and self-esteem. I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact fitness centers have had students and their communities. When you provide the right tools and the inspiration, you'll be amazed by the changes that take place," continued Steinfeld. "Our children are our most precious resource and by providing them with a strong foundation in health and fitness, we can feel confident that they'll excel beyond their wildest dreams."

Physical activity and exercise are shown to help prevent and treat more than 40 chronic diseases, enhance individual health and quality of life, and reduce health care costs. In schools, studies show that physical activity improves academic achievement, increases confidence and self-esteem, reduces discipline problems, cuts absenteeism, and fosters better interpersonal

relationships. For more information about the NFGFC or to download a nomination form, visit www.natgovfit.org.

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Picture L to R: Ethel Jewel & Cassie Jo Arend

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For more information, or to pre-register please contact Pastor Paul Hamrick at 419-771-9378 or email at 771hope@gmail.com. This seminar is a part of The Chapel's mission to equip the body of Christ to reach the lost, hurting, and needy of our area. No matter what faith tradition you come from, this seminar will equip you to share your faith from a biblical perspective.

BIBLE QUESTIONS: THE LORD'S CHURCH

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

Scripture reading for this study. Ephesians 1:4-5 verse 4 just as He (God) chose us in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him (God) in love. Verse 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasures of His will. (NKJV).

- 1. When was the Lord's church planned?
2. V 4 what does this mean, God chose us before the foundation of the world?
3. Ephesians 1:5 what does predestined mean?
4. V 5 what does adoption mean?
5. V 5 what does this mean according to good pleasure? Of His will?

I am available for comments, questions and to offer Help in some way. Also there is the editor and proof reader who also can be reached at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the Church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

- 1. Before the foundation of the world.; 2. God chose a people, before there was Jew or Gentile, God chose a people, through the Gospel, a people to be His church.; 3. God foreknew and determined before creation, that He (God) would have a people for Himself, these people would be the church. As you and I study the Bible we see that what God planned beforehand came into existence, exactly as He planned it.; 4. God adopts into His family Jews and Gentiles who have obeyed the Gospel message. We are all equal with Christ in the church.; 5. Means to decree something. As God decrees the church.

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES ANNOUNCED AT FIRST UMC

The congregation of First United Methodist Church in Van Wert, invites area residents to the mid-week Lenten Meditations through March 23. Join the members of the congregation and community in Krout Memorial Chapel for mediation, singing and Holy Communion from 12:00-12:20. A light lunch will be served each week at 12:30 p.m.

On Sunday, March 20, the church will celebrate Palm Sunday with services at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Brass, percussion, organ, piano and the choir will provide music

for the 10:45 service. A potato and salad Bar will be held following the second worship service.

On Maundy Thursday, March 24, supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. after which a service will follow in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Joel Penton will give his testimony and Holy Communion will be offered.

On Good Friday, March 25, the Community Service will be held beginning at 12:05 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The Van Wert County Ministerial Association is planning the service. Reverend Gus Christo-Baker will be the speaker.

Easter Sunday celebrations on March 27th, will begin with a service at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the church dining room. An Easter Egg hunt will be held in the Fountain Park at 9:45 a.m. Second service begins at 10:45 a.m. Handbells, piano, organ, trumpet, choir and a vocal duet will provide music. More information visit, www.vanwertfirst.net or call the church office at 419.238.0631.

CONSPIRACIES CONSIDERED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Commonly reported cover-ups, schemes, and secrets will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, March 24 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Conspiracies: What 'They' Don't Want You to Know," features a filmed interview with Ross Hemsworth, a well-known radio personality and speaker at conferences addressing conspiracies and conspiracy theories.

"I think those people with exploring minds are the ones interested in conspiracy theories," Hemsworth says during the episode. "For me, when I meet people who are into this particular subject area, they are exploring everything. They are inquiring minds, and they just want to know the truth that's out there."

During the episode, Lifetree participants will be given an opportunity to share their opinions of commonly reported conspiracy theories including the JFK assassination, UFO landings, and genetically engineered viruses.

Lifetree Café is located in The Bachwell Center for Music and Dance at 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio. Please use the handicap assessable entrance on Court Street. Parking is available in the Courthouse lots.

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

FFC HAS SUCCESSFUL VALENTINE'S DINNER



The second annual Valentine Dinner was again a great success. The couples and individuals who came out on one of the coldest nights of the year were not disappointed. A delicious fine dining meal, music by Larry Noirot, a special memory photo by Deb Gamble of God's Paint Photography Walmart, and to over a dozen door prizes, made it a night to remember. One lucky couple, Ron and Mary Eix (pictured above), won the grand prize of a fabulous getaway night at Don Hall's Hotel and Conference Center, which included a romantic dinner for two, a luxurious hotel night accommodation and special breakfast. First Friends Church would like to express appreciate to the local businesses: Wal-Mart, Marsh, Fetting's Flowers, McCoy's Flowers, Flowers B, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, Brookside, Subway South, Lee Kinstle GM, Greve Chrysler, Quick Lube, Advance Auto, Olympic Lanes, and God's Paint Photography for their generous support of the Valentine Dinner. Pastor Paul also shared how proud he is of the labor of love and hard work of the people of First Friends put into the Valentine Dinner. Unlike most churches, where 20% of the people do most of the work, at First Friends everyone joyously works together to reach the broken, needy, and hurting of their area. As one person commented, First Friends is the small church that does big things for God.

with their limited finances, assists those in need as they give back doing some type of work according to their ability. They believe that those in need benefit more by giving them a Hand-Up not just a hand-out.

First Friends Church realizes our communities are as strong as our families. As with many areas of our lives every so often we need a tune-up. Realizing way too many relationships are struggling and that over half of marriages end in divorce, First Friends will be presenting to our couples and communities life giving resources to invigorate and strengthen relationships. So coming in March First Friends will be offering a series that will allow couples to discern how to again fill what Dr. Gary Chapman calls their love tank. With the many pressures put on relationships by the stresses of today, couples need tools to help keep their relationships fresh and full of the love that lasts a lifetime.

Pastor Paul and Susie started a relationship that began as high school sweet hearts and has spanned close to 44 years of marriage. They have taught relationship series locally, nationally, and even internationally over 36 years of ministry and have seen scores of relationship renewed and refreshed. Presently they are traveling to Georgia to teach and impart insight to restore relationships. They believe there is hope for struggling relationships to be strengthened and good relationships to become great again. So no matter where your relationship is, there is hope. For more information and to register for the series contact Pastor Paul by calling 419-771-9378 or emailing 771hope@gmail.com



Picture L to R: Riley Hart, Larry Colley, Caitlin Blair, Chase Stoller.

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change of pace for the drab late winter evening.

Below are listed the businesses and persons recognized for their accomplishments and contributions to Paulding and surrounding areas:

- Business of the Year - Solid Ground LLC for their extensive donation to the downtown Christmas lights and work at the Herb Monroe Community Park.
Business Person of the

Year - Joe Barker for his efforts to use WMYW 102.7 to improve our community.

Golden Shovel Award - Paulding County Senior Fair Board for the extensive improvements to the Fairgrounds.

Volunteer of the Year - Marsha Yeutter for her years of volunteer service to the Chamber and community.

Two anniversaries - Red Angel Pizza (40 years) and Ann's Bright Beginnings (10 years).

SHARE JESUS WITHOUT FEAR

As a Christian, have you ever desired to more effectively be able to share your faith with friends, family, and co-workers? Have you ever had an opportunity to share your faith, but you didn't? If you have struggled at times in finding the right words or way to share your faith, then we have just the program for you. "Share Jesus Without

Fear" is an easy to share, relational way to express to others the joy you have in Jesus. Tens of thousands of Christians have taken the training and have learned how to communicate their faith in Jesus with confidence and without fear!

"The Chapel", at 9010 Van Wert Willshire Rd., corner of Van Wert Willshire Rd. and Richey Rd., 6 minutes Southeast of Van Wert, will be offering the "Share Jesus Without Fear" Seminar on

Vagabond Village Restaurant
Easter Sunday Smorgasbord
• Good Friday, March 25th • Hand Breaed Cod Dinner Buffet 4-8PM Featuring Cod & Broasted Chicken
• Saturday Night • Prime Rib and Steak Specials 4-8PM Soup N Salad Bar
Easter Sunday Smorgasbord 10 am - 3 pm Broasted Chicken, Baked Ham, Roast Beef, Potatoes, Veggies Salads & Desserts! Coffee and Punch Included
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Last Fish Fry in 2016
We thank you for your patronage!



THE LIVING LAST SUPPER
Woodburn Missionary Church
5108 Bull Rapids Road, Woodburn
Sunday, March 20 @ 2PM
Tues. - Thurs., March 22-24 @ 7PM
Tickets are free, but necessary for seating availability.
Call the church office at 260-632-4615
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Childcare will be provided for children 5 years and younger.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I received a letter from the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce that due to lack of local support to help them put on events the long-time officers and board are getting tired and plan to call it quits. These people, without much change, have been promoting Antwerp retail businesses for as long as most of us can remember. So, we shouldn't be surprised to hear this announcement. A Chamber meeting will be held March 16, at 12:30 PM at the Essen House to vote on deciding to continue in some form or to disband. Life is full of changes and perhaps this is just another change for the Village of Antwerp. Events lost that the Chamber sponsored will be the Area Garage Sales and Sidewalk Sales, Small Business Saturday, A Day in the Park, the Community Sign Board, the Halloween Parade and Costume Judging, the Christmas Lighting Contest, Santa's Mailbox, and the Nativity Scene Display. Anyone interested in helping should attend the meeting.

Whichever way this turns out, many thanks to the Chamber Officers and Board for making Antwerp a better place to live over the years.
—Tony Langham

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Van Wert County continues to have specific needs to improve its position in keeping its population intact, developing economic opportunities to improve the city/county business climate, encouraging employment possibilities for its residents,

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the Antwerp Fire Department and all surrounding fire departments for their heroic effort to save the River Street Market. In unfavorable conditions, the firemen did everything they could. We are very thankful there were no injuries and no damage to other property. We admire their dedication to the job and hope our community will continue to support the Antwerp Fire Department. Without a doubt, the fire department and volunteer firemen are an amazing asset to the community of Antwerp. We are lucky to have such professional and well-trained volunteers to protect us. We also would like to acknowledge everyone for all the kind words and support through our loss. Many, many thanks to all of you.
- Doug and Lisa Bragg

supporting good educational programs which prepare students for their futures, and helping to maintain local communities with amenities that promote healthy living environments.

Staci Kaufman is an excellent candidate for Van Wert County Commissioner. She brings to the upcoming election a well-rounded life of successful experiences which qualify her for the challenging job of being a county commissioner. She also brings to this election the desire to make Van Wert County and all of its communities better places to live.

Staci has shown admirable leadership qualities as superintendent of Vantage Career Center, bringing it forward into the showcase of successful schools for workforce education in Ohio. She has seen firsthand the jobs situation for her students and their families, and has led to the establishment of programs and supports for them to stay in school and to be employed upon graduation. She has provided past direction to other area schools as an active board member as well. Staci cares about the youth in the Van Wert communities.

As a past president and member of the Foundation Board of Van Wert Rotary, Staci provided leadership for some very successful fundraising efforts which have supported local needs. She has proven that she can work with many types of people of various backgrounds to accomplish positive things for the Van Wert area.

Staci has experience in how economic development efforts are directed and the ways in which one successfully works with established government/private groups to seek grants funding through her participation on the Van Wert Economic Development Advisory Group. She understands what has to be done and how to do it effectively when funds are sought.

I very much admire that Staci Kaufman is willing to redirect her personal life by running for elected office when she has seen that she has the needed skills and can assist her adopted city in improving its future. Please join me in voting for Staci Kaufman for Van Wert County Commissioner.

Respectfully,
—Deb Kleinhenz
Van Wert, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I saw a couple of weeks ago in the West Bend News that the highway patrol will be stepping up enforcement of distracted driving, I/E texting while driving in March and April. That's good, especially along 127, where it's getting a

ENERGY DAY @ FAIRVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL



Fairview Middle School's 7th graders learn about electrical safety during a high voltage demonstration held as part of their Energy Day event. The students also used their own energy to create electricity by pedaling a bike that was connected to a small generator. North Western Electric Cooperative of Bryan proudly sponsored the event. If your classroom or organization is interested in scheduling an educational demonstration contact Pearl Rakes at 419-636-5051 for more information.

little scary to drive, especially between Paulding and Van Wert. I can't count the number of times I've seen cars touching or crossing the centerline, then as they go past, are looking down towards the wheel or holding their stupid phone over the wheel and texting. But, why only two months? It should be all year long and have hefty fines to get the message across. How many people are going to be injured or killed by these cell phone addicts before drastic measures are taken by our incompetent Ohio lawmakers? The illegal use of these phones is getting out of control. I know at least 40% to 50% of the cars I go by have someone on them anymore. Hope the patrol does a good job, more power to them!

Speaking of law enforcement, I wonder how many people that listen to our local radio station, 102.7, are getting tired of that request to help find who robbed the gas station on old 24 in December? It's been three months and no information yet! I'm all for helping law enforcement, but there are no real clues to this robbery that mean much. Don't know why they think it was someone local, as that station is off the beaten path with the new highway now. And two white males? That takes in an awful lot of people. A bolt action rifle? Just a gun, unless it was fired, to get a bullet comparison. A black Chevy truck with black wheels? That takes in a few hundred thousand, but it was 9:00 at night, in December. Dark, so was it really a Chevy truck? I see several of these every day, but so what? There is another crime now that they need to concentrate on more than this old news robbery. That makes it very minor. I'm sure they are following this very bad latest crime and hopefully will solve it, but need to just let the robbery rest awhile. Maybe someone will slip and say something and expose themselves.

