

## 2016 JOHN PAULDING DAYS IS HERE!



**JULY 8 & 9**

John Paulding Days is set for this weekend, July 8-9 in downtown Paulding. Come out for a summer fun time with family and friends!

**FRIDAY, JULY 8:**

4:00 p.m. — Inflatables and concessions open

7:00 p.m. — John Paulding Days Parade begins (line up is at 5:45 p.m.)

8:00 p.m. — Sean Williams performs on the main stage

**SATURDAY, JULY 9:**

8:30 a.m. — Revolutionary Run, a 5K Fun Run/Walk

10:00 a.m. — Paulding County Carnegie Library celebration

12:00 p.m. — Inflatables and concessions open; Craft Sale/Flea Market on the Courthouse lawn

2:00 p.m. — Paulding Pet Parade by the Girl Scouts of Paulding County. Categories to be judged will be: Most Unusual Pet, Best Dressed Pet, Best Tricks, and Best Behaved.

3:00 p.m. — Science Central

4:00 p.m. — Touch a Truck: Get a chance to get up close and look at some awesome trucks!

4:30 p.m. — Flat Rock Creek Duck Race by the Cub Scout Pack 317

5:30 p.m. — Candy Drop

6:00 p.m. — Cruise-In by Logisticize

7:00 p.m. — Liberty Rain performs on the main stage

9:45 p.m. — Fireworks downtown!

### PAULDING COUNTY FARMERS BENEFIT FROM HEALTHY LAKES

The Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to announce the onset of a new reimbursement opportunity for local farmers. The Healthy Lakes Program to Promote Nutrient Placement of Phosphorus in the WLEB Area initiative aims to significantly reduce the amount of fertilizer that is needed to be applied for crops by utilizing Variable-Rate Technology and injection of fertilizer beneath the ground surface.

While farmland nutrients and pH levels fit within a narrow range in the county, variation within a single field may vary greatly. VRT uses grid soil tests to analyze current nutrient levels, which is used to compute how much fertilizer should be used and where it is needed to be applied. The Healthy Lakes Program will offer a reimbursement of \$9 per acre for completing soil testing.

This program also follows the practice of applying fertilizer by injecting it at least 1.5 inches below the ground surface. In contrast to broadcasting fertilizer to the surface of

the ground, much more of the fertilizer is retained in the soil for longer periods of time. It is also less likely to be washed out into waterways during heavy rains. The program offers reimbursement of \$26 per acre for the completion of VRT fertilizer injection.

Along with the reimbursements offered, those who utilize this program may benefit from decreased fertilizer costs. Recent studies out of Iowa State University showed that VRT applications required less fertilizer than a uniform application, while crop yield was not affected. Thus, when cost of fertilizer is high, the benefits of VRT application rise.

While there are monetary benefits available to farmers, the Healthy Lakes Program's aim is to reduce the amount of nutrient runoff that is flowing into the Western Lake Erie Basin. Recent algal blooms in Lake Erie near Toledo and here in Paulding County on the Maumee River are results of heavy nutri-

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### MOVIES IN THE PARK

Friday night, July 8th, 8:30 p.m. at Schnelker Park. This summer movie series is presented by Impact Community Church and New Haven Parks & Recreation. Enjoy popcorn, candy, and drinks while watching the movie. For more information call New Haven Parks and Recreation at 260-749-2212.

The best part — it's all FREE!

Note: Please check New Haven Parks and Rec Facebook page if the weather is questionable on July 8th. If the movie is cancelled due to weather, it will be shown the next night. (Saturday)

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### PAULDING COUNTY RTA TO HOST RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will host a recognition luncheon for the 2016 Paulding County Hall of Fame teachers on Monday, July 11 at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon will be held at the John Paulding Historical Museum located at 600 Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio.

The requirement for induction into the Paulding County Hall of Fame is a minimum of 25 years of service dedicated to teaching the students of Paulding County.

Those being honored, as well as current members of the group, are asked to make reservations by Wednesday, July 6, by calling Pam Young at 419-786-9362 or Karen Walker at 419-899-4161.

Current members are asked to bring a dish to share for the luncheon.

### THE HICKVILLE VILLAGE PLAYERS PRESENT "THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE"

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## SHUHERK-SPANGLER



Con and Ann Shuherk of Paulding, OH, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Emily, to Luke Spangler, son of Mark and Laura Spangler, Oakwood, OH.

The bride elect is a 2012 graduate of Paulding High School and is an adminis-

trative assistant at Cooper Farms.

The future groom is a 2013 graduate and is employed as a day one care specialist at Cooper Farms.

They will exchange vows Saturday, August 13th, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding, OH.

### 19TH ANNUAL CRUISE-IN ON BROADWAY

Wednesday, July 13th, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Canal Cruzers will host their 19th annual cruise in on Broadway Street in New Haven, IN.

This is open to everyone and will feature classics, restorations, muscle cars, antique cars, trucks and street rod motorcycles. There will be more than 500 cars on show for the car show.

Canal Cruzers Car Club, established 1994 in New Haven, IN, is open to anyone interested in autos and trucks. For further information call or email: Steve Ostheimer, 260-446-3622, steveoldtimer@yahoo.com or San Schuckel, 260-402-1152, r.d.schuckel@juno.com.

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**OBITUARIES**

ANTWERP, OH  
**Maxine E. Ramsier**, 96, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at Vancrest of Antwerp.

Maxine was born in Antwerp on November 12, 1919, a daughter of the late Jessie (Ruger) and Floyd Stevenson.

She farmed with her husband Aldon, whom she married September 23, 1939. Aldon passed away October 7, 2001.

She will be sadly missed by sons, Floyd (Donna) & Neil (Jennifer) both of Antwerp; 5 grandchildren & 7 great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her great granddaughter, Lexi Woodcox & sister, Marjarian Shuherk.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on Friday, 11 am with viewing from 9 am to 11 am.

She was laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials to Vancrest of Antwerp Activity Fund.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com)

ANTWERP, OH:  
**Virginia M. Lee**, age 77 died Sunday, July 3, 2016.

She was born in Alicia, Arkansas, on November 27, 1938 to the late Beulah M. (Hamilton) and Hubert F. Johnson.

On January 9, 1958 she married Robert E. Lee, who died June 6, 2016. She was employed by Dana Weatherhead as Quality Control Inspector, retiring in 1998 after 30 years of service.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Dale Jividen) Lee, Antwerp; son, Randolph "Randy" Lee, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and her little buddy "Odie".

**GIRL SCOUT CAMP EXPERIENCE**



Girl Scouts from Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties attended their annual Summer Camp Experience. The girls enjoyed many activities, from archery to self-defense, along with the traditional camp activities of swimming and outdoor cooking. Veterans, Mr. Dan Cassidy and Mrs. Chris Gemmer, attend-

ed the flag retirement and stayed for dinner. A new experience for most of the girls, those watching and those participating. Approximately 95 girls attended the volunteer-run camp. Several businesses donated or gave a special discount to help make everyone's camp a great one: Burcham Printing of Van Wert, Van

Wert Family Physicians, Van Wert County Hospital, Farmers Grain and Ag of Willshire, KAM Manufacturing of Van Wert, Spangler Candy Company of Bryan, and Susie's Family Bakery of Paulding. If you would like more information on becoming a Girl Scout - young or old - visit <http://www.gsw.org/>.

Funeral services will be conducted 6 PM Thursday, July 7 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 4PM until time of services on Thursday at Den Herder Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 7/6 - 7/12**

7/6 - Liver & Onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit cocktail, w.w. bread/fruit

& grain bar, Liver alt: Swiss steak, milk

7/7 - Shredded beef sandwich, coleslaw, 3 bean salad, cinnamon apples, fruit snacks, milk

7/8 - Roasted turkey, parsnip potatoes, spanish green beans, pineapple & strawberries, dinner roll, cake, milk

7/11 - Roasted chicken, rice pilaf, stewed tomatoes, capri blend vegetables, tropical fruit, w.w. bread, milk

7/12 - Beef goulash, wax beans, banana, apple juice, garlic bread, milk

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 7/6 - 7/12**

7/6 - Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

7/7 - Blood pressure & toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 p.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Turn-up at 12:15 p.m.