Also speaking of law enforcement, how about spending some time in the west end where ridiculous driving is getting out of control, mainly speeds of 40 and more mph and reckless driving, along with how much noise can some of these cars and stupid, jacked up trucks make? It's a daily thing anymore because they know they can get away with it anywhere in the west end. Someone's going to get killed or hurt, and then what will they give as an excuse? We see speed traps set up at the east and north ends on a regular basis, but never in our end. All the streets from 111 north are dangerous with

speeding and idiots running through stop signs, hardly slowing down at times. The corner of Dix and Caroline are especially bad, cars run this sign or go west on Caroline 50+ mph on a regular basis. See what kind bit of response this gets. I know they can't be everywhere at once, but more patrolling is needed in the west end.

Thank you,
—Gregg Gorman
Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR*

Dear Readers. We as a nation know about dirty politics, don't we? How about this food for thought?

We have 2 people running for the Democratic party, Bernie and Hillary. One, an avowed Socialist, whose disregard for your money would more than double our deficit in 8-10 years. Free health-care, free college, free food, free rent, everything FREE. This, of course, would not be possible in our society. Our free-market society. Tax the top .1 of 1% at a rate of 90-92 % of their wealth and it still wouldn't work. It is just impossible.

The other person, an avowed liar, responsible for the deaths in Beghazzi, Libya, stating she wants to be the CHAMPION for the middle class. She says she knows what we need! Let's get real, we know what she needs, don't we? POWER!!!!!!

Approximately 6 weeks ago, Hillary had a one and one-half hour meeting with our beloved Barack Hussein Obama. We know that in 2008

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop
- Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart
- Cecil:** Maramart, Vagabond
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabin Fever Coffee, Cabbage Patch Convenience Store
- Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa
- Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
- Grabill:** Do-It Best Hardware, Save-A-Lot, Grabill Country Sales
- Hicksville:** Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center
- Latty:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center
- Melrose:** Uncle Fudd's Diner, Morning Star Convenience Store
- Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
- Paulding:** Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Market, Integrity Ford, Napa Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, True Value, Maramart, Dollar Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch General, Dairy Queen, Holly Library, Financial Partners, Love's Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office
- Payne:** Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
- Scott:** Scott Variety Store
- Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
- Van Wert:** Pak-A-Sak, Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart
- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
- Fort Wayne:** Walmart (Maysville Rd.)
- Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
- Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
- Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
- Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
- New Haven:** Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet
- Woodburn:** Clip -N- Tan, Jim's negie Library, Chief, Corner Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Market, Integrity Ford, Napa Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, True Value, Maramart, Dollar Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch General, Dairy Queen, Holly Library, Financial Partners, Love's Wood and Vine, Paulding County Travel Center, Feders

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when he and Hillary were facing off in the democratic nomination process, they hated each other. The media was filled with that fact. After this meeting some weeks ago, Hillary has wrapped her arms around everything that Obama stands for, why do you think that is? Let me offer my opinion. I believe Hillary and Barack made a little deal in that oval-office.

This is what I think went on:
HILLARY: Barack, I will help you get and maintain a legacy if you keep the F.B.I.

off of my back until the election in Nov. 2016.
BARACK: I can do that. My Attorney General, Loretta Lynch, is my puppet, just as was her predecessor. The F.B.I. is a criminal investigative agency, but, is of course, under the auspices of the Dept. of Justice.
The entire scenario of course depends upon 2 things. 1) The honesty from the White House to the Justice Department, for which I believe, honesty is a word foreign to their vocabulary.
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THE LOBO TANK BUSTERS

By: Stan Jordan

We had lunch while the crew filled up our planes with fuel and ammo. We are back up in the air heading to Bastogne, then out of there on one of the major highways that lead northwest to the Meuse River and then on into the big port of Antwerp. We followed a busy highway that had several tanks on it, but we didn't bother them. We slowed down to about 300 mph and flew right on over the Meuse River as the order of the day was, "No German tanks to cross the Meuse."

We got to the river and we were a few miles north of where we were this morning. There was a pretty good bridge there and still in tact.

Our job is to keep the German tanks off the bridge. We flew right on over the bridge, on to the other side where the allies were waiting. We went up to about a 1000 feet and looked around and discussed our plans.

We figured we would do about the same as we did this morning at the town called Savl (we left that town with the road blocked with burning German tanks, no tanks would cross the river there).

We made a big circle back over the river and over the highway with the German tanks on it. The first tanks in line were King Tiger Tanks. We have to knock them out from the rear because of the heavy armor they have in the front. I put a rocket in the rear of the first tank, but it went a little wide and blew away the right rear

side of that tank. I went on across the river and grabbed a handful of sky. I looked around and my wingman said that he finished the job on the first tank. Burning pretty bad, the right tank track was about half gone. There was no way that tank could move.

We made another big circle and came up from the rear again. The number one and two tank were destroyed, but the third and fourth tanks were going to come up beside them on the other lane of the road. I fired two rockets at the first tank in the left lane and blew the right tank track completely off and the other rocket was a near miss. Lt. Barnes fired a rocket into his engine area and it started to burn.

I made a low circle and watched the other pilots do their thing. We used all of our rockets, but we had demolished four King Tigers Tanks and that road was blocked, so even a German Jeep couldn't have gone through there.

We got a total of fifteen tanks today, but better than that, those two roads are blocked to traffic over the bridge.

See Ya!



AG DAY MARCH 15TH

By: Stan Jordan

March 15th, 2016 has been deemed Ag Day. More people have never heard that, than those that have. I thought I would dwell on that day a little.

Farming is America's most important industry. That is where we get all of our food and some to help feed the world. Our food, fiber and everything we get, comes from the soil or mother na-

ture.

A farmer is a man outstanding in his field. He leans over and scoops up a handful of soil, dirt or clod, this handful of soil tells him a lot. 1.) The ground is dry enough to work 2.) There is or is not enough moisture to nurture the seed or there is a good seed bed and a little hint of how deep to plant the seed.

At planting time, the farmer works night and day to get his seed into the ground. He must take advantage of every good day and night, because he doesn't know how long the planting window is.

In America, there is only 3% of the people in agriculture, but these people farm a lot of acres in the time they have. The day of the two row planter, the five foot combine and the heavy disk are gone forever. We are in the time of forty foot combine, header and 48 row corn planters.

A farmer, now a days, has to be a fairly good mechanic, electrician, weatherman, bookkeeper, financial and marketer, along with a good knowledge of computers. This is because if he is going to make a living farming, he must farm a lot of acres and that requires bigger machinery as they go hand in hand.

One farmer remarked that he had a banker in his back pocket and a marketing man on his arm. Oh yes, the day of the two row planter is gone forever.

In this area, we raise wheat, corn and soybeans. Wheat is made into flour for our bread. Corn is made into feed for all type of animals for meat and is also used in making gasoline, whiskey and dog food. Soybeans are sold to the Asian people for food, it is also made into oil, plastics and a new product almost every year.

In agriculture we also have cotton, people raising sheep, chickens and other types of birds, fruits, vegetables, potatoes, grapes, farmers that raise cotton or other crops that are made into clothes, and if you are in the habit of eating food, you are into farming also.

See Ya!

SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES EARLY VOTING NUMBERS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 328,620 absentee ballots were requested by-mail and in-person for the March 15th Presidential Primary Election by the close of business Friday, and 173,497 voters had already cast their ballots.

Based on an informal survey of Ohio's 88 county boards of elections on Friday, March 4, 2016:

- 328,620 absentee ballot applications received statewide
- 173,497 absentee ballots have been cast
- 122,255 absentee ballots cast by mail.
- 51,242 absentee ballots cast in-person.
- 155,123 absentee ballots outstanding

The same survey shows the following partisan breakdown of the ballots:

Number of Ballots/Description
 149,296/Democrat (requested); 84,824/Democrat (cast); 167,697/Republican (requested); 84,446/Republican (cast); 297/Green Party (requested); 145/Green Party (cast); 11,330/Issues-Only, Nonpartisan (requested); 4,082/Issues-Only, Nonpartisan (cast)

In total, 335,542 voters cast absentee ballots during the 2012 Presidential Primary Election. During the 2008 Presidential Primary Election, 557,686 voters cast absentee ballots.

In addition to the Presidential Primary, Ohioans will nominate candidates for the United States Senate, the Ohio Supreme Court, Congress, the state legislature and many local races. There will be 465 local issues in 82 counties. A complete list of Presidential and statewide candidates is available here and a list of local issues is available here.

Ohio voters have the option to vote by mail from home 24 hours a day, seven days a week as well as 211 hours to vote early in-per-

EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET



By: Stan Jordan

This picture was given to me by Oley McMichael, the date on the postcard was 1915.

The first partial building on the left hand side was a tin shop. I don't remember just who that was, but I remember of at least three more tin shops in Antwerp. By the time of 1930 that tin shop was torn down and a Sinclair Gasoline Station was there. There has been a number of enterprises on that lot over the years.

That next building is now the Subway Sandwich Shop. Battershell Five and Dime store was started in the 1926.

The next building was the office of Dr. Caine, a veteran of WWI and a legend in his time. At the time of this picture, it looks like that next building was a barber shop, but I remember that as a jewelry store and clock repair by Fred and Mike Hertel.

The next small wooden building was a steam operated dry cleaner and pressing shop owned by Jim Sexton. It was torn down after WWII and was made a drug store by Frank Smith, now is the home of Petals and Vines

The next building is now Dan Fowler's Insurance Agency. In the 1920's it was a Chapeau or a ladies hat shop. Then in the late 1930's it was

a bar and grill owned by Jim Powers. After that, it was owned by a number of men.

The next building was the US Post Office until the late 1960's when it was moved to its present location.

The next building was the Champion Hotel, it is now McDougal's Firearms, that Marque was torn off sometime before 1930. The hotel had a very good reputation and was very close to the railroad depot, the main way of travel at that time. Then the telephone office was upstairs in that building. In the 1940-41 Dutch Mickelson had an upholstery shop there until WWII.

The first building across the railroad is now the Law Office of Floyd Ramsier. We old timers remember it as the Busby Barber Shop and card room. It was built by George Busby in 1912, His son, Harry, was a barber for years.

The next tall building was the Berdan Co. of Toledo, it was torn down before my time and that was always an empty lot, until after WWII, it was built and named the H&H Cleaners.

That wagon in the center of the street appears to be a corn huskers wagon because of the bang board on top.

See Ya!

son over a four week absentee voting period, which began on February 17th.

The online Voter Toolkit is a one-stop location for all necessary voting information. Ohio voters can visit MyOhioVote.com/VoterToolkit to check their voter registration status, find their polling location, view their sample ballot and track their absentee ballot.

In the first five years of Secretary Husted's administration, 98.95 percent of absentee ballots were accepted, an improvement of 1.22 percent over the four years of the previous administration.

So you decided to send postcards? Okay, be sure to check out West Bend's prices on your postcard printing.

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and 2) It will solely rest upon the integrity of the F.B. I. Director, James Comey. I would infer the latter to be the best option. I believe that the Clinton Foundation, worth well over \$2,000,000,000, will also be investigated, the time element of course being of vital importance. How does the old Antwerp fella put it? JUST THINKIN!

—Kenny Barnes, Paulding, Ohio
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Antwerp Rotary Club
St. Patrick's Celebration

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Floyd Ramsier's Law Office or The Antwerp Exchange Bank

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 1 – Emergency Financial Assistance – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 – Claims Assistance – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

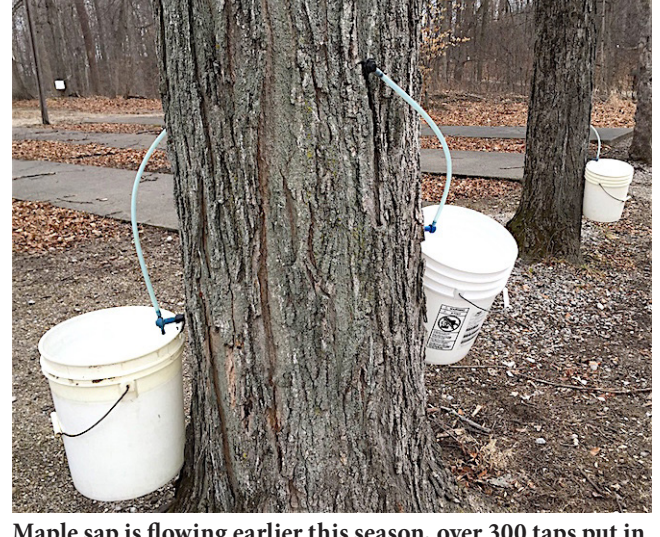
We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

MAPLE SYRUP BRUNCH AT 4-H CAMP PALMER-SUNDAY, MARCH 20



Maple sap is flowing earlier this season, over 300 taps put in.

The public is invited Sunday, March 20 between 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to 4-H Camp Palmer, to learn about Maple Syrup making, ride on wagon rides both horse drawn and tractor drawn, and eat in our dining hall a brunch with real maple syrup (as long as our supply lasts) for the pancakes. You will also get to see a sneak peak of 4-H Camp Palmer's facilities and main camp.

At 12 noon & 1:00 p.m.

you can view a Maple Syrup history lesson in the Sauder Recreation Hall. You can see maple trees that have been tapped and see ongoing Maple Syrup making in the main camp.