7/8 - Bible study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; John Paulding Day's Parade at 7:00 p.m.

7/11 - Raffle Day; "Shedding pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Ameri-Care checkup at 10:15 a.m.

7/12 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING IN NEW HAVEN**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at New Horizons Fellowship on 8/1/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to:

blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular

heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

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ent flow into our waterways. This compromises our ability to use this fresh water as a sustainable drinking and recreation source. Many conservation districts along the Maumee River are working to get a water trail designated for boats and canoes that begins right here in Paulding County. Utilizing this plan will assist in keep these algal blooms at a minimum and allow our county to benefit from being the starting point of this trail. So by taking part in this plan, farmers are able to save money and help sustain the environment.

The Healthy Lakes Program runs from July, 1st 2016 through June, 15th 2017 and has the following guidelines:

- Copies of current (1 year) grid soil tests
- Applied maps for fertilizer application
- Phosphorus applications must be at or below the Tri-State Fertility Guide Recommendations
- Soil testing on grids of 2.5-10 acres
- VRT Fertilizer placement/injection at a depth of at least 1.5 inches (No surface application)
- Maximum acreage for Producers of 250 acres that must lie entirely in Paulding County
- Maximum acreage for Dealers of 1,500 acres that must lie entirely in Paulding County

The Paulding SWCD has received a total budget of \$220,000 to handout to participants. 1,500 acres will be allocated for Producers and 4,471 acres for Dealers. Inquiries for this initiative have already been received so please contact the Paulding SWCD to take advantage of this program today.

For more information, please contact the Paulding SWCD: 900B Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879; phone 419-399-4771; or e-mail [daniel.foust@pauldingswcd.org](mailto:daniel.foust@pauldingswcd.org)

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"In that day you will say: 'Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.'" —Isaiah 12:4

**MILLER LEARNS FROM EUROPEAN EDUCATIONAL TOUR**



**Dr. Arun Gandhi (grandson of Gandhi) and Dr. Martin Miller.**

Antwerp Local Schools Superintendent Dr. Martin Miller was selected as one of three professionals in the state of Ohio by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators to participate in the Education First Professional Learning Tour at Helsinki, Finland and The Hague, Netherlands. This event occurred June 20-27, 2016.

Finland was selected as the represented model of education due to its students consistently outperforming counterparts throughout the United States. One of the educational experts was Amanda Ripley who wrote the book "The Smartest Kids in the World." Amanda demonstrated and supported the claims of the experts.

The goal of the tour was to collaborate with educators worldwide to broaden and enhance education while gaining insight into forward thinking trends.

Marty stated, "I do not necessarily believe what I saw in Finland could be easily replicated in my community, our state, or our country." He continued, "Finland is a unique place with many factors that work in unison to create a system that has demonstrated so much success."

The history and culture lend to the success while at the same time the profession of teacher is revered. In fact, only 10% of applicants who attempt to become educational professionals make the grade.

The strong emphasis in the United States is on student test scores, in Finland it's much broader. The goal is focused more on the complete student. A happy, well rounded child is stimulated to learn.

While it may not be replicated in our system, teachers are valued there in such a way that if some of those parts could be emulated, such as making teacher prep programs as challenging as it is to get in to medical school, it may go a long way to having a system that doesn't need the heavy government oversight and the teacher can make the

decisions in the class room versus at federal or state levels.

Dr. Miller was able to meet several respected leaders of the world while on these travels. First was Dr. Arun Gandhi, son of Mahatma Gandhi, sharing that "our world is what we have made it. If it is ruthless today it is because we have made it ruthless by our attitudes. If we change ourselves, we can change the world." The second was keynote speaker Ndabe Mandela, grandson of Nelson Mandela, reiterating, "Education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world."

It seems that treasuring education would place emphasis on the students and satisfaction rather than the politics of test scores and how much money they can earn later in life whether they like their job or not.

"The schools in Finland are not looking at test scores, grades, post-secondary matriculation, or explicit academic achievement as the measure of success... or even as the point of education." stated Miller. "They focus on balance, play, student interest, relationships, and experience. Their system is healthy and inspiring versus breeding frustration and discontent."

Being that education is a fundamental right that ought be afforded to everyone, it is interesting to observe that those who seem to have the most opportunity to participate in the Human Right of Education (the U.S.) seem to treasure it the least, while the individuals and countries who struggle to have the Human Right of Education treasure it the most. Education as a Human Right is worthy of our attention, energy, and investment.

In the words of Confucius, "Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace".

So much more could be said of the event, but space limits what all can be written.

Dr. Miller came back from the educational conference reenergized to bring about great things for the Antwerp Local School District and the area.

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## PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL APPOINTS NEW POSITION



Naomi Nicely has been appointed Community Relations Coordinator. Naomi has been a long term employee of the hospital working in the Rehabilitation Department as a Certified Fitness Trainer.

In her new position, Naomi will regularly meet with employers, hospitals, and physicians to develop programs and services to meet their needs. The hospital provides a wide number of services for area companies including Workers' Compensation, laboratory testing, immunizations, work evaluation, work hardening, ergonomic recommendations, and physical examinations.

As a liaison she will ensure that the hospital's healthcare services are evolving. Internally she will work with the hospital departments to ensure that timing of services is consistent with the needs of the business community. Naomi can be reached at 419.399.1162.

## VETERANS DESERVE MORE VICTORIES AT HOME

(NAPSI)—After the Sept. 11 attacks, Bobby Body enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was deployed to Habbaniyah, Iraq, where he joined a 12-man team that would travel from Ramadi to Fallujah. Their mission was to draw insurgents into the open and detain them. In broad daylight, in hostile cities, hunting down the enemy day after day, Body's team routinely encountered dangerous confrontations.

Less than a year into his deployment, Body's Humvee was hit by a roadside bomb, severely injuring his left arm and leg. He was transported back to the United States, where he endured several surgeries. Eventually, his left leg was amputated. Diagnosed with post-traumatic stress

disorder, Body was thrust into a new reality.

Body's story is not that uncommon for America's veterans. Post-service challenges, visible and invisible scars from war, can be devastating and overwhelming. For many, they last a lifetime. In Body's case, he sought support and turned to competitive weightlifting as a positive outlet to help cope with PTSD and the realities of living as an amputee. With the support of family and friends plus help from DAV (Disabled American Veterans), Body went on to compete in a World Weightlifting Championship representing the United States, competing against able-bodied weightlifters. Body's victory was becoming a weightlifting champion.

Jim Sursely is a husband, father of four, grandfather, Army veteran and triple amputee, having lost both legs and his left arm at age 21 while serving in Vietnam. Despite the challenges of living with his wartime injuries, Sursely's victory is proving there are no limitations when it comes to pursuing his life's passions, which include spending time with family, mentoring new generations of disabled veterans, and bow hunting. Sursely rarely misses an opportunity to go on a hunting trip with friends, battle buddies and younger veterans.

When a routine parachute jump left Army Veteran CeCe Mazyck, 82nd Airborne Division, paralyzed from the waist down, she figured her dream of earning a college degree in fashion was grounded. Mazyck's victory was finding the strength and support to finish her education.

### Support Network Important

When you ask veterans like these what enables them to move past the loss, anger, frustration or fears that accompany the kind of trauma they've endured, the answer is a network of support.

"I constantly tell fellow veterans that you don't have to try to do it all on your own," says Body. "Organizations like DAV will help you every step of the way with any type of disability you may have, whether physical or psychological."

DAV is a veterans service organization created to support veterans of all generations and their families—from helping veterans access benefits they've earned, such as health care, education and disability, to connecting them to meaningful employment opportunities. DAV

## AREA EDUCATORS EXPERIENCE "LIFE ON THE EDGE" AT THE BLACK SWAMP EDUCATORS EXTRAVAGANZA



Linda Mabis (left), Kirsten Weiland (center), and Darlene Hannerman (right) put their artistic skills to test making their "Gyotaku" fish print t-shirts.

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

Last week, three Paulding County teachers attended the Black Swamp Education Extravaganza. They were: Linda Mabis, Kirsten Weiland from Antwerp Elementary, Darlene Hannerman from Putnam County, and Patrick Troyer Education Specialist with the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District. This event is put on by the Northwest Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Districts and was held at the beautiful Secor Metropark near Toledo.