4-H Camp Palmer is located in western Fulton County at 26450 County Rd. MN, Fayette, Ohio 43521. For more information on the Maple Syrup Brunch please call 419-237-2247 or www.camppalmer.org.

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PAULDING ELEMENTARY COMPLETE UNIT OF MYTHOLOGY



The Paulding Elementary fourth graders just completed a unit on Mythology. Some of the students are shown with a fun research project they just completed.

COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S THEATRE VISITS GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Columbus Children's Theatre pay a visit to Grover Hill Elementary School, and their appearance was well received. Their performance was centered around the fairy tale about Rumpelstiltskin, but their version saw a softer side. The children and teachers alike seemed to have a great time. Pictured: The Queen and fourth grader Kyla Hurd are taking down name suggestions for the new baby in the fairy tale Rumpelstiltskin.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEARN TO MEASURE



Students in first grade at Antwerp Elementary School have been learning to measure the length of an object. To do so, students completed the cotton ball Olympics, during which they had to flick, kick, throw, and blow the cotton ball and then measure its length using linking cubes. Pictured here are Zoen King-Bauer, Alyssa Lawson, and Cheyenne Maynard.

ODOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

The following is work scheduled to occur in the coming week on state highways within the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 which includes the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot. For the

latest in statewide construction visit www.ohgo.com.

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

Highway Construction-Week of March 14, 2016

Allen County
Ohio 309 (Elida Road) from Robb Avenue to Cole

Street will be restricted for reconstruction of the curb and gutter, upgrade of traffic signals and resurfacing of the roadway. The continuous turn from eastbound Ohio 309 to Grand Avenue will be permanently closed on Monday, March 14. Lane restrictions will begin in the westbound direction first, then switch eastbound. Three lanes of traffic will remain open at all times throughout the duration of the project. Only one lane at a time will be taken out of service. The project will be completed in the fall. Work is being performed by Smith Paving, Norwalk.

Defiance County

Ohio 15 (Clinton Street) on the bridge over the Maumee River in the city of Defiance will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for soil borings in preparation for replacement of the bridge which is currently scheduled in 2019. Boring work began in February and has been delayed due to weather. The restriction will affect both the northbound and southbound directions, one direction at a time. The restrictions are generally occurring between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. each day, weekdays only. Work is being performed by Pro GeoTech, Cleveland.

Hardin County

Ohio 235 southbound just north of Ohio 67 will be restricted through the work zone during the week for utility work. Traffic through the work zone will be maintained with temporary traffic signals. Work is being performed by Buckeye Pipeline, Columbus.

Paulding County

Ohio 49 north of the village of Payne, between Road 94 and Road 96, will be closed beginning March 21 for 60 days for a bridge replacement project. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 500 and Ohio 111 back to Ohio 49. Work is being performed by Vernon Nagel, Napoleon.

Putnam County

Ohio 696 between the Allen County line and Ohio 12 will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by the ODOT Putnam County maintenance garage.

Van Wert County

Sealing of pavement cracks will take place at the following locations during the week. Work is being performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage:

U.S. 30, both eastbound and westbound, between the city of Van Wert and the Indiana line.

Ohio 49, both northbound and southbound, between U.S. 30 and U.S. 224.

WOODBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Woodburn Historical Society will meet March 24th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Library on 101, the east side of town.

We will have the large banner that, at one time, hung over the WHS stage. We will talk about the business, age, etc., of this time. We had this banner at our September meeting at the Community Center. It was found by Lynn Wegmann and John Hochstetter when they were remodeling the building on Main Street for the Flower Shop, some time back.

You are welcome to bring something for show and tell, and any information you may have for discussion of Indiana's 200 year anniversary.

We have a picture of the WHS stage with several people with names, but no dates or what the activity is.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Shawn and Sara Suffel welcomed Cole Denver Suffel on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 8:59 a.m. Cole weighed 5 lbs 7.8 oz and was 17.9 inches.

Grandparents are Randy and Marilyn Suffel of Paulding, OH; Jody and the late Beth Matthews of Payne, OH. Great-grandparents are the late Charles and Dorma Matthews of Broughton, OH and the late Jerry and Connie Williamson of Paulding, OH.

SPORTS CARD SHOW/ LAST 30 GAME WINNER IN BASEBALL, DENNY MCLAIN, AUTOGRAPH SHOW

Saturday, March 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Comfort inn & Suites located at 1000 Orleans Blvd (exit 13 off of I-69) in Coldwater, MI, there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance with both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies... attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal.

For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mcs-cardscomics@adamswells.com or on facebook at FORT WAYNE BASEBALL CARD SHOW

There will also be autograph signing opportunities with former ball player, Denny McLain.

He is a former Tiger, Senator, Athletic, and Brave, but Denny McLain made history as a Detroit Tiger when he won 31 games in 1968. The previous 30 game winner was Dizzy Dean in 1934, and no one except McLain has done it since. Ironically, Dizzy was the announcer on NBC's Game of the Week on Sept. 14, 1968 when McLain got his 30th win. Most baseball observers say winning 30 games in a season will not happen again with the five man rotations, pitch counts, and the increasing role of the reliever.

He was the American League Most Valuable Player in 1968. He won the American League Cy Young Award in both 1968 and 1968. And he accomplished something

WTGH ELEMENTARY CELEBRATE DR SEUSS' BIRTHDAY



Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary School celebrated the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss by taking part in the National Education Association's annual "Read Across America" program. Pictured here on Thing 1 & Thing 2 Thursday a group of staff members dress the same. L-R Teachers Mrs. Jessica Davis, Mrs. Casey Schlatter, Mrs. Tri-sha Beining, Ms. Tami AuFrance, Miss Kathy Sinn and Aide Kerry Shelton.

that no other living baseball player ever did.

McLain had a 10 year career who authored or co-authored three baseball books, and appeared on the cover of Time Magazine, Sports Illustrated four times, as well as countless other sports publications. Denny also played for two World Championship teams: the Detroit Tigers in 1968 when he won game 6 of the 1968 World Series, and briefly for the Oakland A's in 1972.

STATEMENT FROM OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE JON HUSTED CLARIFIES BALLOT

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted released the following statement regarding the March 15th Republican Presidential Primary ballot to clarify how delegates appear on the ballot and how they will be awarded according to Republican Party rules. The following may be attributed directly to Secretary Husted:

"How you get on the ballot is set by state law; how delegates are awarded is based on the bylaws of the Republican Party. First off, we are not nominating a person for president, we are voting to elect

delegates that have pledged to vote for a particular candidate for president at the convention in Cleveland."

"Second, the Republican primary ballot appears the way that it has always appeared. This is set by state law. State law provides the rules for how a candidate can get their slate of delegates on the ballot and how the ballot is laid out. The only thing that has changed is how the Republican Party decided to award its delegates in 2016."

"Traditionally, Ohio Republicans have awarded at-large delegates and awarded district delegates. So there were two contests on the ballot. In late 2015, The Republican Party decided to change how it awards delegates in Ohio to a winner takes all process. The Republican Party chairman has clarified that the rules for awarding delegates will be based on the winner of the at-large delegate contest. Both contests will be counted. But the awarding of delegates is based solely on the first question. Essentially we are required by law to have both contests, but the awarding of delegates under Republican Party rules is based in the first question."

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COOPER FARMS FEED & ANIMAL RECEIVES SAFETY INNOVATIONS AWARD



Pictured: Alan Evers, Hog Growout Manager and Jenessa Hufel, Safety Manager

Cooper Farms Feed & Animal in Fort Recovery (Mercer County) today took first place in the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Safety Innovations Competition. This annual competition recognizes Ohio employers that have developed innovative solutions to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses. The award was presented during the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2016, BWC's annual three-day occupational safety, health and workers' compensation conference.

"The Innovations Awards recognize Ohio employers that go above and beyond typical safety efforts by innovating to protect their workers and improve productivity," said BWC Administrator/CEO Steve Buehrer. "By placing the wellbeing of its employees among its highest priorities, and innovating in the absence of an existing solution, Cooper Farms demonstrates an exceptional commitment to safety that is essential to maintain-

ing a healthy workforce and a healthy bottom line."

The Safety Innovations Competition was introduced in 2012 to encourage and recognize innovative solutions that reduce the risk of workplace injuries and illnesses. The five finalists are showcasing their innovations at Safety Congress this week. A panel of independent judges evaluated and scored the innovations based on a number of criteria, including risk reduction, innovation, return on investment, potential for the innovation to be utilized by other employers, and presentation quality.

Cooper Farms is a turkey and hog farm located in Northwest and West Central Ohio. The company faced two major concerns associated with loading market hogs - animal welfare and ergonomic issues to the workers. When the hogs transition from a temperature controlled barn to the outdoors, they often turn and attempt to push back into the barn. Team members would

use plastic boards to block the hogs and help push them up the chute. This process involved pushing a 275- pound animal up an incline while it was trying to push back to go back down.

The company designed and built a one-of-a-kind hog loader that assists in loading the hogs into the trailer. The loader keeps the hogs from having to fight an incline, allowing them to walk freely without resistance, causing less stress. It also eliminates previous ergonomic risks to the team members, preventing them from dealing with agitated hogs that would otherwise be restless, turning in chutes, balking and pushing against them.

The company will receive a \$6,000 cash prize along with its first place award.

The other Safety Innovations Competition award winners include: 2nd place (\$4,000 award): Ashland, Inc (Dublin, Franklin County); 3rd place (\$3,000 award): Midmark Corporation (Versailles, Darke County); 4th place (\$1,500 award): City of Cuyahoga Falls (Summit County); 5th place (\$1,500 award): AWP (Kent, Portage County)

Cooper Farms Feed & Animal was also selected to receive the People's Choice Award by OSC16 attendees and will receive an additional \$1,000.

Visit BWC's YouTube Channel to view a video highlighting the company's innovation, and read more on BWC's website.

Watch bwc.ohio.gov for entry guidelines for the Safety Innovations Competition at next year's Ohio Safety Congress & Expo.

PHS PRESENTATION OF THE MUSIC MAN = SUCESS!



The Paulding High School presented Meredith Willson's the Music Man this past weekend. This musical presented the citizens of River City, Iowa who found their town in trouble. Traveling salesman, Harold Hill was trying to sell instruments to start a boys band in their quiet town. It was a quite a show!

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY TO HOST ANNUAL SPRING CARNIVAL

The Oakwood Elementary PTO will hold its annual spring carnival on Friday, March 18th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The event will take place in the café and gymnasium. Bring the family for dinner! The menu will consist of pizza, hot dogs, and walking tacos. There are many games such as Plinko, Tic Tac Toe Basketball, and Party Pooper! There will be several themed baskets of prizes to be raffled too. We hope to see you there!

CASEY JONES WILL SPEAK AT THE BLACK SWAMP AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING

Casey Jones of the ACRES Land Trust will be the speaker at a meeting of the Black Swamp Audubon Society. The meeting will be at the Defiance Northtowne Mall meeting room at 1:00 on March 26. ACRES manages 97 natural sites in northeastern Indiana, northwestern Ohio and southern Michigan. Over 70 miles of trails are accessible for hiking, either individually or by guided group walks. The meeting is open to the public.

WBESC SETS MARCH BOARD MEETING DATE

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will hold its monthly Governing Board Meeting Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Van Wert Esc Office located at 813 A N. Franklin Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891

REGISTER FOR LEARN SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration for LEARN Summer program begins April 18. There will be a registration night at New Haven Branch Library on April 19 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. You can also register at the LEARN office located at 610 Professional Park Drive from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

Summer program will run June 6 through July 29 at Grace Gathering Church in New Haven. The LEARN summer program is open to all children who will be in K-6 grade this fall. The program is designed to give children a safe place to be while their parents are at work and strives to prevent learning loss that tends to happen during

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY LEARN ABOUT THE BASSOON



The Oakwood Elementary Kindergarten class called the KA Smarties recently learned about the bassoon in Mrs. Wehrkamp's music class during "B" week. They are shown here with a bassoon in the middle. None of the KA Smarties are as tall as a bassoon, but they all think they will be taller than a bassoon some day!!

summer months. During program children participate in math, science and reading activities in the morning and recreational activities in the afternoon. The program also offers swim days and field trips.

LEARN Resource Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that offers before and after school programs for children at New Haven Primary, New Haven Intermediate and Heritage Elementary. The program works to enrich the learning and well-being of children and their families by promoting personal, social and educational development for a lifetime.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

First United Methodist Preschool recently held a successful Open house to meet the Teachers and tour the classrooms. In case you

missed it, our teachers Mrs. Patti Cox and Mrs. Lisa Hawn talked about their classrooms and their curriculum. Mrs. Patti Cox with over 35yrs of teaching experience is our 3 & 4 yr. olds teacher. Mrs. Hawn with 9yrs experience is our Pre-k teacher, together they are a great team and work hard to provide a fun, energetic, learning experience. Preschoolers whom are currently enrolled enjoy many outside the classroom experiences like Monthly field-trips to the Brumback Library and The Bachwell dance and music center. Preschoolers also visit other downtown attractions like the Van Wert Fire Dept. and Truly D'Vine Bread co.

If you would like more information on our preschool or would like to schedule a tour please contact our Administrator April Ellerbrock 419-238-0631 ext. 308

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PAYNE ELEMENTARY HOLDS BOOK EXCHANGE



Fifth grade students participating in the book exchange



Young Kindergarten student Bella Hire, Title 1 teacher Mrs. April Krouse, Fourth grade student Jude Stoller

For Write to Read Week, Payne Elementary recently held their first Book Exchange. Title 1 teacher, Mrs. April Krouse, wanted to plan an event for the school that would promote literacy and encourage students to share their love of reading. The planning began with the presentation of the idea to the PTO. They were very supportive of such an event and several volunteered their time with assisting the students in making their book choices. Then came the compiling of books. Students were encouraged to bring in up to 3 books for the exchange with extra donations accepted as well. Students donated approximately 500 total books!! Teachers also made donations, and when all books were combined, we gathered close to 1,000 books. During

the exchange, students were given tickets to exchange for their new book selections. 3 books donated would equal 3 tickets for students to use at the exchange. Students also received an opportunity to guess the number of books in our own Payne Elementary library. Their guess was written on the back of their ticket and the winner received a \$25.00 gift certificate to use toward books at our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair! In the end, every student in the school went home with at least one new book. Students enjoyed choosing books not only from their favorite authors, but as well as from a wide variety of topics and genres. Mrs. Krouse appreciates all the help that went into this exchange and looks forward to planning this as a yearly event.

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On April 17th, Antwerp High School will host an all-star classic sponsored by Parkview Sports Medicine. Girls game will start at 3:00 p.m., boys game at approximately 5:00 p.m.

In between games, a boy and girl 3 point contest will take place, followed by a Dunk Contest

Ohio roster will be made up of seniors from Paulding and Van Wert Counties (Antwerp, Paulding, Wayne Trace, Lincolnview, Van Wert, Crestview, and Hicksville).

Indiana roster will be made up of seniors from Adams Central, South Adams, Belmont, Leo, New Haven, Heritage, and Woodlan.

Rosters will be released at a later date.

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Mini Youth: 5:30 p.m., Lee Kintle Chevrolet/Team Mac VS Baughman Tile/Team Mac;

Mini Youth: 6:00 p.m., NW Ohio Welch Trophy VS Foster Family Chiropractic;

Tots: 6:30 p.m., Lee Kintle GM VS Parkview Sports Medicine;

Mens: 7:00 p.m., Walnut Street Warriors V S Big Time Ballers #31;

Mens: 7:30 p.m., General Motors-Defiance VS Dirty Old Men;

Co-Ed: 8:00 p.m., #America VS Jan's True Blue Wildcats;

Youth: 8:30 p.m., Dealey Chemicals VS First Christian Church, Paulding;

Co-Ed: 9:00 p.m., Lichty Barber Shop VS Rip It Fit

Mini Youth: 9:30 p.m., St. John/St. Paul Jr Hi VS The Redneck Raiders

Mens: 10:00 p.m., The Linder Clan Judge Beckman's Bailiffs;

Mens: 10:30 p.m., Round Like Doughnuts VS Your Mom's Favorite Team;

Youth: 11:00 p.m., Jamaican Hopscotch Mafia VS Prestige Worldwide;

Co-Ed: 11:30 p.m., Young Brothers Farms VS BNJMR-

GAKACRA SATURDAY 3/26/16:

Co-Ed: Midnight, Puckerbrush VS Williamson Insurance Agency;

Womens: 12:30 a.m., St. John's Tire Service VS Good Times Saloon;

Co-Ed: 1:00 a.m., Gas-house Gorillas VS Maddox Creek Wildlife Area;

Youth: 1:30 a.m., In Memory of Bo Chamberlain VS She Picked The Color;

Co-Ed: 2:00 a.m., Dunkin Dingleberries VS RIP Randall Smith;

Youth: 2:30 a.m., C.A. Roofing/Construction VS Benschneider Auto;

Co-Ed: 3:00 a.m., Walmart Trans Gas City IN VS Souix Chef Currys;

Co-Ed: 3:30 a.m., Team AKF VS Walmart Trans Gas City IN;

Co-Ed: 4:00 a.m., Jerry's Family VS More of Jerry's Family;

Co-Ed: 4:30 a.m., Baughman Tire VS A Train is a Pimp;

Mens: 5:00 a.m., Retired NBA Players VS I'd Tap That

Mens: 5:30 a.m., Jail Blazers VS Bad Boys 13;

Mens: 6:00 a.m., Olympic Lanes VS JBI Properties LLC;

Mens: 6:30 a.m., Innovative Assembly Services VS Scott Miller Trucking;

Youth: 7:00 a.m., Johanns Farms VS Brigner Trucking;

Mens: 7:30 a.m., Solid Ground LLC VS Custom Farm Toys;

Tots: 8:00 a.m., RIP City VS Antwerp Exchange Bank;

Tots: 8:30 a.m., Divine Mercy School VS Payne Super Valu;

Tots: 9:00 a.m., Dealey Accounting LLC VS Divine Mercy School

Mini Tots: 9:30 a.m., Hooker Enterprises VS Divine Mercy School;

Tots: 10:00 a.m., Williamson Insurance Agency VS Parkview Sports Medicine

Mini Youth: 10:30 a.m., Williamson Insurance Agency VS Parkview Physicians Group/Ohio;

Mini Youth: 11:00 a.m., Bluecreek Bad Boys VS Lady Archers 2022;

Mini Youth: 11:30 a.m., JPHS JR Historians VS Divine Mercy School;

Mini Youth: Noon, Paulding NAPA True Value VS Grosstrotters 3.0;

WAYNE TRACE CHEERLEADERS - DIV. 5 STATE CHAMPIONS!!



The 2016 Wayne Trace Competition Squad started its Winter Competition Season on a HIGH note with a Grand Champion Performance at the 2016 Mindi Justice Cheer Extravaganza in January, and never looked back.

Two weeks ago, at the 2016 Americheer Internationals at Walt Disney World, they were awarded Grand Champions of all the Flat Mat Divisions, with the highest score of all dance/cheer entries.

Last Saturday, February 27th, they became 2016 GMC Champions of the GMC Tum-

bling Division.

And on Sunday, March 6th, they finished their season at St. John's Arena on the Campus of The Ohio State University, by becoming the 2016 OASSA Division V Non-Mount Cheerleading State Champions.

caption: Members of the squad are Jessica Offerle, Courtney Mead, Monique Goings, Alex Fast, Ellie Moore, Keagann Parrish, and Julianne Roop. The squad is coached by Christy Landrum and Bernetta Geise.

Mens: 12:30 p.m., Miller Trucking VS Foltz Insurance;

Mens: 1:00 p.m., Wau-seon Machine VS State Bank;

Mens: 1:30 p.m., Susie's Family Bakery VS Dooley Funeral Home;

Mens: 2:00 p.m., Midwest Community FCU VS RED Legacy;

Mens: 2:30 p.m., Slattery Oil VS Smokin Tees and Strokin 3s;

Mens: 3:00 p.m., McDougall Firearms VS Not So Thin Blue Line;

Mens: 3:30 p.m., Dangler Excavating VS Looks Easier on TV;

Mens: 4:00 p.m., NWO Wolfpack VS Michael Mott DDS;

Mens: 4:30 p.m., Pulling Hose Since 1887 VS Den Herder Funeral Home;

Mens: 5:00 p.m., DeTray Chiropractic VS Herbert E. Orr

Youth: 5:30 p.m., The Wacky Warriors VS Woodland Wild Things;

Youth: 6:00 p.m., Treece Electric VS The Ballerz;

Youth: 6:30 p.m., Boyd Automotive VS The Game Stoppers;

Co-Ed: 7:30 p.m., Yep, we are way 2 old 4 this VS Yep, we are still 2 old 4 this

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ANTWERP ELEMENTARY MEET THE CAST OF LITTLE MERMAID



On Sunday, March 6th, Antwerp Elementary School students were invited to meet the cast of Antwerp High School's musical *The Little Mermaid*. Cast members signed the students' T-shirts or autograph books. Pictured here are Ursula (junior Mariah Elkins) and Jetsam (junior Maggie Wilson) signing sisters Addyson and Eliana Hormann's T-shirts.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY RECEIVE GIFT FROM R & B FABRICATION



The Paulding Elementary kindergarten classes received a wonderful gift from R & B Fabrications - new Reading bags! Mr. Brian Jacobs' class is shown with their new bags!!

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/16 - 3/22

Breakfast:
 3/16 - Mini pancakes, sausage, juice/fruit, milk
 3/17 - Cheese omelet, toast, juice/fruit, milk
 3/18 - Cinnamon roll, juice/fruit, milk
 3/21 - Sausage pizza, juice/fruit, milk
 3/22 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice/fruit, milk
Lunch:
 3/16 - Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk
 3/17 - Mini corn dogs, tator tots, baked beans, assorted juices, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Breaded chicken sandwich & salad bar
 3/18 - Cheese bosco sticks, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, corn, fruit, milk
 3/21 - Pizza hot pizza, corn, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 3/22 - Hotdog, sweet potato fries, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

dles, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll w/butter, cheese stick, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Pretzel w/cheese w/salad bar
 3/17 - Mini corn dogs, tator tots, baked beans, assorted juices, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Breaded chicken sandwich & salad bar
 3/18 - Cheese bosco sticks, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, corn, fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub OR Cheeseburger sandwich

& salad bar

3/21 - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, dinner roll w/butter, assorted canned & fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Grilled chicken sandwich w/salad bar

3/22 - Hot dog sandwich, baked chips, baked beans, carrot sticks w/dip, cookie, assorted juices, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; PLUS: Chef salad, Pizza sub or Breaded chicken sandwich w/ salad bar

WT PAYNE, GH & DIVINE MERCY SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/16 - 3/22

Breakfast:
 3/16 - Mini pancakes /sausage, fruit, milk
 3/17 - Cheese omelet/toast, fruit, milk
 3/18 - Mini cinnamon/apple bosco stick, fruit, milk
 3/21 - Ham/cheese ripers, fruit, milk
 3/22 - Egg/cheese muffin, fruit, milk
Lunch:
 3/16 - Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk
 3/17 - Mini corn dogs, tator tots, baked beans, fruit, milk
 3/18 - Cheese bosco sticks, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, corn, fruit, milk
 3/21 - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk
 3/22 - Hot dog sandwich, baked chips, baked beans, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 3/16 - 3/22

3/16 - Fish on bun, green beans, orange smiles, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 3/17 - Sloppy joe on bun, baked fries, pineapple crisp, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 3/18 - Cheese pizza, carrots & celery, applesauce, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 3/21 - Pizza hot pizza, corn, peaches, milk; PLUS: Salad bar
 3/22 - Hotdog, sweet potato fries, pineapple, milk; PLUS: Salad bar

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/16 - 3/22

Jr/Sr High - Breakfast:
 3/16 - Bkfst bagel, juice/fruit, milk
 3/17 - Coffee cake, juice/fruit, milk
 3/18 - Sausage gravy w/biscuits, juice/fruit, milk
 3/21 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, bacon & eggs, fruit/ juice, milk
 3/22 - Pancake sausage wrap, juice/fruit, milk
Jr/Sr High - Lunch:
 3/16 - Cheeseburger, breaded chicken, bun, oven potatoes, fruit, milk, Toppings: Onions, pickle, tomato slices, banana peppers, lettuce
 3/17 - Cheese lasagna w/ sauce, lettuce salad, garlic toast OR Pretzel, marinara sauce, cheese cup, fruit, milk
 3/18 - Sausage, breaded cod, bun, oven potatoes OR Salad bar, garlic bread, fruit, milk
 3/21 - Pizza stix, marinara sauce, green beans OR Salad bar, garlic bread, fruit, milk
 3/22 - Chkn chunk salad, tomatoes, garlic toast, asstd dressings OR Assorted entree items, pickles, oven fries,

fruit, milk
Paulding Elementary - Breakfast:
 3/16 - Burrito, fruit/juice, milk
 3/17 - Muffin, cheese stick, fruit/juice, milk
 3/18 - Cereal or cereal bar, goldfish gr., fruit/juice, milk
 3/21 - Yogurt, goldfish gr., fruit/juice, milk
 3/22 - Pancakes, fruit/ juice, milk
Paulding Elementary - Lunch:
 3/16 - Pancakes w/sausage, potatoes, vegetable juice, fruit, milk
 3/17 - Pizzaburger on wh. gr. bun, oven potatoes, fr. veg., fruit, milk
 3/18 - Cheese pizza, corn, fr. veg., sherbert, fruit, milk
 3/21 - Breaded chicken on bun, steamed carrots, fr. vegetable, fruit, milk
 3/22 - Beef and cheese burrito, baked beans, salsa, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary - Breakfast:
 3/16 - Breakfast burrito, juice or fruit, milk
 3/17 - Breakfast pizza, juice or fruit, milk
 3/18 - Ass't cereal juice or fruit, milk
 3/21 - Warm cinnamon roll, juice or fruit, milk
 3/22 - Pancake sausage wrap, juice or fruit, milk
Oakwood Elementary - Lunch:
 3/16 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, bread, romaine mix salad, fruit, milk
 3/17 - Taco in bag (cheese Doritos), romaine lettuce, refried beans, fruit, milk
 3/18 - Cheese cup, wg tortilla chips, green beans, cherry tomatoes, fruit, milk
 3/21 - Hamburger, wg bun, rom. let & tomato, corn, fruit, milk
 3/22 - Pepp. cheese br. stk., marinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

CONVERSATION ON FOOD & NUTRITION AT THE BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER

On March 9, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack joined former Secretaries Dan Glickman and Ann Veneman to discuss the current state of nutrition in America and innovative ways to create a healthier future.