This year's theme was "Life on the Edge" and throughout this three-day workshop, teachers learned many different hands-on activities they could take back to their students and incorporate into their classrooms for the upcoming school year.

Day one was all about "Finding Your Niche". To start the day off, participants learned about the National Center for Nature Photography located at the Secor Metropark which looks at embracing nature's beauty through pictures. Educators learned the do's and don'ts of taking pictures in nature such as not disturbing the environment and being safe while getting the perfect shot. Next, everyone learned about Gyotaku that means "fish impression". This is a printing technique used by Japanese fisherman to document their catches in terms of size and species that grew into a revered form of art. Educators had the opportunity to make their own fish prints on T-Shirts using rubber fish painted in a color they chose. After lunch, the group toured the Kitty Todd & Irwin Prairie learning about soil and all the life contained within

in, ecosystem recovery, as well as the history of the Oak Openings region. The day was capped off with canoeing and archery at the Oak Openings Metropark.

Day two was all about learning "Cutting Edge Curricula". Participants heard from Dennis Clement from the Ohio EPA about Project WET, Healthy Water/Healthy People, and the Wonders of Wetlands. After listening to the activities contained in each of these publications, participants had the opportunity to see the activities such as "The Incredible Journey" about the water cycle, and "Wetland Metaphors", work due to Education Specialists from the Wood, Fulton, Defiance, and Ottawa County SWCD. During the afternoon, participants were given the task of choosing an activity from one of the publications that had not previously been done, and conducting the activity for the whole group as if they were presenting it to their students.

Day three was learning about "Habitat is where it's at". Participants had the opportunity to learn about more activities and curriculum through Project Learning Tree. This program encourages students on how to think about issues in the environment in a hands on technique. To wrap up the day, participants went to the Great Lakes Museum to learn about the history and all that is great about the Great Lakes.

At the conclusion of this workshop, teachers received all materials and lesson plans on a flash drive so they can integrate these new resources into their curriculum. This workshop is conducted annually as a resource for teachers to gather new ideas and resources for them to use in their classrooms.

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"Often, it's that extra support that lays the path to victory," explains Sursely. "I'm always counseling young veterans to reach out for support. It's OK to ask for help—you've earned and deserve it."

#### Learn More

To see more veterans' victories and find out about how you can help support America's veterans, go to [www.victoriesforveterans.org](http://www.victoriesforveterans.org).

### OAKWOOD GLEANOR ARBOR #759 MEETING

Submitted by: Eileen Kochensparger

Members of the Oakwood

insurance will cost, so buy at an early age.

Oakwood Arbor members have been very busy this month. Third graders from Oakwood were given pizza for their part in the Annual Memorial Day program at the Oakwood School, roadside cleanup of 2 miles of 66, landscaping around the new Habitat for Humanity home in Oakwood, participated in the open house of the Habitat home and welcomed the new family, a water safety class for kayak and canoes and did cleanup and sponsored a dumpster for the Oakwood residents.

Arbor will sponsor a blood mobile on the 23rd of August at the John Paulding Historical Society beginning at 12 noon.

Guests are always welcome at the Arbor meetings. Next meeting will be July 18th (notice the change of date).

### PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL PRESENTS BUSINESS CONFERENCE

On July 27, Paulding County Hospital is presenting a conference for area businesses at the Youth Leadership Building at the fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. John Henry Livingston, a motivational strategist, is a featured speaker. He was the motivational coach behind the success of the University of Toledo Rockets and teaches others how to use positivity to achieve success.

The goal of the conference is to provide attendees with methods to save on healthcare costs; strategies to help their employees manage high deductible health plans; reduce use of sick time; improve productivity/safety; increase longevity of the workforce; and to be legally compliant.

Other topics and speakers include: Employer Sponsored Benefit Plans - Compliance & Emerging Trends presented by Ben Goff of Brown & Brown; Current Employment Law Issues by attorney Phil Baither of RCO Law; Diseases Affecting Job Performance/Safety by Julie Arend, Nurse Practitioner; and Workers' Compensation Questions and Answers by John S. Wyse of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Persons that will benefit the most from the program are business and government leaders having responsibility for acquiring health insurance products; man-

agers, human resource directors, and small business owners. The event is free of charge. Advance registration is required by calling 419.399.1104 or emailing [HYPERLINK "mailto:jdenning@paullingcountyhospital.com"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:jdenning@paullingcountyhospital.com) [jdenning@paullingcountyhospital.com](mailto:jdenning@paullingcountyhospital.com).

### DON'T CRY OVER SPILLED—GASOLINE

(NAPSI)—If you're like most Americans, you may have made a dirty mistake: An online survey conducted by Harris Poll, on behalf of Briggs & Stratton in October of 2015 among 3,027 U.S. adults aged 18+, discovered that 70 percent of consumers have spilled gasoline on their hands, clothes, car or outdoor power equipment when trying to fill up their outdoor power equipment or vehicle.

#### The Problem

The study also revealed:

- Men aged 55-64 have the highest propensity for spilling gas
- 48 percent of Americans said they have spilled gas on their vehicle
- 40 percent of Americans have spilled gas on their hands while pumping gas into their vehicle
- 21 percent of Americans have spilled gas on their clothes while pumping gas into their vehicle.

#### A Solution

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It doesn't mask the smell like other sprays, cleaners and home remedies; it eliminates it. The special non-toxic formula removes the gasoline and diesel odor and residue from fuel spills and grime from pumps, leaving your hands clean and odor-free. The plant-based solution from Briggs & Stratton Corporation, the world's largest producer of gasoline engines for outdoor power equipment, is safe for use on fabrics, chrome, plastic and paint surfaces as well as skin. Plus, it won't dry out hands as alcohol-based cleaners can. Briggs & Stratton also recommends not overfilling your gas tank, as gas is highly flammable.

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## COPING WITH LOSS EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

How to heal after an unexpected tragedy will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, July 7, 2016 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "The Art of Loss: How Tragedy Can Transform Your Perspective," features filmed interviews with two young artists who experienced the loss of a loved one. Both artists coped through their art.

"For me, painting is a documentation of a moment. It's as if the painting understands me," one of the artists says. "When I couldn't find words, or words weren't big enough, a canvas or a piece of Masonite was able to relate to me and process things for me."

During the program, Lifetree participants will have the opportunity to consider times they have experienced loss and how they responded.

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

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

## BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. 1st John 1:6: What does John mean when he said "we lie"?

2. 1st John 1:6: Can a man who says one thing with his lips and another with his life practice the \_\_\_\_\_?

3. 1st John 1:6: If there is \_\_\_\_\_ in a man's heart, can he love God?

4. 1st John 1:6: Does truth exist in the whole personality

and being. Yes or no.

5. 1st John 1:6: \_\_\_\_\_ is someone to be followed and the \_\_\_\_\_ is the book to be obeyed.

6. 1st John 1:6: What is something that is first discovered and then must be obeyed?

7. Romans 1:18: What does this scripture tell us to do with truth?

8. Romans 2:8: What are we to do with truth?

9. 3 John: 4: What are we to do with truth?

10. 2nd Timothy 3:8; James 1:18-20: What do these scriptures tell what NOT to do with truth?

Comments or questions, need some help in your Bible study, let us know, for we are available, just let us know. James Potter 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com or Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022 is also available. Jesus loves you and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questions: 1. We deceive, speak falsely, or speak deceitfully; 2. Truth; 3. darkness; 4. Yes; 5. Christ, Bible; 6. Truth; 7. Hold to it; 8. Obey it; 9. Walk according to the truth; 10. Do not resist it; 11. now let us continue our study on God;

Now let us continue our study on God. Today we will be looking at "How do we know there is a God?" You and I should know there is a God because of the things which He has made. Psalms 19:1 tells us, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork. When you and I see a house we know that someone wise enough and strong enough built it. A house cannot exist without a builder. In the same way, when we see the sun, moon, stars, the earth, we know they have a builder. Someone wise enough and strong enough made all these things. Only God has power to create the heavens and the earth. Therefore we know there is a God when we see the things God

has made. There are those who are trying to destroy this truth today, by teaching lies that evolution is the way everything came into existence. People who teach and uphold these lies are no different than those who had the only man who was truth crucified, because they didn't believe that Jesus was truly the son of God. Loved ones this world would be a much, much better place to live, if we would only be truthful with one another. Yes, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit created the world, not evolution. You cannot live a Christian life as the bible tells us to and support evolution, for God hates all liars. Read Revelation 21:8.