Throughout the last seven years, USDA has worked to address hunger, obesity, healthy food access and many other challenges associated with poor health. As a result of USDA investments, food insecurity, including the prevalence of hunger among children, has steadily declined from its peak in 2011. Data shows that obesity rates are falling among young kids due in part to the nutritional improvements made to WIC. The National School Lunch Program has experienced a 19-percent increase in free and reduced price lunch participation, while participation in the School Breakfast Program has increased by 30 percent, suggesting more low-income children are benefiting from these programs. Nearly 4 million children have access to healthy food in the summer when school is out and meals are scarce. And most recently, Secretary Vilsack announced a major step to make it easier for WIC participants to access nutritious foods through the WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Final Rule. This new rule will improve the shopping experience for WIC participants by

FRACTION TOURNAMENT AT WOODLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The students in the 5th grade classrooms of Mrs. Price and Mrs. Salzbrenner at Woodlan Intermediate School competed in a fraction tournament during the third quarter. The tournament was a double elimination, head to head, bracket tournament. Students competed against each other in adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying fractions. The tournament was a wonderful review of curriculum

standards for math before the spring ISTEP test. The teachers would like to congratulate all of the students on their fine sportsmanship and academic achievement. Mrs. Price's runner up was Joanne Schwartz and her champion was Reagan Snyder. Mrs. Salzbrenner's runner up was Rachel Sisson and her champion was Zoe Eager. All winners were rewarded with gifts from the Spring Book Fair.

PAYNE 5TH GRADERS MENTOR 2ND GRADERS



Fifth grade students at Payne Elementary spend time each morning helping the second grade students learn their math facts. In the photo, fifth grader Laura Stoller is captured mentoring second grade student Mylie Wittwer.

requiring states to transition from paper benefits to EBT systems by October 1, 2020.

By expanding access to nutritious foods and increasing awareness about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, USDA programs have made a real difference in the lives of many, promising a bright-

er, healthier future for our nation. This conversation is a part of a broader effort to observe National Nutrition month and highlight results from some of USDA's efforts to improve access to safe, healthy food for all Americans.

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RAIDER ROBOTICS WIN WV STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ROBOTIC COMPETITION TOURNAMENT



Pictured here are Tate Church, Westin Sinn, Nick Durre, Arlyn Cooper, Scott Wenninger and Trent Church.

"Raider Robotics" has won the West Virginia State Championship Robotic Competition Tournament held Saturday, February 27, 2016, in Chapmanville, West Virginia. In addition to winning the tournament, the team also received the Rockwell Collins "Innovate" award. This award celebrates a team that not only thinks outside the box, but also has the ingenuity and inventiveness to make their designs come to life. It is given to the team that has most innovative and creative robot design solution. They were also chosen to receive the runner up Inspire award. The team has now qualified to participate in the super-regional robotic competition held in March 17-19 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Raider Robotics is the very first FTC Robotics Team to represent Paulding County Ohio. Raider Robotics consists of 4 Wayne Trace High School seniors and one sophomore who have a love for science and engineering technology. The team is currently sponsored by Cooper Farms, R & B Fabrications, Alliance Automation, Igus, and Solidworks. Their team is part of a non-profit worldwide organization called FIRST(For Inspiration and Recognition of Science & Technology). The mission of First is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders. The founder of First believes that one day some of these very young people will find cures to cancer, Alzheimer's, and design devices to help move science, engineering, and technology forward for the world.

September, where the rules for this year's competition are released. At the release, approximately 5,100 teams (500,000 individuals) from all over the world learn the rules for what the robot that they will build must be able to do, and what materials can be used to build it. Many teams meet many hours to begin designing their robot. They will enter robot competitions in winter and spring that could qualify them to participate in semi-regionals and the ultimate goal is to qualify to participate in the world championships.

The Raider Robotics team met a major hurdle when their team captain, Trent Church was diagnosed this past fall with an inoperable brain tumor. He was transferred to Houston, Texas for several months for treatment. Despite these obstacles, this pioneer team for Paulding County has designed and built a very competitive robot and continues to persevere in consistently improving their robot. They are excited to advance to semi-regionals in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This is an outstanding accomplishment for a first year team. The team consists of Arlyn Cooper, Scott Wenninger, Trent Church, Nick Durre, Westin Sinn, and college mentor Tate Church. Suzanne Cooper is the team coach. The team is currently fund raising for their Iowa trip. If you or your business is interested in helping to sponsor this team in their future endeavors, please feel free to contact the team coach, Suzanne Cooper at 419-796-0011.

Each season opens in

EDWARD JONES ANNOUNCES NEW FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR HICKSVILLE.

The financial services firm Edward Jones has hired Bryan Post as the new financial advisor for the Hicksville branch office located at 117 E. High Street.

"We're very proud to have Bryan represent us in Hicksville," said Jim Weddle, the firm's managing partner. "The people of this community have grown to rely on our firm for their investment needs, and I am confident Bryan will continue our outstanding tradition by providing one-on-one service."

Post is enthusiastic about taking over the office. "I joined this firm because I was impressed with its commitment to individual investors," he said. "Now I'm looking forward to meeting with the individuals here to help them meet their financial goals."

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company, provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 14,000-plus financial advisors work directly with nearly 7 million clients. Edward Jones, which ranked No. 10 on FORTUNE magazine's 100 Best Companies to Work For in 2016, is headquartered in St. Louis. The Edward Jones website is located at www.edwardjones.com, and its recruiting website is www.careers.edwardjones.com. Member SIPC.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 1/27/16

This 27th day of January, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:03 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea. At 8:12 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:15 a.m. with the Paulding County

Prosecutor and the Paulding County Economic Development Board of Directors to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea. At 8:37 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 222179 through 222233 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claim on January 27, 2016, Warrants numbered 222202 through 222224 in the amount of \$15,334.92; and 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 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 the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and 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 032)

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Certificate of Title Fund (Fund 032), to-wit: 032-001-00008/Certificate of Title/Insurance AMOUNT: \$5,300.00

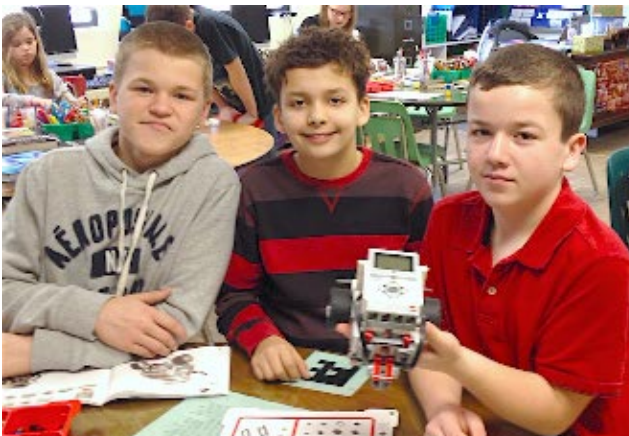
IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH RESOURCE SOLUTIONS ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR PAULDING COUNTY EMA

Resource Solutions Associates, LLC, 64 Executive Drive, Norwalk, Ohio, provide professional consulting advice with regard to completion of hazard mitigation planning; and the Paulding County Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Plan is in need of updating. Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners does hereby enter into a contract with Resource Solutions Associates, LLC to update and revise the Paulding County Hazard Mitigation Plan according to the guidelines provided by the Ohio Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a copy of which is on file at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office.

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

- Jonathan White and Mario Cespedes, Laborers' International Union of North America, Ohio Labor District Council and Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer - Mr. White and Mr. Cespedes introduced themselves and explained they represent local members from the 329 in Lima. They went on to say they requested this meeting with the Commissioners and the Paulding County Engineer to discuss wind farm road agreements. Mr. White commended Paulding County for the agreements we had in place with the wind farms that have already been completed. He pointed out that in 2012, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, penned an opinion regarding road maintenance agreements. A copy of the opinion and other documents were supplied to the Commissioners and to the County Engineer. Mr. McGarvey noted he will be meeting with EDP next week to work on the road maintenance agreement for their next wind farm project. Mr. White referred to the sample agreement in his handout to use as a reference.
- Audit Committee - In attendance for the fourth quarter Audit Committee meeting were: Ann Pease, Carol Temple, Claudia Fickel, Tiffany Beckman, and Jason Landers. Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher presented the Investment Report as of December 31, 2015. On that date, she had \$10,741,195.50 invested on behalf of the county. Ms. Fickel, County Auditor, distributed the 2015 year-end General Fund Receipts and Expense Reports. She noted General Fund receipts were up from 2014 and expenses were down. Sales tax revenue for the 2015 year were \$1,935,517.67, an increase of 7.41% from 2014. Ms. Fickel explained there was unusually high farm land sales in 2014 that inflated the conveyance fees. Bashore, Reineck, Stoller & Waterman, Inc. has the information to begin the preliminary reports in preparation for the state audit. The Plattenburg, CPA firm will begin the official audit for 2015 in March. The Commissioners lead the group into a discussion regarding the importance of having a check-cashing policy. Ms. Wannemacher explained that she will be implementing such a policy in her office. Sheriff Landers noted that 98% of their transactions are by debit or credit card. Ms. Temple

DIVINE MERCY STUDENTS WORK TO CONSTRUCT & PROGRAM A ROBOT



Over the next several weeks Michael Schweinsberg, who works for the Ohio State University Extension in Paulding County, will be working with Divine Mercy fifth and sixth graders for an hour each week. Mr. Schweinsberg recently received a grant, and acquired seven of the new Lego Mindstorm robotic kits. Students will be working in groups to construct and program their robot. The Lego kits allow students to develop critical thinking skills, work cooperatively in groups, grow their ideas, and allow students to understand challenging subjects. Pictured above from left to right: Jacob Font, Hunter Dugan, and Kyle Slade.

PAULDING EMA HELD FIREFIGHTER FOAM CLASS



Pictured here: Cecil Fire department provided a pumper for the class and the EMA Regional Foam Trailer was brought over, from Defiance County EMA to train with.

The Paulding County Emergency Management Agency held a Firefighting Foam Operations Class on Saturday. 15 firefighters from (5) fire departments in the county participated in the class. Some of the topics throughout the morning session, ranged from the different types of foam and uses. Application techniques to be used for vapor suppression of flammable liquids or fighting flammable liquid fires.

The class learned of additional resources in Paulding County and the surrounding areas. Those fire departments that participated, went over their foam equipment that they have and trouble shouted the typical issues that occur at an incident. After lunch, the firefighters went outside and flowed training foam that was purchased by the Paulding County LEPC.

reported a recent increase in activity in her office from wind farm companies, making copies for wind energy projects. Ms. Pease shared there may be an increase in the cost of purchasing a passport. It currently takes six weeks plus to obtain a passport. Judge Tiffany Beckman announced the video equipment purchased by a technical grant is being utilized to hold video arrangements, saving transportation costs. The Commissioners reminded the group of elected officials of the Cyber Security Training session scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, at 8:00 a.m. in the Common Pleas

Court room. The Courthouse will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. so officials and staff may attend the training. Ms. Wannemacher reported tax collections are going well.

- Jason Landers, County Sheriff - The Commissioners continued the on-going discussion of possibilities for the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Landers agreed the first step is to contact an engineering firm for a feasibility study.

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SHERIFF LANDERS VISITS PAYNE



Sheriff Landers came to talk to the 4th grade students at Payne Elementary. The fourth grade students are learning about the branches of government and how the government is run at the national, state, and local levels. Sheriff Landers helped the students understand his role in government and how he enforces the laws.

PC SHERIFF SPONSORS KERRY KAZAAM AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



The Paulding County Sheriff's Department recently sponsored the program "Kerry Kazaam the Safety Man" at Payne Elementary. In the photo are Officer Nick Mendez and Kerry Kazaam along with Payne Elementary students who participated in the program.

WAYNE TRACE BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2/23/16

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on February 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wayne Trace Local High School Lecture Room

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Bauble present (6:30 p.m.), Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Dick Swary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Oath of Office

Mr. Dick Swary sworn into office as board member.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public

*Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

Guests: Rachael McCroskey, Instructor; Lora Lyons, Payne PTO

Jody Dunham introduced Rachael McCroskey as a new instructor to the Payne building. Miss McCroskey teaches the cross categorical class. Miss McCroskey said a few words about herself.

Lora Lyons spoke with the board about the Kaboom grant the PTO applied for and was awarded for new playground equipment at the Payne building.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Lori Davis reviewed the release of the FY15 audit report with the Board of Education who serve as the Au-

dit Committee for the district.

6:30 p.m. Mr. Pat Bauble present.

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 approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016 Board meeting;

B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills as presented by the treasurer;

C. to approve the cash reconciliation for January 2016;

D. to amend appropriations and revenues for FY16;

E. to approve the Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan effective 2/1/16 thru 12/31/16.

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

Vantage Report - Mr. Pat Bauble updated the board on Vantage's 40th anniversary and open house that was held on February 22, 2016.

Report of the Building Principals Committee Reports

Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum

B. Personnel

C. Buildings and Grounds

D. Events

E. Operations

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 accept the retirement resignation of Kristine Gerardot as a teacher's aide, effective at the end of the 2015-2016

school year, and to thank her for thirty years of service to the district;

B. to accept the retirement resignation of Deb Bidlack as a bus driver, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year, and to thank her for eighteen years of service to the district;

C. to accept the resignation of Tim Baker as bus mechanic/bus trainer, effective February 26, 2016, and to approve him as a substitute bus mechanic/bus trainer at his current hourly rate during the transition to a new bus mechanic/bus trainer;

D. to accept the resignation of Don Kipfer as JH asst. track & field coach;

E. to accept the resignation of Colleen Saylor as JV volleyball coach;

F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to offer administrative contracts for the following employees:

Jody Dunham: Three-year contract as WTPE Principal - August 1, 2016-July 31, 2019

Jerry Hessel: Three-year contract as District Technology Coordinator - August 1, 2016-July 31, 2019

Phil Nofziger: One-year contract as WT JH/HS Principal - August 1, 2016-July 31, 2017

Ann Olwin: One-year contract as Superintendent's Administrative Asst. - August 1, 2016-July 31, 2017

Kevin Wilson: One-year contract as WTGH Principal - August 1, 2016-July 31, 2017

G. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and WTPE Principal, to approve the list of voluntary transfers as presented, to commence with the start of the 2016-2017 school year;

H. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and WTGH Principal, to approve the voluntary transfer of Terry Uim to WTGH head cook, to commence with the start of the 2016-2017 school year;

I. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2015-2016 school year to the following classified personnel:

Terry Campbell - Head JH Track & Field

Jason Hower - Assistant JH Track & Field

Christie Vest - Assistant JH Track & Field

J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve Anita Branch as a volunteer track & field coach for the 2015-2016 school year;

K. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to adopt the Interactive Science (Ohio) textbooks and supplemental materials from the Pearson Company for use in grades K-6;

L. upon recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to adopt the Ohio Science Fusion textbooks and supplemental materials from the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company for use in grades 7-8;

M. upon recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to adopt science textbooks and supplemental materials from the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Holt McDougal Company for use in grades 7-12 in Physical Science, Biology, and Advanced Biology;

N. upon recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to adopt the Biology in Focus (AP Edition) textbooks and supplemental materials from the Pearson Company for use in grade 7-12 AP Biology;

O. upon recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to adopt science textbooks and supplemental materials from the McGraw Hill Glencoe company for use in grades 7-12 Physics, Chemistry, Advanced Chemistry, and Anatomy;

P. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented;

Q. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to approve the following teacher professional development days for the 2016-2017 school year:

Two-hour delays: September 16, 2016; October 14, 2016; November 18, 2016; January 20, 2017; February 10, 2017; March 10, 2017; and April 28, 2017

Full days: September 2, 2016 and March 24, 2017

R. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Transportation Director, to approve a new job description for the bus mechanic/bus trainer;

S. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative Service Provider Contract Inter-Net Service for the period 7/1/16 thru 6/30/2021;

T. to commend sixth grade WTGH student Faith Meraz for winning the 2016 Paulding County Spelling Bee;

U. to commend Coach George Clemens III and the following varsity wrestlers for claiming individual championships at this year's Green Meadows Tournament:

George Clemens IV, Rugar Goeltzenleuchter, and Chase Marroquin. Clemens IV, a four-time champion, was named "Wrestler of the Tournament."

V. upon recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation, to offer Jay Lamb a one-year contract as bus mechanic/bus trainer with employment to begin approximately March 7, 2016.

*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 Bauble, Mrs. Lisa McClure, and Mr. Perry Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Motion passed.

7:05 p.m. Executive Session; Motion by: Mr. Dick Swary; Seconded by: Mr. Perry Sinn

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

Roll call vote: Mr. Dick Swary, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Pat Bauble, Mrs. Lisa McClure, and Mr. Duane Sinn, aye. Nay, none. Board in executive session.

8:05 p.m. Regular session called back to order.

Adjournment

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

USDA SELECTS TEN STATES FOR JOB-DRIVEN SNAP EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROJECT

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that 10 states have been selected to take part in SNAP to Skills, a first-of-its-kind, peer-to-peer effort to help state agencies design improved employment and training programs for adults participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in order to help them find employment and ultimately move off the SNAP program.

"Fortunately, the economy is improving in most areas of the country, but it is still very challenging for people with limited education or more basic job skills to secure full time work and better paying jobs," said Vilsack. "Helping SNAP recipients move off the program due to higher job earnings produces a double win for the individual household and for the economy as a whole."

States selected for SNAP to Skills include: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina and Tennessee. In October 2015, USDA announced that the Seattle Jobs Initiative would create an intensive technical assistance program to help states to build better, stronger Employment and Training (E&T) programs. These 10 states were chosen to participate based on their existing level of commitment and interest in expanding the SNAP E&T program, their ability to build effective partnerships with local training providers, and the availability of strong, job-driven workforce development programs in the state. The project will last two years, ending in September 2017.

E&T programs may include job search training, education activities (including basic skills training, English language learning, vocational training, postsecondary education), self-employment or on-the-job training, and job retention services.

The Seattle Jobs Initiative has a long-standing history of providing technical assistance in SNAP Employment and Training. The organization was a critical partner in building Washington State's Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET), a leading employment and training program.

SNAP E&T is a critical tool in each state's workforce development system that can provide employer-valued skills training to low-income,

REPRESENTATIVE BURKLEY JOINED BY REGIONAL LEADERS TO DISCUSS DRUG EPIDEMIC



State Representative Tony Burkley (R-Payne), in collaboration with the Ohio Laboratorion General's office, today hosted an organizational meeting in Defiance to help address Ohio's drug epidemic. The goal of the meeting was to gain knowledge on the status of Defiance County, located within the 82nd Ohio House district, in regards to combating the epidemic.

"This horrible epidemic has affected many lives throughout this region and today's meeting served as a way to bring interested parties to the table and help map out a plan for the future," said Burkley. "We were joined by law enforcement, schools officials, municipal and county officials, and community leaders all with one goal in mind, and that's fighting this issue together."

Rep. Burkley was joined by State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay), Congressman

Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) staff from the Ohio Attorney General's office, and other community leaders to facilitate a discussion on the drug epidemic in Defiance County and the greater Northwest Ohio Region. The group discussed the status of the county and region, compared to the state as a whole, in regards to organizing initiatives and generating ideas to combat the epidemic.

"This meeting was another great step toward developing an action plan to address the specific needs in Defiance County. Great work is already in place here, and we are happy to assist by providing suggestions for additional programs, services, and solutions," said Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

Rep. Burkley and the other leaders plan to hold future meetings involving the public at a later date.

low-skilled Americans. SNAP E&T can help unemployed workers get back on their feet and can offer workers in low-wage jobs additional skills training to advance in their careers.

With two-third of jobs created over the next decade expected to require at least some education or training beyond high school, expanding access to education and training for SNAP participants who have limited skills or earn low wages is critical to helping participants transition into economic self-sufficiency.

In March 2015, USDA announced the launch of 10 separate long-term SNAP E&T pilots, made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, to test and study innovative strategies that will run concurrently and in addition to the SNAP to Skills Project.

As the nation's first line of defense against hunger, SNAP helps put food on the table for millions of low income families and individuals every month and has never been more critical to the fight against hunger. SNAP helps many hard-working Americans supplement their family's nutrition and to make ends meet. SNAP is a vital supplement to the monthly food budget of more than 46 million low-income individuals. Nearly half of SNAP participants are children, nine percent are over 60 and more than 40 percent of recipients live in households with earnings. In 2014, SNAP kept at least 4.7 million people, including nearly 2.1 million children, out of poverty.

Over the past seven years, USDA has expanded federal nutrition programs, providing a critical safety net for millions of American children and families. By expanding access to nutritious foods and increasing awareness about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, USDA programs have made a real difference in the lives of many, promising a brighter, healthier future for our nation. March is National Nutrition Month.

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

QUICKEN LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.

CHARLES T. BAXTER, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 193.

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 21st day of April, 2016 at 10:05 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

11201 Road 71,
Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 27-07S-014-00

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

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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 filing date of the confirmation entry and paid from the sale proceeds.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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Charles V. Gasior, Attorney for Plaintiff

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

LARRY G. THIMLAR, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 15 147.

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18286 Road 15,
Hicksville, Ohio 43526
Parcel Number: 11-05S-007-01

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
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PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES
SERIES 2005-WHQ2, Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL A. THOMAS, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 13 098.

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 21st day of April, 2016 at 10:10 o'clock A.M., the real estate located at:

11436 State Route 500,
Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 27-14S-023-02

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

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Pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/27/16 or will be sent to collections; Warrant and warrant block rescinded

Leslie A. Porter, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 4/29/16 or will be sent to collections

Zachary K. Noggler, New Weston, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicholas R. Sullivan, Paulding, OH; Lic Exp (6month); Pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Sarah R. Lawson, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Riley James Bidlack, Paulding, OH; Traf dev/signs; Pled guilty, found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay all fines and costs today

Riley James Bidlack, Paulding, OH; FTY/intersect; Pled guilty, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Matthew P. Warn, Ann Arbor, MI; Following close; Guilty; case was waived by defendant

Sara N. Newman, Paulding, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jason J. Machunas, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jennifer N. Craine, Fort Wayne, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Riley James Moore, Payne, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lisa Cox, Oakwood, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Noah W. Krall, Oxford, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Real Estate Transfers:
Payne Village:

3/8/16; Russel D. Yenser, trustee & Suzanne M. Yenser, trustee; Lot 3; 0.086 acres; Lot 4; 0.333 acres; To: C&Y Oil Company

Blue Creek Twp.:
3/7/16; Donald R. Wenninger & sons; Sec. 34; 1.498 acres; To: Wenninger Farms, Inc.

3/8/16; Walter J. Sinn, trustee & Renee M. Sinn, trustee; Sec. 12; 67.891 acres; Sec. 13; 60 acres; 60 acres; 1.51 acres; To: Renee M. Sinn, trustee

Crane Twp.:
3/8/16; Barbara Ann Goyings, trustee; Sec. 36; 37.45 acres; Sec. 25; 80.61 acres; Sec. 25; 126.5 acres; To: Barbara Ann Goyings

Latty Twp.:
3/8/16; Walter J. Sinn, trustee & Renee M. Sinn, trustee; Sec. 33; 77 acres; Sec. 29; 20 acres; 20 acres; 20 acres; Sec. 20; 44.657 acres; Sec. 19; 1.718 acres; 111.864 acres; Sec. 7; 157.958 acres; To: Renee M. Sinn, trustee

Paulding Twp.:
3/8/16; Barbara Ann Goyings, trustee; Sec. 23; 33 acres; To: Barbara Ann Goyings

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph R. Burkard, announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted ten persons on March 10, 2016.

Bobbi M. Brkovic, 1/1/86; Paulding, OH; Aggravated vehicular homicide, F-2

Timothy B. Edwards,

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Sudoku Puzzle

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U.S. MARSHALS TASK FORCE ANNOUNCE \$5,000 REWARD FOR HOMICIDE SUSPECT

believed to be boyfriend and girlfriend at the time of the murder. Authorities identified Tracy as a suspect and when they attempted to locate him, he fled town. Frank H. Tracy, Jr. was born 8/31/68, is a white male, 5'8" tall, weighs about 160 lbs, with green eyes and brown hair. The United States Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force is assisting the Paulding County Sheriffs Office and Paulding Police Department in the search for Tracy. "The Unites States Marshals Service is a force-multiplier, supplying manpower, resources, fugitive investigation expertise, and technology to our state, local and county partners," said Peter Elliott, U.S. Marshal. "We bring experience and extra tools to the table, and we concentrate on one thing: catching violent offenders no matter where they go or how long they run!" Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of a known fugitive is encouraged to contact the U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at: 1-866-4-WANTED or text keyword if ANTED and the tip to TIP411 (847411). Tipsters may remain anonymous.

The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force — Toledo Division is composed of the following federal, state and local agencies: Allen County Sheriff's Office, Fremont Police Department, Holland Police Department, Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Adult Parole Authority, Ottawa Hills Police Department, Toledo Police Department, Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (DRO), Wood County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshals Service.

8/1/59; Antwerp, OH; Possession of LSD, F-4; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5; Possession of cocaine, F-5

Andre R. Walters, 1/28/75; Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to comply with order or signal of police officer, F-3; Tampering with evidence, F-3

Duwayne L. Lumpkins, 8/29/53; Defiance, OH; Trafficking in drugs, F-4

Rachel E. Smith, 8/28/72; Antwerp, OH; Trafficking in drugs, F-3

Brianna J. Watson, 10/27/88; Defiance, OH; Trafficking in drugs, F-4

Garold Pease, 5/20/64; Van Wert, OH; Non support of dependants, F-4

Justin M. Woodruff, 11/5/89; Cecil, OH; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5

Natalie A. Slife, 11/12/88; Unknown; Forgery, F-5

Christopher D. Betts, 1/4/75; Possession of Methamphetamine, F-5

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Financial Report for the Antwerp Cemetery Association, Antwerp, OH, for the year ended or the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 is complete and available for public inspection, at the clerk's office, by appointment. A copy of the report can be provided upon request.

—Kim M. Kemerer, Clerk

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal Dispositions:

Audrey B. Davis, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Larry R. Greathouse, Grover Hill, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Charise J. Parker, Colum-

bus, OH; FTY emer vehicl; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brenda L. Schmidt, Payne, OH; Following close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christopher L. Schnepf, Van Wert, OH; Obstructing; Pled guilty, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Pay for stay Paulding County jail; Defendants vehicle can be released to a li-

larly described as follows: Commencing at a point being in the Southeast corner of Lot Number twenty-two (22), and thence North 89°50'30" West, along the South line of Lot 22, thirty-eight and 85/100 (38.85) feet to a point for the TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 89°50'30" West, along the aforesaid South line, one and 15/100 (1.15) feet to a point; thence North 00°00'00" East, sixty-six and 00/100 (66.00) feet to a point; thence South 89°50'30" East, along the North line of Lot 22, one and 00/100 (1.00) feet to a point, and thence South 00°07'49" East; sixty-six and 00/100 (66.00) feet to the place of beginning. Containing 70.95 square feet, more or less.