"Ol' Baldy" says bye for now, but continue to study the Bible, especially the New Testament for this is where the truth is. "Luv Ya!"

## THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"But Jesus said to him, 'No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'" Luke 9:62 (NKJV).

Soon after foretelling his death, Jesus embarks on a journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. He knows that this trip will be a difficult one, and that it will end in his death and resurrection. Along the way, he instructs his disciples, engages in debates with his opponents, speaks in parables and heals the sick. On the road to Jerusalem, Jesus tells his followers a story that is different from the one they have been telling themselves. He tells them that they are strong and brave disciples who have the power to do good, to love, to bless and pray for others; even our enemies, and to emphasize this point he pushes them to the front, Luke tells us that Jesus "sent messengers ahead of him."

Do not look back, says Jesus. Don't let your daily work or even your affection toward your family get in the way of pursuing the kingdom of God. Jesus wants us to focus on the future. Such a journey is a difficult one, and it requires that we walk a tough path with Jesus, entering into the challenging conditions of his life and ministry. For most of us, what Jesus is saying is this: Don't give anything a higher priority than the kingdom of God. Don't let family relationships prevent you from having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Don't allow your concern for security to interfere with your commitment to doing work for the Lord.

The obstacles to discipleship are a concern with self, especially one's own comfort, and a too-narrow group loy-

alty. A person cannot love themselves or their families more than the kingdom of God and be committed disciples. Most of us are not fit for the kingdom of God; but God is compassionate toward His children, and willing and able to redeem us if we understand and confess our unfitness and seek his grace.

Jesus is saying follow me on a journey that may be difficult and hard, but that leads to new and everlasting life. This trip will involve challenges, growth and change. It will require serious sacrifices and true determination. But the result will be transformed lives; there the lost are found, the weary are strengthened, and everyone discovers a life with God that is mysterious, eternal, irrevocable, and sacred.

## USDA ANNOUNCES TELE-MEDICINE FUNDING TO ADDRESS OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN APPALACHIA

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced five Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant awards to help provide treatment for the growing opioid epidemic in rural central Appalachia. Vilsack made the announcement as he hosted a town hall in Abingdon to address the opioid crisis in rural America, the first in a series. In January, President Obama tasked Secretary Vilsack, who is chair of the White House Rural Council, with leading a federal interagency effort focused on rural opioid use.

"Because addiction treatment is often out of reach for many in rural America, expanding access to telemedicine is an important step towards making sure rural communities have the tools they need to fight the opioid epidemic," Vilsack said. "USDA is committed to provide the critical resources rural areas need to reduce the staggering increase in opioid overdose deaths that is driving up health care costs and devastating communities."

Today's announcement is the first part of a new round of DLT projects that are to be announced this summer and includes nearly \$1.4 million for five projects in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia to help rural areas address the opioid epidemic.

In Kentucky, USDA approved two applications of over \$720,000 to establish telemedicine networks that

will provide treatment for medical conditions, including mental health and drug addiction treatment.

USDA awarded The Baptist Health Foundation Corbin, Inc. a \$377,121 grant that will help connect clinical specialists to ten school-based health centers and two primary care sites. This project will provide mental, behavioral and psychiatric care services in high poverty StrikeForce areas and Kentucky's southeastern Promise Zone. The StrikeForce and Promise Zone initiatives are part of the Obama Administration and USDA's efforts to target investments to areas of persistent economic hardship.

In Whitesburg, Kentucky USDA awarded the Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation a grant of \$343,600 to provide a telemedicine network that allows greater access to primary and behavioral health care for those facing transportation and economic challenges, some of which are Promise Zone counties.

In Tennessee, USDA awarded a grant of \$67,572 to the Carey Counseling Center to expand and improve six rural counseling centers with mental, behavioral and psychiatric care services and substance treatment services. This project will serve two StrikeForce Counties.

USDA awarded over \$587,000 to Virginia telemedicine projects that will provide health care services in rural areas, including mental health and drug addiction treatment. A grant of \$434,182 will help the Carilion Medical Center deliver health care in 12 rural counties in southwest Virginia, including 18 sites—15 of which are in StrikeForce counties. A \$153,082 grant will help the Rectors and Visitors of the University of Virginia invest in an advanced system to provide 11 rural community care centers with access to care that will serve 9 StrikeForce Counties. Two mobile health units will canvass 6 of these counties to provide on-site care and telemedicine video conferencing with doctors and specialists.

In addition to DLT investments, USDA Rural Development has funded rural hospitals and health care clinics from its Community Facilities, and Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Programs. These projects provide communities with

much-needed services to help address health care, including overdose and opioid addiction.

Throughout his administration, President Obama has made clear that addressing the opioid overdose epidemic is a priority and has highlighted tools that are effective in reducing drug use and overdose, like evidence-based prevention programs, prescription drug monitoring, prescription drug take-back events, medication-assisted treatment and the overdose reversal drug naloxone. The President submitted a budget proposal and continues to call on Congress to provide \$1.1 billion in new funding to help every American with an opioid use disorder who wants treatment get the help they need. Under the President's current proposal, Kentucky could receive \$18 million, Tennessee could receive \$24 million, and Virginia could receive \$17 million over 2 years to expand access to treatment.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development has provided more than \$213 million in grants for 634 DLT projects in rural areas nationwide, many providing mental health treatment. Since 2009, USDA Rural Development has provided \$336 million through Business & Industry program loan guarantees for 80 health-care-related projects in rural America. Since fiscal year 2014, USDA Rural Development has invested \$235 million in Community Facilities program funds for mental health facilities in rural America. To find out more about USDA Rural Development's work to improve the health of rural Americans, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/files/RD-Opioid-Factsheet.pdf](http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/RD-Opioid-Factsheet.pdf).

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development has invested \$31.3 billion in 963 electric projects that have financed more than 185,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines serving 4.6 million rural residents. USDA also has invested \$11 billion to start or expand 103,000 rural businesses; helped 1.1 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 7,000 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/](http://www.usda.gov/) results.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is to the residents of Paulding Village and Paulding County, served by Paulding EMS.

My name is Con Shuherk and on Friday, June 17, 2016, I resigned my position as an EMT for the Village of Paulding.

I have done this in response to the wrongful termination of Brandon Shuherk, from the Paulding Police Department at the direction of Mayor Greg Reinhart.

My son, Brandon Shuherk, was informed by Chief of Police, he was being dismissed from the police department, that it was not performance related, that he had been doing a great job as an officer, and he and the Assistant Chief did not agree with the termination. It was the mayor's decision, was the only explanation given.

I would like to say that I believe the termination was unethical and it was personal against my son for doing this job and the mayor should be held accountable for his actions that have resulted in the loss of my son's job and income.

If anyone would like to contact me, I would be happy to discuss this further with them.

—Con Shuherk Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Concerning the opinion column from Stan Jordan in the June 21, 2016 issue, titled "Outlaw those killing machines". I want to correct the many misconceptions in this column. Too many people are misled by this type of information concerning guns. There have been no "automatic weapons" used in any of the shootings as stated. Civilians cannot legally purchase automatic firearms over the

counter in the United States. In order for a civilian to own a fully automatic firearm, it cannot be a new gun, it must be on the pre 1986 list which will probably cost \$20,000 or more. One must be finger printed by local law enforcement and the proper paperwork signed by the Sheriff must be submitted to the ATF along with \$200 for a tax stamp, this process may take several months. The AK-47's and AR-15 rifles offered to the public are NOT fully automatic like so many other rifles. The public has been programed to be scared of this style of rifle. The statement "these guns are made to kill people" is also false. The shooters involved in these mass shootings have an agenda all of their own. If you take the guns away from them they will find another way to accomplish their deed, the Boston marathon for instance, and law abiding citizens will suffer in the long run. Many people do use these semi-automatic rifles to hunt. Many shooting sports also use these rifles in competition sports. More people are killed each year by drunk drivers, auto accidents, and babies killed by abortion just to name a few. The number of people killed by "this style" of rifle is far less - do your own research and find out the facts. I understand people still die from gunshot wounds, but look at the true facts and real numbers. Let's focus on the real problem - guns are not it. It is interesting that at the beginning of this same page in the first opinion story, a story was told of a bombing mission against the Germans and we will rally around the flag about that and I am in total agreement with that, however when it comes to the other side of the page the opinion is to disregard the freedoms that my relatives fought and died for in some of those same battles. The same precious freedoms I also served for and am not willing to just hand them over when they came at such a high cost to so many. The same freedom that allows each of us entitlement to our opinions. If you choose not to own a gun I have no problem with you exercising your right, but don't tell me I cannot because you don't agree with my opinion or my taste in firearms. If you do choose to own a gun educate yourself on gun safety, learn how to use it correctly and properly, teach your children safety also.