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

By: *Joseph K. Burkard*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph K. Burkard, (70059106)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney

112 1/2 N. Water St.
Paulding, Ohio 45879
419-399-8270

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,
Plaintiff,

vs.

REBECCA A. NEFF, ET.AL.
Defendants,

Case No. CI-16-019

Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

TO: REBECCA A. NEFF, UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND EXECUTORS OF REBECCA A. NEFF; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF REBECCA A. NEFF

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 103 N. Laura 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 REBECCA A. NEFF 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:

Situated in the Village of Payne, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot twenty-two (22) of the Original Plat of the Village of Payne, Paulding County, Ohio, thence west forty (40) feet; thence North sixty-six (66) feet; thence East forty (40) feet to the East line of said lot; thence South Sixty-six (66) feet to the place of beginning.

Included as part of this real estate is the 1972 Holly Park Mobile Home (on foundation) located thereon.

LESS AND EXCEPT THEREFROM:
A part of Lot number twenty-two (22) in the Original Plat of the Village of Payne, in said County of Paulding and State of Ohio, and more particu-

MVNU STUDENTS HONORED WITH NRB MEDIA PRODUCTION AWARDS



MVNU's group at NRB 2016 in Nashville, Tenn. - left to right, Josh Pope, Dr. Dean Abbott, Alex Sneed, Emily Porter, Jessica Wells, Jenna Potts, Annabelle Harray and Professor Joe Rinehart (photo credit: NRB)

Five Mount Vernon Nazarene University students were recently honored by the intercollegiate branch of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) for placing in the organization's 2016 student production contests and challenges. The awards were handed out February 25 at the NRB's annual convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Annabelle Harray, a senior video and radio broadcasting major from Dunedin, New Zealand, received two awards in the production contest. She placed first in the Radio PSA/Commercial category for her work on a 60-second production for MVNU's SonFest 2015 and third in the Radio Promo/Imaging/Branding category for her work on WNZR's Lifeline 2015.

Alexandria Sneed, a senior public relations major from Oregon, Ohio, and Jessica Wells, junior journalism and media production major from Columbus, placed second in the Television Studio Production category for a segment of "Cooking with Chef Paul," part of the 2014 Knox County Food For The Hungry broadcast.

This is the ninth consecutive year that MVNU students have placed in the top three nationally in either radio or video. Upperclassmen students taking media production courses at MVNU this fall submitted projects following the NRB guidelines, and the top projects were then evaluated and entered into the contest.

While at the convention, Sneed, Jenna Potts, junior journalism and media production major from Springfield, and Emily Porter, junior journalism and media production major from Ashland, Ky., took part in a 24-hour public relations challenge. All teams had 24 hours to produce a 10-page proposal and media piece for increasing membership in iNRB. MVNU's team finished in second place.

Harray and Wells competed in the 24-hour digital audio competition against eight other teams across the country. All teams had 24 hours to produce three audio pieces for a voting registration campaign. MVNU finished in fifth place.

Other MVNU students attending the conference included Josh Pope, a junior journalism and media production major from Cleveland. Dr. Dean Abbott, associate professor of communication and Professor Joe Rinehart, assistant professor of communication and Director of Broadcasting, also attended NRB and took part in the 2016 Academic Innovation Exchange.

"NRB is a rewarding experience for both students and faculty," said Rinehart. "Since it is the largest gathering of faith-based media producers in the world, it gives our students valuable networking and learning opportunities. In addition, the work they do is judged by communication professionals across the coun-

try. Faculty members advise the student challenge teams and also attend sessions that provide both professional and spiritual development."

The intercollegiate branch of NRB is committed to promoting excellence and integrity, and providing a forum for student and faculty members to network and share ideas and goals. For more information on the National Religious Broadcasters, go to www.nrb.org. Photo attached:

INDOT AWARDS \$18.9 MILLION CONTRACT TO REALIGN U.S. 33 THROUGH GOSHEN

The Indiana Department of Transportation recently awarded an \$18.9 million contract to Rieth-Riley Construction to realign U.S. 33 through the City of Goshen.

The project will re-route U.S. 33 around the downtown historic district and will include bridges over the railroad tracks, over Lincoln Avenue and over Cottage Avenue. Work will also include the widening of U.S. 33/Pike Street from S.R. 15/Third Street to the Elkhart River.

Drivers will continue to travel along the existing roadway until the new sections of U.S. 33 open to traffic. The project is anticipated to be complete in fall of 2018.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE RELEASES FINDINGS ON THE EFFECTS OF DROUGHT FOR FORESTS & RANGELANDS

New Resource to Aid Land Managers in Adapting to Climate Change

The U.S. Forest Service today released a new report, Effects of Drought on Forests and Rangelands in the United States: A Comprehensive Science Synthesis, that provides a national assessment of peer-reviewed scientific research on the impacts of drought on U.S. forests and rangelands. This report will help the Forest Service better manage forests and grasslands impacted by climate change.

"Our forests and rangelands are national treasures, and because they are threatened, we are threatened," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "This report confirms what we are seeing, that every region of the country is impacted by the direct and indirect effects of drought conditions and volatile weather patterns. Sixty million Americans rely on drinking water that originates on our 193 million acres of national forest and grasslands. They support 200,000 jobs and contribute over \$13 billion to local economies every year."

The report establishes a comprehensive baseline of available data that land managers can use to test how well their efforts to improve drought resilience and adaptation practices are working nationwide. Major findings from the report include:

- Drought projections suggest that some regions of the U.S. will become drier and that most will have more extreme variations in precipitation.

- Even if current drought patterns remained unchanged, warmer temperatures will amplify drought effects.

- Drought and warmer temperatures may increase risks of large-scale insect outbreaks and larger wildfires, especially in the western U.S.

- Drought and warmer temperature may accelerate tree and shrub death, changing habitats and ecosystems in favor of drought-tolerant species.

- Forest-based products and values – such as timber, water, habitat and recreation opportunities – may be negatively impacted.

- Forest and rangeland managers can mitigate some of these impacts and build resiliency in forests through appropriate management actions.

"Since 2000, fire seasons have grown longer and the frequency, size and severity of wildland fires have increased," said Vilsack. "Among the many benefits of having this solid baseline data is the improved ability to identify where restoration work can help forests adapt and prosper while minimizing the threat and impact of future wildfires."

The assessment, a broad review of existing drought research, provides input to the reauthorized National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), established by Congress in 2006, and the National Climate Assessment (NCA), produced every four years to project major trends and evaluate the effects of global climate change on forests, agriculture, rangelands, land and water resources, human health and welfare, and biological diversity. Together these serve as key, science-based, resources for anyone working to maintain or improve public and private lands in the face of a changing environment.

Edited by Forest Service scientists in partnership with Duke University, the document provides a valuable new tool to inform discussion, planning and implementation of adaptation strategies for land managers and policy makers. The collaborative effort, authored by 77 scientists from the Forest Service, other Federal agencies, research institutions and universities across the United States, examines ways to understand and mitigate the effects of drought on forests and rangeland including the 193 million acres of National Forest System lands.

The implications of the findings of this report are likely to have far-reaching effects on the environment for the foreseeable future. As climate change drives temperatures increases and precipitation patterns change, drought—and associated disturbances such as insect outbreaks and wildfires—will only get worse across many areas of the United States.

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service, an agency of the Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands managed by the Forest Service contrib-

WT GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Shown here are the students chosen as Grover Hill Elementary's students of the month for February 2016. Seated (l-r) David Fiedler, Karson Miller, Brooke Tigner, Leah Bland, Aubree Miller, Torree Sinn and Cayley Caldwell. Standing (l-r) Jared Varner, Sydnee Sinn, Anna Miller, Abbie Stoller, Libby Meraz, Kassidy Lewis, Kodi Fairchild, Nicholas Sinn, Tatum Tigner and Ava Stoller.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEBRUARY 2016 STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Front row left to right: Leah Leslie, Cameron Williams, Giselle Arend, Penny Spencer, Lucy Porter, Belia Martinez, Myrriah Manz. Middle row left to right: Jackson Laker, Jared Myrzi, Kaitlynn Breedlove, Rileigh Sanders, Marley Parrett, Grace Goyings, Christina Martinez. Back row left to right: Malia Manz, Maci Kauser, Josiah Akom, Sydney Trahin, Larkin Yates, Carter Manz, Casey Agler, Devan Egnor. Missing from picture: Mary Gibson

ute more than \$13 billion to the national economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency

also has a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 818 million forested and woodland acres within the U.S., including 100 million acres of urban forests where most Americans live.

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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/17/16

This 17th day of February, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtzberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

erty located in Crane Township of Paulding County and owned by James M. Hertel; and
The Property consists of approximately 43 acres of tillable land and 9 acres of woodland adjacent to the Maumee River; and
The Conservancy's purchase of the above named property will provide recreational and aesthetic preservation benefits to the residents of Paulding County; and
The Conservancy's purchase of the above named property will permanently protect this valuable resource; now, therefore,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor and the Personnel Committee of the Paulding County Economic Development to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry. All members voting. At 8:41 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Marsha Yeutter, AOoA Providers' Meeting, Toledo OH - February 17, 2016

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING BLACK SWAMP CONSERVANCY TO PRESERVE LAND IN PAULDING COUNTY

The Black Swamp Conservancy (the Conservancy) is a charitable organization whose mission is the conservation and protection of natural and agricultural lands in northwest Ohio for the benefit of future generations; and

The Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program (Clean Ohio) helps to fund preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas and stream corridors; and

The Conservancy intends to submit an application to Clean Ohio to acquire fee title to prop-

The Paulding County Commissioners fully support Black Swamp Conservancy's application to the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for this project; and
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 DESIGNATING A LOSS CONTROL COORDINATOR FOR 2016-2017
County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) is Paulding County's property and casualty insurance provider; and
Since 2009, CORSA has offered its members an opportunity to reduce costs by participating in and completing its Loss Control Incentive Program (LCIP) and CORSA has encouraged counties to voluntarily participate in the LCIP; and
The reduction/credit in the following year's program costs to Counties participating in LCIP based upon the successful implementation of pre-determined loss control initiatives that are defined by CORSA; and
Credits are offered for individual items that are successfully completed by the Member. Completion of the detailed items will be documented by the County Loss Control Coordinator and an 'audit' is performed by a CORSA representative prior to credit being awarded; and
Paulding County has participated in the LCIP since its inception in 2009, resulting in annual reductions in costs; now, therefore
The Board of County Commissioners does hereby designate

FT. DEFIANCE Antiques. Find your treasures at our over 4,000 sq. ft. location at 402 Clinton Street, Defiance. Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5. Phone: 419-782-6003. tf

HUGS & KISSES DAYCARE: My Antwerp home, on school bus line. Lunch, snacks and activities provided. Also available for Summer Care. Contact Norma 574-298-6199. tf

CHICAGO - Downtown. Sat. April 23. \$58. Call Sue Beck, 419-399-3806. 10-11p
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RAIN TECH Seamless Gutters, 419-258-1818. 10-12
HELP WANTED: Part-time cooks and waitresses. Experience preferred. Nights and weekends. Apply in person. Uncle Fudd's, Melrose, OH. 11,12
LPN'S NEEDED: Vancrest of Antwerp (formerly Manor House) and Vancrest of Payne Assisted Livings currently have openings for Full and Part time LPNs on first and second shifts. We are also seeking LPNs to help with medpass 2 hours in the morning and in the evening at the Antwerp Facility. Applications available at either facility or send resume to lshipman@vancrest.com tf

LITTLE BLESSINGS Daycare in Woodburn is looking for a part time care giver in our pre-school room. The applicant must be 21yrs of age and have a high school diploma or GED. This person will have the opportunity to strengthen faith and create happiness in children's lives by teaching them social interaction, play and hands on activity. This part time position is Mon-Friday. If interested please contact Darlene @ 260-632-4679 ext 103 or email at zlittleblessingsdc@gmail.com 11

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NETWORK SYSTEMS AND DATA COMMUNICATIONS ANALYST: Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. is seeking a full-time Network Systems and Data Communications Analyst. Paulding-Putnam offers a comprehensive benefit package which includes medical, dental, vision, prescription drug, group term life insurance, long and short term disability, 401k, vacation and paid holidays. This position manages the Cooperative's information technology, telecommunication systems and networks. Also, participates in IT strategy and budget planning, IT best practices and must possess strong project management skills. Facilitate hardware moves and installation, troubleshooting, repair, and preventative maintenance support for PC desktop systems, servers, and mobile phones. Maintains and operates Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system, Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, security concepts and systems, antivirus, spam blockers, and other IT matters. Understanding of LAN/WAN and TCP/IP concepts, specifically within a Microsoft Networking infrastructure. Please do not apply in person. Send cover letter, salary requirements and resume postmarked by March 31, 2016 to: Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Attn: Human Resources, 401 McDonald Pike Paulding, OH 45879. Requirements include a Bachelor Degree in Computer Science or equivalent or demonstrated experience. Equal Opportunity Employer, Minorities/Females/Disabilities/Veterans 11,12

BAUGHMAN TILE COMPANY, the regional leader of corrugated plastic pipe is now hiring. Fabricators: Fabricate plastic fittings and special order pipe, construction background helpful. Truck loaders: load trucks for delivery, forklift experience preferred. General laborers: many positions available, ability to lift 50-75 pounds. Benefits package includes a strong health insurance plan, 401K retirement plan and vacation plan along with a competitive salary. Applications are available at Baughman Tile Company, 8516 Road 137, Paulding, OH. Located 4 miles east of US 127 on SR 613. 11,12,13

WANTED TO BUY: Buying old photographs, old photo albums, old toys, old padlocks, old signs, old postcards, military items and antiques, etc. 419-393-2107. 7-14b

CHILD CARE - Ann's Bright Beginnings has openings for ages 3 through 12 for before and after school for school age children, and from 6 AM to 6 PM for preschool age children. Registration is OPEN for Fall preschool enrollment AND Summer child care. State licensed and NOCAC approved. Call 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more information. tf

Sudoku solution from page 13

to-wit; FROM: 034-001-00001/DARE/Wages TO: 034-001-00002/DARE/Materials, AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

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

Meeting Notes of Appointments

• **Jerry Zielke, PCED** - Mr. Zielke met briefly with the Commissioners to present information from the recent Mayors' meeting. One of the handouts was a copy of the power point from RCAP (Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program). RCAP is a national, non-profit organization that provides technical assistance and training on water, wastewater, and other community development issues. It has field staff serving all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Ohio RCAP is part of the Great Lakes RCAP region and is administered by the WSOS Community Action Commission, a non-profit agency in Fremont, Ohio. Traditionally, RCAP works with communities to build technical, managerial, and financial capacity to construct and operate water and sewer infrastructure. In Ohio, RCAP has expanded to offer many other community and economic development services; however, water and sewer infrastructure is still a major component of the program. RCAP also offers grant funded and low cost services for rural communities. It helps with project planning, engineer selection process, project funding, governing board and staff training, and financial management, among other services. Mr. Zielke also included a copy of the 'helpful contact information for Villages' report, which can be utilized by Mayors as a handy reference.