—Marty Grimes Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear sir: I am responding to the recent editorializing by Stan Jordan about gun ownership. As I write this, I am watching the video; "Innocents Betrayed" by "Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership" on YouTube. This video, and also the book documents the

disarming of populations by governments in the 20th century and the subsequent genocide of those populations by those governments or a foreign invader. Last century, approximately 170 million disarmed people were murdered by their own governments or foreign invaders. The names Stalin, Hitler, Pol Pot easily come to mind. Recently on the internet, once again, are a flurry of reports and pictures of U.N. vehicles on American highways. Also recently there has been a huge influx of middle eastern males into this country who have a different mindset than the indigenous population. Some of these have a fervor to enlighten the American to their way of thinking even if they have to behead them in the process. Personally, I believe all Americans should be trained as the Swiss are; each and every one, who is able, in the training of military weapons and should keep a fully automatic assault weapon in his home.

—Phil Piersma Antwerp, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It's interesting to look at the court results in the paper and see that at least 60% of them are for seat belts, yet none for texting while driving. Even in that, so called, two month crackdown on distracted driving, I think I only saw one or two. So, I guess its OK to text and drive, but illegal and more dangerous to not wear your seat belt? I think this is a farce of a law, and just showing how our country is becoming a dictatorship, rather than a democracy.

Now, I believe in wearing seat belts and won't drive without them. The cars I learned to drive in didn't even have them, but the first car I bought did, but I didn't wear them until a few weeks after I bought it. I was at a Defiance shopping center and a person pulled in front of me from a side lane and I bumped him in the side, not going fast, but my face hit the steering wheel. The friend with me said I was white as a sheet, so you can say I was scared straight. Had I been going faster I would have been killed or injured. Never drove without belts again. But, to have the government say you have to wear them or we are going to gouge you out of more money for us to waste, isn't right. When I rode motorcycles, they passed a law requiring us to wear helmets, which was contested and defeated. Wearing seat belts should be a choice, you are only hurting yourself, unlike texting, where you can hurt or kill others along with yourself.

I can't believe that many people per week can be caught this way. How do they they determine? The belts in my car are the same color as the interior and mounted in a way that you may not see them clearly, but I'm wearing them. This is just a way, obviously, to get more money, supposedly to be used wisely, but by the conditions of our roads, isn't. There isn't a day I drive I don't see many people texting and driving, all over the road. How about doing more to get these addicts

and fining them and saving lives and injuries instead of harassing drivers that can only hurt themselves? It's their choice and government should not infringe on this. Remember, before he took over their country Hitler took away the peoples' rights with the promise to take care of their every needs. Yeah right, but it seems America is headed that way.

—Gregg Gorman

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION TO HOLD NORTHWEST OHIO PRECISION AG SPRAYER CLINIC AUGUST 9TH

By: Eric Richer, OSU Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources

Farmers, retailers and crop consultants interested in seeing the latest sprayer equipment and precision application technology for commercial agriculture are encouraged to attend the Tuesday, August 9th NW Ohio Precision Ag Sprayer Day at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, State Route 108, Wauseon. The event will offer 3.5 hours of commercial and private pesticide recertification credits in CORE and categories Private 1 and Commercial 2c. The event will also offer five hours of Certified Crop Advisor credits.

In the morning, attendees will hear sessions on nozzle selection and drift reduction. There will also be a hands on session for sprayer calibration and adjustment. Ohio State specialists Greg LaBarge and Dr. Erdal Ozkan will help resource the morning sessions. Additionally there will be an aerial application flyby by Gaerte Ag Service for all participants to see. Finally, industry partners will offer their input on improved pesticide technology through a sponsor panel prior to lunch.

In the afternoon, there will be live pull-type and self propelled sprayer demonstrations from the following agricultural equipment partners: Hardi Sprayers (Kahrs Tractor Sales) - pull type sprayer stability KFG/John Deere - Direct Injection & Boom Trac demo Archold Equipment - Top Air pull type with ATV demo Ohio Ag Equipment/Ro-

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richer.5@osu.edu or call the Fulton County OSU Extension office at 419-337-9210.

The NW Ohio Precision Agriculture Day is one of many statewide agriculture industry events through the OSUE Ag Managers Team (ohioagmanager.com) and OSUE Ag Crops Team (agcrops.osu.edu) this summer. For a complete list of statewide events see HYPERLINK "http://www.agcrops.osu.edu/calendar" www.agcrops.osu.edu/calendar website.

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# PAULDING UMC GIVES CHECK TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The Paulding United Methodist Church, in conjunction with its Cave Quest Vacation Bible School, recently partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County to raise funds for the program. Attendees to Cave Quest donated throughout the week at VBS and joined with their parents at the Sunday VBS program to submit a final donation of approximately \$600 to Habitat for Humanity. Shown receiving a check at the VBS Program on Sunday June 26, is Habitat for Humanity President Laurie Lucas from Paulding United Methodist Church Pastor Roger Emerson.

## PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/8/16

This 8th day of June, 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

### IN THE MATTER OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-012):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation:

FROM: Pay-In #110292  
TO: 001-012-00006 General Fund Clerk of Courts Other Expenses

AMOUNT: \$53.98

### IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 046):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Felony Delinquent Care and Custody Fund (Fund 046):

046-001-00001 Felony Delinquent Care and Custody/Salary

AMOUNT: \$5,727.85

### IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 046):

The Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Felony Delinquent Care and Custody Fund (Fund 046):

FROM: 046-001-00005 Felony Delinquent Care and Custody/Insurance  
TO: 046-001-00008 Felony

Delinquent Care and Custody/Travel

AMOUNT: \$600.00

FROM: 046-001-00007 Felony Delinquent Care and Custody/Supplies

TO: 046-001-00008 Felony Delinquent Care and Custody/Travel

AMOUNT: \$200.00

### IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SUBMIT PROGRAM YEAR 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY:

The State of Ohio Development Services Agency provides financial assistance to local governments for the purpose of addressing local needs; and the Paulding County Board of Commissioners desire to participate in the Community Development Program to receive financial assistance to undertake and carry out Community Development Activities under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2016 Community Development Program Grant; and the Paulding County Board of Commissioners have the authority to apply for financial assistance and to administer the amounts received from the State of Ohio Development Services Agency, through the Small Cities CDBG Program Year 2016 Community Development Program Grant; and the Paulding County Board of Commissioners must direct and authorize

the President of the Paulding County Board of Commissioners to act in connection with the applications and to provide such additional information as may be required.

### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

**SECTION 1:** That the Paulding County Board of Commissioners authorizes the President of the Board of Commissioners as official representative of the Paulding County Commissioners upon the approval of Community Development Program applications in the amount of \$975,000 to participate in the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency, Small Cities Community Development Program and provide all information and documentation required in said applications for submission.

**SECTION 2:** That the Paulding County Board of Commissioners hereby approve filing of applications for financial assistance under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Community Development Program.

### Meeting Notes of Appointments:

**Joe Burkard and Lou Ann Wannemacher** - The Commissioners met with Mr. Burkard and Ms. Wannemacher to further discuss the purchasing/procurement card (P-card) policy. The current payment procedure will be sufficient for the P-card. The Commissioners' Office will route the bills to the appropriate offices/departments for payment.

**Jared Renollet**, County Deputy Dog Warden, and Connor Owens, Assistant County Deputy Dog Warden - Mr. Renollet introduced Mr. Owens to the Commissioners. He then reported there are currently three dogs being housed at the kennel, with one being relocated this afternoon. Mr. Renollet noted April was the busiest month to date with 36 dogs handled. He informed the Commissioners of euthanasia results from a recent survey of twenty counties in Ohio. Paulding County was the third lowest at 8%. Mr. Renollet conveyed owners surrender their dogs mostly because they, 1) don't have time for the dog; 2) are moving and can't move the dog with them; or 3) can't afford the dog. The cameras at the kennel seem to be working well. Mr. Renollet would like to make the cameras motion activated and would also like for better night vision. Mr. Owens provided some background information about himself. He said he just graduated from officer training and June 21 he will be taking the state test. Mr. Renollet mentioned he would like to attend the Ohio Dog Wardens' Association training in July.

**Phillip Jackson**, INSBIT/County IT - Mr. Jackson reported the television in the employee break room needs some adjusting. He also noted the ATA fax boxes will need to be installed at every fax machine. Commissioner Zartman agreed to contact Metalink.

**Niki Warncke**, MVPO - Ms. Warncke led the PY 2016 CDBG 2nd hearing. In attendance were: Craig Knapke (Access Engineering); Joe Sukup (Crane Township); Ray Johanns (Jackson Township); Sara Keeran (Antwerp Village); Harry Wiebe (Paulding Village); Neil Beining (Washing-ton Township). Ms. Warncke announced the projects that were chosen for PY2016, being 1) Village of Latty for a village wide tornado siren; and 2) Village of Antwerp for the replacement of the fire department roof. The Village of Grover Hill and the Village of Paulding were both awarded funding for critical infrastructure by submitting competitive applications. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a federally funded program administered by the Ohio Development Service Agency

(OSDA) to assist low to moderate income populated villages and townships. Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) assists village and townships in the application process. MVPO then acts as the administrator for the grant on behalf of Paulding County entities. Ms. Warncke noted she will be sending the applications to the state next week. She also informed those in attendance projects for PY2016 will be completed by December 2017 with no extensions being considered. (see resolution above)

**Ed Bohn**, Paulding County EMA - Mr. Bohn announced the next LEPC exercise is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, at 9:00 a.m. The Payne Fire Department is sponsoring the exercise at Brigner's Trucking. An accident enactment will take place. Mr. Bohn noted the neighbors have been informed by letter. He also noted the Ohio EMA will be in attendance. He also said breakfast and lunch will be offered. Mr. Bohn reported the haz-mat trailer will be on display at the Paulding County Fair. He will also have an area in the Extension Building with EMA brochures and information during fair week. Norfolk and Southern Railroad is hosting a training for first responders July 12, 13, and 14 in Toledo and July 19, 20, and 21 in Fort Wayne, Morning and afternoon sessions are scheduled at both locations. Mr. Bohn said that Paulding County fire chiefs have all been notified of these trainings. On August 27, the University of Findlay will be at the Extension Building for a classroom railroad emergency class on flammable liquids. Mr. Bohn reported the EMPG paperwork had been submitted and reviewed. There are a few modifications that need to be made before resubmitting it. The EMPG reimburses 50% of approved expenses to EMAs. The Commissioners encouraged Mr. Bohn to continue working on an emergency training center in Paulding County. Mr. Bohn said he intends to apply for a grant (due in August) to assist in its funding. The Commissioners briefly discussed the status of the E-911 tower located across from the Paulding County fairgrounds. Mr. Bohn then announced an on-site monitoring of Paulding EMA will be on June 13. The Ohio Department of Public Safety will be looking at the FY11 State Homeland Security Program Grant and also FY13 and FY14 EMPG paperwork.

**Amy Hoffman**, Palmer Energy Company - Ms. Hoffman met with the Commissioners to discuss the county's electric provider contract. She noted the current contracts expire in May 2017. She will be working on an RFP soon. She stated a recent memo from CCAO regarding the governmental aggregation program. Ms. Hoffman will be working with Paulding County villages to explain the cost savings residential and/or small commercial consumers may enjoy by participating in the aggregation program. Ms. Hoffman represent Palmer Energy and works directly with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation.

**Deb Hubbard** (Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District) and Ryan Mapes (Paulding County Ditch Maintenance) - Ms. Hubbard and Mr. Mapes provided an update from SWCD/Ditch Maintenance board meeting.

# FIRST LADY KAREN PENCE AWARDS GRANT TO THE POWER HOUSE YOUTH CENTER



Indianapolis - First Lady Karen Pence hosted the seventh award reception for grant recipients of the Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation at the Governor's Residence on Tuesday, where she awarded \$52,500 to 57 organizations and charities that serve Hoosier families and children across the state. The Power House was represented by Brian Gerig, co-founder and Executive Director of The Power House.

"When Mike was elected Governor, I was overwhelmed with requests from so many worthy organizations to get involved in their efforts. However, it quickly became clear that I couldn't be at every event, nor could I champion every cause. That is why I, along with a team of dedicated board members, started the Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation as a way to shine a light on the organizations across Indiana who lift up our communities and make our state strong," First Lady Karen Pence stated.

"The Power House Youth Center is one of those organizations that is doing great work for our Hoosier children and families, and it is an honor to recognize them today," said First Lady Karen Pence.

First Lady Karen Pence started the Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation in August of 2013 as a way to recognize organizations and charities across the state. At the inaugural First Lady's Luncheon held in April 2014, the Foundation awarded its first major grant of \$100,000

to the Art Therapy Program at Riley Hospital for Children. Last year's luncheon recipient was Feeding Indiana's Hungry with a grant of \$65,000, which supports food banks and food pantries in all 92 counties. Last year, the third year, \$100,000 was awarded to Indiana Bicentennial Commission for interactive "Treasures of the Statehouse" display at the Indiana State Library. Throughout the year, the Foundation will award smaller grants to organizations across the state.

"Whether helping a child develop a love for reading or supporting families in need or encouraging a child to go further in the arts, these organizations are the backbone and the heart of our communities. They represent the very best of what it means to be a Hoosier, and we thank them for their service," said First Lady Karen Pence.

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"We are grateful for the support we have been given this year from our community, local foundations, and from Indiana's First Lady herself! We are honored to serve this community's youth for the last 20 years!" -Brian Gerig

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**Grand Champion Market Hog** - Exhibitor: Connor Arend. Buyer(s): Buyer #6 Fitzwater Farms, Buyer#164 Citizens Nation Bank-Van Wert, Buyer#279 Estle Chevrolet Cadillac, Buyer#96 Willimson Insurance, Buyer#26 Pond Seed Company/Agrigold Hybrids, Buyer#345 A Plus Propane LLC, Buyer#3 Ag Credit Van Wert



**Reserve Champion Market Hog** - Exhibitor: Trevor Speice. Buyer(s): Buyer#43 Cooper Farms, Buyer#319 Suds 24/7 INC



**Grand Champion Beef Feeder** - Exhibitor: Hannah Molitor. Buyer(s): Buyer#214 Paulding Co Area Foundation



**Reserve Champion Beef Feeder** - Exhibitor: Jared Sukup. Buyer(s): Buyer#56 Harvest Farm Management



**Grand Champion Dairy/Beef Feeder** - Exhibitor: Misti Klopfenstein. Buyer(s): Buyer#3 Ag Credit, Buyer#26 Pond Seed Company/Agrigold Hybrids

## 1st DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. RELEASES 2nd QUARTER EARNINGS, CONFERENCE CALL & WEBCAST

First Defiance Financial

Corp. (NASDAQ: FDEF) announced that it intends to report second quarter results on Monday, July 18, 2016 after the close of the market. The earnings news release will be available on



**Reserve Champion Dairy/Beef Feeder** - Exhibitor: Laura Thornell. Buyer(s): Buyer#89 Bob & Dianne Thornell



**Grand Champion Tom Turkey** - Exhibitor: Jonathan Reinhard. Buyer(s): Buyer#107 Klopfenstein Farms, Buyer#43 Cooper Farms, Buyer#234 Jim & Anada Cooper



**Reserve Champion Tom Turkey** - Exhibitor: Bethany Klopfenstein. Buyer(s): Buyer#297 Bob Sinn Farms

the company's investor relations website at [www.fdef.com](http://www.fdef.com) and at major financial information sites. At 11:00 a.m. ET on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, First Defiance will host a conference call at which Donald P. Hileman, President and CEO, and Kevin T. Thompson, Executive Vice President and CFO, will discuss the second quarter results. The conference call may be accessed by calling 1-877-444-1726. Internet access to the call is also available (in listen-only mode) at the following URL: <http://services.choruscall.com/links/fdef160719>

The replay of the conference call Webcast will be available at [www.fdef.com](http://www.fdef.com) until Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. ET. For those without Internet access, the earnings release will be available by fax or mail upon request. To receive a copy, please call First Defiance Investor Relations at (419) 782-5104.