• **Chris Collier, Black Swamp** information - Mr. Collier presented information regarding the acquisition of property by the Black Swamp Conservancy (see resolution above). The goal is to provide recreational activity (fishing, boating, picnicking, etc.) while preserving the land. Mr. Collier emphasized that the local Park District Board would be taking care of the day-to-day operations of the property once it has been acquired.

Larry Colley, Fair Board - Mr. Colley met with the Commissioners to discuss the recent 'filling' activity at the Fairgrounds. He reported the land being filled is not in the flood plain. Mr. Colley announced an upcoming event at the Fairgrounds on May 6 and 7. He then discussed the high electric bill at the Fairgrounds and the rental of the grounds and its various buildings. All agreed there needs to be communication and coordination between the Fair Board and the Commissioners' Office.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - The Commissioners reviewed the General Fund Revenue and Expense reports presented by Ms. Fickel. She also presented the Treasurer's report, noting a 6% delinquent rate for first half (2015, pay 2016) real estate taxes. Ms. Fickel reported dog tag sales are about

the same as 2015. Cyber security and credit card policies were also discussed.

Don Foltz, Foltz Insurance Agency - Mr. Foltz presented a copy of an e-mail from John Brownlee, CORSA Risk Manager, stating that Paulding County will receive 100% of the incentive credit for the 2015/2016 program year in the amount of \$4,813.00. He noted the credit will be applied to the 2016/2017 program year invoice. The Commissioners commended Mr. Foltz for his diligent work in completing the requirements to qualify for the incentive credit. As our local insurance agent, Mr. Foltz has been instrumental in working with CORSA, attending training session and meetings as required. The Commissioners agreed to appoint Mr. Foltz as the Loss Control Coordinator for Paulding County for 2016-2017 (see resolution above). Mr. Foltz noted he had attended a BCI training in London as part of the Loss Control Coordinator duties. He also reported he does the MVR for employees driving county vehicles.

Steve Colley, Paulding/Putnam Electric Coop - Mr. Colley met with the Commissioners to introduce the Honor Flight program. The program allows for US Veterans to visit Washington D.C. and its war memorials for a day. The employees of Paulding/Putnam Electric Coop have decided to work towards sponsoring an Honor Flight. Honor Flights fly from the Fort Wayne International Airport directly to Washington D.C. The flight is free to US Veterans. Each Veteran must have a 'Guardian' to accompany them on their flight. Guardians pay for themselves. Upon the flight's return to Ft. Wayne's airport, the Veterans enjoy being welcomed back by family, friends, and neighbors. Mr. Colley noted it costs approximately \$70,000.00 per flight. He stated flights are usually scheduled in spring and fall for best weather conditions. Mr. Colley noted there are 450 veterans on the waiting list. He emphasized that World War II and Korean Veterans are reaching the age to where time is of the essence. He showed a brief video of Veterans visiting the memorial sites and pointed out how their lives were touched by being able to make the trip. Mr. Colley encouraged anyone interested in donating to the cause, suggesting a Veteran, or being a Guardian to stop in at the Paulding/Putnam Office, look on the website, or call.

WOODBURN SPRING GARAGE SALES
May 6th & 7th • 8am-?
Woodburn Lion's Club will be making their famous donuts.
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Chairman
Dave Shuey, 632-4245 x 214
President/CEO

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March 18 and 19 (9-5)
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
County Auditor's office seeking full time individual -- real estate department. Accuracy and attention to detail a must. Prior knowledge of deeds and real estate beneficial. EOE
Please send resume to:
Claudia Fickel, Paulding County Auditor
115 N. Williams St.
Paulding, OH 45879
claudiaf@pauldingcounty-oh.com

WANTED
We're looking for a dependable, honest automotive technician who will be able to transition into a Service Manager position with ease. Applicants must have at least 2 years experience, tools, valid driver's license and ability to lift at least 50 pounds. Potential candidates should be able to: Diagnose drivability and other mechanical failures, Inspect and determine service/repair needs, Perform work as outlined on repair orders with efficiency and accuracy, Speak effectively with customers about repairs and maintenance recommendations. Applicants must be knowledgeable with computer equipment, have good problem solving skills and the ability to deliver exceptional customer service. Pay is commensurate with experience & ability. Paid holidays and vacation time.
Email resume to **THeckley@HeckleyAuto.com**

and appoint Mr. Don Foltz, Foltz Insurance Agency, Paulding, Ohio, as Paulding County's Loss Control Coordinator to oversee the County's loss control program and will be compensated \$4,200.00 for the 2016-2017 program year.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 092)

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the

2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Haz-Mat Fund (Fund 092), to-wit; 092-001-00001/Haz-Mat/Other Expenses, AMOUNT: \$4,691.33

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 034)

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the DARE Fund (Fund 034),

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP 2016 ANNUAL MEETING



Paulding Putnam Electric's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th at Paulding Putnam Electric's Headquarters in Paulding, Ohio located at 401 McDonald Pike. The Annual Meeting is a day of member appreciation and an opportunity to update coop-

erative members on important cooperative business.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow immediately after. Members are encouraged to bring their families. For more details, please visit www.PPEC.coop.

USDA COMMITS \$20 MILLION TO INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the availability of up to \$20 million in competitive grants through the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program. The program aims to spark the development and adoption of cutting-edge conservation technologies and approaches for farmers, ranchers and other landowners.

"The Conservation Innovation Grant program has an impressive track record of

fostering innovative conservation tools and strategies," said Vilsack. "Successes in the program can translate into new opportunities for historically underserved landowners, help resolve pressing water conservation challenges and leverage new investments in conservation partnerships with farmers, ranchers and other stakeholders."

Administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), CIG is part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and is designed to focus on inno-

vative conservation projects that promote science-based solutions to benefit both producers and the environment. Projects may include on-farm pilot projects and field demonstrations, and are funded to accelerate the transfer and adoption of promising technologies to landowners in order to address critical natural resource concerns.

Since 2009, USDA has invested over \$145 million to fund nearly 400 national and regional CIG awards. The CIG program spurs development of new tools and practices to improve things like on-farm energy and fertilizer use as well as market-based strategies to improve water quality or mitigate climate change. In 2016, USDA is seeking applications for innovative conservation projects to benefit historically underserved agricultural producers, improve and protect water quality, and demonstrate the effectiveness of public private partnerships for conservation, sustainable agriculture and forestry.

Up to \$2 million of this fiscal year's CIG funding has been set aside for projects targeted to historically underserved and veteran farmers and ranchers, beginning farmers and ranchers, and those with limited resources. In 2015, for example, the Minnesota Food Association was awarded funds to assist with the transfer of proven conservation technologies used in organic systems to historically underserved producers in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and to assist those producers with implementing conservation practices by addressing land tenure issues and accessing NRCS programs.

USDA is also seeking CIG proposals for projects to stimulate natural resource solutions to protect or improve the quality of ground and surface water. Last year, Tó Lání Enterprises (TLE), received a CIG award to conduct a three-year national pilot project to demonstrate the environmental, agricultural, economic and sociocultural effectiveness and benefits of solar energy systems for pumping irrigation water. The project was designed to encourage the adoption of such systems among Navajo, Hopi and other American-Indian tribes. The early results have been so promising that the solar-powered system has already been adopted by many Navajo farmers.

In 2015, NRCS made eight CIG awards for projects in the burgeoning field of conservation finance and impact investing. For 2016, USDA is seeking projects that develop additional innovative investment strategies that leverage private capital for private lands conservation. CIG funding may be used to help mitigate risk associated with new conservation investment vehicles, through the use of approaches such as first loss strategies, price floors, guarantees, buyer of last resort mechanisms or other credit enhancements. Successful proposals will demonstrate a likelihood of success and clear metrics for conservation outcomes warranting the use of public funds to support risk mitigation strategies.

CIG awards are made through a nationally competitive process. Projects may be single or multi-year, but cannot exceed three years. Projects must involve EQIP-eli-

PPEC RECEIVE MORE FUNDS FOR HONOR FLIGHT



Picture L to R: Tom Diaz, Paulding VFW, Annette Schreiner, Paulding Putnam Electric Employee, and Jim Sitton with Paulding VFW.

Paulding Putnam Electric's fundraiser continues for the Honor Flight Program. This week the Paulding VFW donated \$500.00 to the fund. The goal is to raise \$70,000 to sponsor an entire flight. Currently, the Northeast Indiana Chapter of Honor Flight serves both Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana.

If you're not familiar with Honor Flight, it is a nonprofit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices by flying them to Washington, DC to reflect at their memorials. For more information on how to participate or donate, visit www.PPEC.coop.

gible agricultural producers or landowners. At least 50 percent of the total cost of CIG projects must come from non-federal matching funds, including in-kind contributions.

A fact sheet summarizing other top CIG projects is available on the NRCS CIG website.

Applications for CIG projects are due by May 10, 2016. More information is available on the NRCS CIG website. This year's application process includes two other significant changes: an increase in the maximum award amount to \$2 million, up from \$1 mil-

lion in 2015, and a streamlined single proposal process.

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 <https://medium.com/usda-results>.

League Sign-Ups

• MONDAY - MCDINGER LEAGUE (LEAGUE IS CURRENTLY FULL)

League Meeting - April 11th 6:00 PM
Starts - April 18th
Secretary - Gary McClure (419) 399-4969

• MONDAY - LADIES LEAGUE (SCRAMBLE FORMAT)

League Meeting - April 18th 6:00 PM
League Starts - May 2nd
League Secretary - Lisa Colburn (419) 513-0150

• TUESDAY - MEN'S SCRAMBLE

League Meeting - April 5th 6:00 PM
League Starts - April 19th (Fun Night - No Points)
League Secretary - Gary McClure (419) 399-4969

• TUESDAY - MEN'S SCRAMBLE (NAPA LEAGUE)

League Meeting - April 12th 6:00 PM
League Starts - April 19th
League Secretary - Brandon Headley (419) 769-6474

• WEDNESDAY - MILLER REINHART

League Meeting - April 20th 6:00 PM
League Starts - April 27th (Fun Night - No Points)
League Secretaries - Jason Horman (419) 506-1067
Bob Miller (419) 376-0955

• WEDNESDAY - COED SHORT SEASON

League Meeting - May 4th 6:00 PM
League Starts - May 11th
Fuzzy/Mike Holmgren (419) 769-0267

• THURSDAY - SENIORS

League Meeting - April 7th 8:00am
(Pancake Breakfast at the clubhouse)
League Starts - May 5th
League Secretary - Michelle Swing (260) 417-5536

• THURSDAY - LADIES

League Meeting - April 21st 6:00 PM
League Starts - April 28th
League Secretary - Michelle Swing (260) 417-5536

• THURSDAY - MENS STROKE PLAY

League Meeting - April 14th 6:00 PM
League Starts - April 21st
Secretary - Gary McClure (419) 399-4969

• FRIDAY - BUCKEYE COUPLES (MEN, WOMEN OR MIXED SCRAMBLE EVERY OTHER FRIDAY)

League Meeting - April 22nd 5:00 PM
League Starts - May 6th
League Secretary - Lisa Colburn (419) 513-0150

• FRIDAY - PAR COUPLES (MEN, WOMEN OR MIXED SCRAMBLE EVERY OTHER FRIDAY)

League Meeting - April 15th 5:00 PM
League Starts - April 29th
League Secretary - Michelle Swing (260) 417-5536



POND-A-RIVER GOLF CLUB

We are ready to get another golf season under way. We are looking for sponsors for each league. The sponsorship is \$200 in either cash or goods that are put directly into the prize fund. With this sponsorship you will receive advertisement throughout the year at the clubhouse and on our website. If you and your company are interested you can contact the league secretary or clubhouse. Last year H&W Automotive sponsored the Napa league and was much appreciated by the winners of that league.

We do have a couple of tee signs that have become available for advertisement as well. Please contact David Gerig if you are interested in purchasing that space.

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