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**Grand Champion Duck Meat Pen of 2** - Exhibitor: Austin Kuhn. Buyer(s): Buyer#297 Bob Sinn Farms



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**Grand Champion Geese Meat Pen of 2** - Exhibitor: Emily Reinhard. Buyer(s): Buyer#433 Ace Rental Place



**Reserve Champion Geese Meat Pen of 2** - Exhibitor: Emily Reinhard. Buyer(s): Buyer#114 Flat Rock Dairy





Grand Champion Chicken Meat Pen of 3 - Exhibitor: Hannah Farr. Buyer(s): Buyer#84 Stahl Stoller Meyer Insurance



Reserve Champion Market Steer - Exhibitor: Joshua Sukup. Buyer(s): Buyer#14 Archbold Equipment, Buyer#245 Milan Center Feed & Grain, Buyer#80 Jason Williamson, Buyer#134 Barry & Holly Rupp



Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Exhibitor: Mackenzie Weibler. Buyer(s): Buyer #28 Baughman Tile Company



Reserve Champion Chicken Meat Pen of 3 - Exhibitor: Jonathan Reinhard. Buyer(s): Buyer#57 Haviland Drainage



Grand Champion Market Lamb - Exhibitor: Hannah Farr. Buyer(s): Buyer #423 Michael Wehrkamp



Grand Champion Market Steer - Exhibitor: Jared Sukup. Buyer(s): Buyer#43 Cooper Farms, Buyer#357 Greg & Suzanne Cooper, Buyer#310 Paulding Ace Hardware, Buyer#28 Baughman Tile Company, Buyer#450 Robert Noneman

**PAYNE ALL STAR TOURNAMENT**

The 2016 Payne 8-Under boys and girls all-star tournaments will take place the weekend of July 8-10 with a dozen boys and six girls squads battling for their respective championships. Teams participating come from several counties, including Allen (IN), Allen (OH), Defiance (OH), Henry (OH), Paulding (OH), Putnam (OH), Van Wert (OH) and

Williams (OH). All teams will play a pair of pool play games before taking part in a single elimination tournament to determine the champion. Individual game awards will be presented as the top four teams in each tournament will be recognized with awards. Come on over to Payne and watch the future of many northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana schools give their best baseball and softball efforts.

The pool play schedule for the tournament is as follows:

**Friday, July 8**

At Payne School Field (girls) - 6:00 p.m. - Paulding vs. Continental; 7:15 p.m. - Antwerp vs. Hicksville

At Payne Park Front Field (boys) - 6:00 p.m. - Antwerp vs. Defiance B; 7:15 p.m. - Payne vs. Defiance A

At Payne Park Back Field (boys) - 6:00 p.m. - Edgerton vs. Fairview; 7:15 pm - Holgate vs. Woodburn

**Saturday, July 9 - at Payne School Field (girls)**

9:00 a.m. - Middle Point vs. Antwerp

10:10 a.m. - Continental vs. Edgerton

11:20 a.m. - Hicksville vs. Middle Point

12:30 p.m. - Edgerton vs. Payne

**Saturday, July 9 - at Payne Park Front Field (boys)**

9:00 a.m. - Woodburn vs. Ayersville

10:10 a.m. - Defiance B vs. Hilltop

11:20 a.m. - Paulding vs. Edgerton

12:30 p.m. - Defiance A vs. Lima Shawnee

**Saturday, July 9 - at Payne Park Back Field (boys)**

9:00 a.m. - Fairview vs. Paulding

10:10 a.m. - Lima Shawnee vs. Payne

11:20 a.m. - Ayersville vs. Holgate

12:30 p.m. - Hilltop vs. Antwerp

Single elimination tournament play will begin at 2:00 p.m. The girls championship is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Sunday while the boys championship follows at 4:30 p.m. Both games are scheduled to be on the Payne Park-Front Field.



Grand Champion Single Fryer - Exhibitor: Jacob Kuhn. Buyer(s): Buyer # 223 Shisler Insurance, Buyer # 157 Leland Smith Insurance, Buyer#420 Hastings Mutual Insurance



Reserve Champion Single Fryer - Exhibitor: Ben Estle. Buyer(s): Buyer#405 Paulding Putnman Electric



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**Reserve Champion Rabbit Meat Pen of 3 - Exhibitor: Ethan Noggle. Buyer(s): Buyer#28 Baughman Tile Company**



**Grand Champion Market Goat - Exhibitor: Brendan Hornish. Buyer(s): Buyer#184 Kesler Bros. LLC, Buyer#357 Greg & Suzanne Cooper, Buyer#268 Beckman Farms**

**13th ANNUAL ROBERT "BO" REID MEMORIAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

The 13th annual Robert "Bo" Reid Memorial Baseball Tournament will be held on July 23rd and July 24th in Tiffin, Ohio. All the proceeds from the tournament will go to the Robert "Bo" Reid Memorial Fund, which was formed to benefit the Tiffin City Parks and Heidelberg "H" Club. There will be an 8-under

division, 10-under division and 12-under division. This will be a round-robin play tournament with a 3-game guarantee. Only the first 8 teams in each division will be accepted. This tournament will fill up, so get your entry in soon. Individual awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams. To register call (419) 443-5440 or a registration form can be found at <http://www.tiffinparks.com/BoReidTournament>



**Reserve Champion Market Goat - Exhibitor: Hunter Kesler. Buyer(s): Buyer#268 Beckman Farms, Buyer#184 Kesler Bros. LLC, Buyer#233 Cooper Out West Inc., Buyer#273 A.L Boer Goats**



**Grand Champion Turkey Meat Pen of 2 Hens - Exhibitor: Jacob Klopfenstein. Buyer(s): Buyer#57 Haviland Drainage**



**Reserve Champion Turkey Meat Pen of 2 Hens - Exhibitor: Jacob Klopfenstein. Buyer(s): Buyer #96 Williamson Insurance, Buyer#3 Ag Credit-Van Wert**

**DR. KEVIN HUGHES APPOINTED DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

Dr. Kevin Hughes has been appointed Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies (GPS) at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, as Dr. Ron Bolender, current Dean of the School of GPS, has announced his intention to retire from MVNU effective Aug. 31, 2016. Bolender is completing a 33-year career with MVNU which includes implementing several successful initiatives, the latest involving implementing new processes and programs for GPS.

"I am very grateful for all Ron has done in GPS over these past few months, and I am looking forward to working directly with Kevin as he steps in to this new role," said Dr. Barney Cochran, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Hughes graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU) in 1987 and has served as an employee at his alma mater since 1988. His first job at MVNU was as an admissions counselor. In 1993 he became the Assistant Director of Student Financial Planning. In 1995, Hughes joined the team that

opened the first ever off-site location for MVNU at Polaris Parkway in Columbus. He served as the Coordinator of Financial Planning for what was then called the Executive Center for Lifelong Learning (EXCELL) Bachelor of Business Administration program. While in this role, Hughes finished his master's degree in 1999 and was hired that same year as a full time faculty member at MVNU, teaching various traditional and BBA business management courses. While teaching full time, he completed his Ph.D. in Organizational Management from Capella University in 2003. In 2005, Hughes was named the Program Coordinator for the new MBA Program at MVNU. In 2008 that role expanded and he became the Graduate Business Department Chair in the Jetter School of Business. In 2012, Hughes was named the Associate Dean for Administration in the Jetter School of Business. Hughes currently serves as Associate Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at MVNU. He is also active in leadership in the Christian Business Faculty Association serving as the Program Chair on the MVNU Board of Directors. Hughes will officially assume duties as Dean of the School of GPS Sept. 1, 2016.

**HUSTED FILES FIRST APPELLATE BRIEF IN NEOCH CASE**

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted filed his first brief in the appeal of Case Number 16-3603,16-3691, The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless v. Jon Husted in his official capacity as the Ohio Secretary of State. The ruling being appealed in the case directly conflicts with the ruling issued in the Ohio Democratic Party v. Husted. The following are excerpts from the Secretary's filing:

**First Appellate Brief, Page 10:**  
 "In the 2014 election, with [S.B. 216 in effect], voters cast 49,262 provisional ballots. Ohio counted 90.4%, giving it the nation's fifth highest acceptance rate. Of 4,734 rejected ballots, over half were because the voter was unregistered. Only 188 were rejected for address errors; only 59 for birthdate errors. The 2015 statistics were similar (2015 included a well-publicized marijuana-legalization initiative). Ohio counted 67,206 of the 79,414 provisional ballots. Of the rejected ones, most (69%) were for non-registration. Only 373 were rejected due to birthdate or address errors."

**First Appellate Brief, Pages 13 & 14:**  
 "Since [S.B. 205's] passage, Ohio's absentee-ballot acceptance rate remains around 98%. In 2014, Ohio counted 98.8% of the 864,562 absentee ballots cast. In 2015, it counted 98.2% of those ballots. Rejections due to birthdate and/or address errors accounted for little of the total: 0.16% (about 1380) in 2014, and 0.08% (about 330) in 2015. Boards continued to reject most absentee ballots because voters did not timely return them."

**First Appellate Brief, Pages 57:**  
 "[T]his sequel [to ODP] prejudiced Ohio by imposing two trials for the same claims. When the supplemental complaint was allowed [in NEOCH], another group, OOC, had already filed a new case raising identical claims (and many others). The Ohio Democratic Party pursued the supplemental complaint here and substituted for OOC there. When OOC tried to dismiss the overlapping claims in ODP, that court agreed with Ohio that the claims should be pursued there because it was set for trial in two months, while this case had no schedule. So Ohio confronted a two-week trial in ODP in November 2015, and then a two-week trial here in March 2016... Ohio's victory in ODP precludes these claims."

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# ALBRIGHT RETURNS HOME AS "FEMALE CHAMPION CYCLING 2016"



Krystal Albright of Paulding, traveled to Ohio State University June 24-26 along with 2,700 other athletes to compete in the 45th annual Special Olympics Summer Games.

Krystal competed in cycling, a sport that she loves. On Saturday, June 25th, she raced in three races, the maximum amount you could enter. She was in the 1 mile, 3 mile and 5 mile. All of Krystal's practicing, hard work and sheer determination paid off when she placed first and

won the Gold Medal in each of her events.

She was also entered in the stage race where her race accumulative times were compared to all the other female cyclists accumulative times. She placed first in the stage race and was awarded the trophy for "Female Champion Cycling 2016".

Krystal appreciates that Paulding Special Olympics sent her to the state competition and is honored and proud to return home with the State Champion trophy!

## ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WEEK OF 7/4/16

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, De-

fiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot. For the latest in statewide construction visit [www.ohgo.com](http://www.ohgo.com).

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U.S. 24 from the Paulding County line to the Henry County line will be restricted with traffic maintained throughout the week for a berm replacement project. Work is being performed by the ODOT Defiance County maintenance garage.

### Paulding County

Ohio 114 from U.S. 127 to the Putnam County line will be restricted with traffic maintained during the week for a berm replacement project. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

Ohio 114 between U.S. 30 and Ohio 49 is now open following a culvert replacement.

Ohio 500 and Ohio 613 intersection, east of the village of Payne, will be closed on July 11 for approximately five days for a railroad repair project. The detours for this route are as follows. Work is being performed by Norfolk & Southern Railroad:

(Ohio 500) Traffic will be detoured north onto Ohio 49, east on Ohio 111 and back to Ohio 500.

(Ohio 613) Traffic will be detoured north on Ohio 49, east on Ohio 111, south on U.S. 127 and back to Ohio 613.

Ohio 637 between County Road 126 and County Road 138 will be closed on July 11 for approximately five days for a culvert replacement. Traffic will be detoured onto Ohio 613, Ohio 66 and back to Ohio 637. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

Ohio 637 between Road 138 and Road 146 will be closed on July 11 for approximately 30 days for a culvert replacement. Traffic will be detoured onto Ohio 613, Ohio 66 and back to Ohio 637. Work is being performed by VTF Excavation.

U.S. 24 throughout Paulding County will have lane closures on all bridges on the route for inspection of the bridges. Work is being performed by ODOT District 1 forces.

The following locations will be restricted through the work zone during bridge inspection. Work is being performed by ODOT District 1 forces:

· Ohio 49 over the Mau-

mee River will be restricted with traffic maintained on July 5.

· Ohio 66 over the Auglaize River will be restricted with traffic maintained on July 5.

· Ohio 637 over the Auglaize River will be restricted with traffic maintained on July 6.

· Ohio 613 over the Little Auglaize River will be restricted with traffic maintained on July 6.

### Van Wert County

Ohio 81 between U.S. 127 and Kneller Road will be closed on July 5 for approximately three days for a culvert replacement. Traffic will be detoured onto U.S. 33, Ohio 118 and back to Ohio 81. Work is being performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

Ohio 81 between U.S. 127 and Brown Road will be closed on July 11 for approximately five days for a culvert replacement. Traffic will be detoured onto U.S. 127, Ohio 117, Ohio 116 and back to Ohio 81. Work is being performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

U.S. 127 (Washington Street) between Fox Road and Ervin Road in the city of Van Wert closed April 11 for reconstruction and widening of the road. Access to local businesses is maintained. Traffic is detoured onto Ohio 81, Ohio 118, Ervin Road/Van Wert-Deatur Road, U.S. 224 and U.S. 30 back to U.S. 127. The closure will remain in place until fall. Work is being performed by Helms & Sons Excavating, Findlay.

The U.S. 127 (Washington St.) and Ervin Road intersection will close beginning July 5 for five to six weeks for reconstruction.

U.S. 224 along the ramp from eastbound U.S. 30 to westbound U.S. 224 will be closed in the late summer for approximately one month for a slide repair project. Work is being performed by Jutte Excavating, Fort Recovery.

## VAN WERT AREA SAFETY COUNCIL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Van Wert Area Safety Council, open to all area businesses, is an initiative of the Van Wert Area Chamber of Commerce, together with partners Delphos and Paulding Chambers, designed to increase safety awareness, and to give businesses a potential cost savings benefit through rebates on their Workers' Compensation rates. Held in collaboration with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, the program provides a forum for safety, wellness and health information, education and networking in our community. The Van Wert Safety Council currently meets the second Wednesday of each month at Willow Bend Country Club in Van Wert for a breakfast meeting with a guest speaker.

Please see the 2016-17 Van Wert Safety Council Registration Form and important BWC Rebate Flyer attached. Your completed registration form must be submitted to the Van Wert Area Chamber by July 28. We look forward to part-

# GROVER HILL SUMMERFEST PARADE ACCEPTING ENTRIES



Marge Stahl and Brooke Tigner ride a golf cart through last year's parade

The Grover Hill Summerfest Parade is set for Saturday July 23rd at 10:00 a.m. The 2016 Grover Hill Summerfest Parade Marshalls are Reg and Melanie Hitchcliff. The Grover Hill Summerfest parade committee is accepting parade entries for this year's parade. There is no entry fee to participate in the parade. This is a great way to promote your business, club or local organization. If you are interested in participating in the parade, please contact Tony or Staci Miller

at 419-203-1673 or 419-769-1658 or email [tonyandstaci-miller@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyandstaci-miller@yahoo.com) for a parade entry form. Entry forms are due by July 20th or can be turned in during parade line-up. The parade line-up will start at 9:30 a.m. at Grover Hill Elementary School and proceed through town ending at the welcome park. The Grover Hill Summerfest committee invites you to come out and enjoy the various activities going on during the Grover Hill Summerfest July 22-24.

nering with you to improve your safety initiatives!

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