

GIRLS - STEP INTO YOUR FUTURE!



If you know a 7th or 8th grade girl who lives in the Vantage school district, show them this article!

Vantage is hosting a really cool, hands-on adventure for girls in the 7th and 8th grade on Saturday morning, January 21, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Spend the morning learning new skills and exploring some non-traditional careers.

Learn how to weld together pieces of metal to make a small, personalized sculpture in the Welding lab. Use a tape measure, drill, hammer, and nails in the Carpentry lab to build a stepstool. Check out the latest drone and GPS technology in the Ag lab. Be one

of the lucky ones to try the newest technology apps, 3D virtual reality, and motion capture in the Network Systems lab. A light breakfast, lunch, and a T-shirt are provided AND you get to take home everything you create! Best of all, it's FREE!

To register, go to the Vantage website - www.vantagecareercenter.com - and click on the "Step Into Your Future" registration link, or you can email your information to klinger.a@vantagecareercenter.com.

HURRY - space is limited to the first 40 students who register by January 13, 2017. Please call 419-238-5411 ext. 2169 if you have any questions.

START YOUR SLOW COOKERS!

The Paulding Chamber is hosting its annual Chili Cook-off. The event takes place Thursday, January 12 from 5:00 - 6:30 PM at the Paulding Eagles.

Bring a pot of chili to share! We vote with change (or more!) and have a great time tasting all the different recipes AND raising some money to help the Friends of the Chamber with the Herb Monroe Park.

If you don't make chili, come and taste them. And watch out for Kevin Stahl... It's been said he has been perfecting his recipe!

ANNEMARIE ADKINS GRADUATES FROM SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY

Annemarie Adkins, of Defiance, graduated with a Master of Social Work at Spring Arbor University's Fall 2016 Commencement on November 19.

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HICKSVILLE'S YEAR FOR ROUTE 49 CLASSIC



The Hicksville Aces win the Route 49 Classic this year after defeating Edgerton in game 1 and Antwerp in game 2. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Last week Edgerton hosted the girls basketball Route 49 tournament. This week Antwerp was the host for the boys classic with Edon, Edgerton, Hicksville, and Antwerp.

The first game was on Thursday, December 29th,

and the finals were on December 30. Antwerp and Hicksville won the first set and therefore competed on Friday night.

The first quarter was slow for both teams. Logan Thiel scored a 2 and 3 point basket for the Aces. Antwerp

on the other hand had a 3 pointer by Brandon Pendegrast and Matt Jones. The first period ended in a low scoring match at 8-7.

The second period was interesting for the Archers. They rocketed ahead with

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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP TRASH PICK UP NOTIFICATION

Trash pick up will be Thursday, January 5th, 2017

Please note trash pick up for this week will be at the normal date of this Thursday, January 5th, 2017. It is also big pick up day for January.

NH POLICE NEED HELP



The New Haven Police Department is seeking information regarding the identity of a theft suspect at Kroger located in the 800 block of West Lincoln Hwy in New Haven, IN. On 12/25/2016 at approximately 3:20 am, New Haven Police Officers responded to an open door at Kroger. Officers arrived on scene to find one of the glass doors to be broken. Security video shows the suspect entering

the closed store and taking several bottles of alcohol and then leave. The suspect is described as a taller male black wearing a black coat with fur on the hood and jeans. If anyone has information regarding the identity of the suspect they are encouraged to contact the New Haven Police Department at (260) 748-7080 or Crime Stoppers at (260) 436-STOP.

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OBITUARIES

PAULDING, OH:

Earlene Laney age 68 died Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at the Gardens of Paulding.

She was born in Temple, Louisiana, on April 28, 1948 to the late Jack and Cecelia (Burns) Jowers. On March 11, 1966 she married James E. "June" Laney, who preceded her in death on January 16, 2015.

She is survived by her children: Carl Laney, Michael (Kathy) Laney, Ricky (Tim) Laney, and Starla (Daniel Hernandez, Holden (Danielle), Joshua, Kaydee, Austin, Ethan, Benjamin, Carlie Jo, Alex, Gabrielle, Allison, Courtnie, Brandon and Dylan Laney, Kyrsten (Gage) Tosson, Mackenzie (Bobby) Rabinowitz and Connor Fabela; great grandchildren: Alexandria, Faith, Savannah, Briella, Gage, Luca, Rhett, Annabelle, Elaina and Bobby; sister, Clara Mae Williams; brother, Earl (Gwynn) Jowers.

She is also preceded in death by her infant children: Tony, Jack and Angela Laney; brothers, Rufus, Sherman, Elbert; and sisters, Vivian and Willo Dean.

Funeral services were conducted 11 AM Friday, December 30 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial followed in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Visitation was Thursday, December 29 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation one hour prior to services on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULDING, OH:

Mary Katherine Gray, age 93 died Friday, December 30, 2016.

She was born March 27, 1923 in Paulding County, the daughter of the late Fredrick and Bessie Mae (Leslie) Hartwig. On June 24, 1940 she married Kenneth H. Gray, who preceded her in death on October 24, 1982. She retired in 1978 from Paulding County Hospital as Office Manager. She was a member of

St. John's Lutheran Church, Briceton, OH.

She is survived by a son, Rex (Pam) Gray, Paulding; 5 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; brothers, Fred (Louise) Hartwig, Van Wert, Ray Hartwig, Haviland; sisters, Frieda Hammons, Cloverdale, OH, and Deanna Adkins, Oak Hill, OH.

She is also preceded in death by a son, Eugene A. Gray; brothers, Paul and Richard Hartwig; and sisters, Jennie Green, Carrie Cotterman, and Florence Sanderson.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in Hedges Cemetery, Jackson Township, Paulding County.

Visitation will be 4 - 8 PM Tuesday, January 3 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation on Wednesday from 10 AM until time of services.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Briceton, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



WOODBURN, IN

Franklin Springer Sr., 82, died at his home December 31, 2016.

Franklin was born May 31, 1934 to the late Walter and Mary (Leaming) Springer in Fort Wayne, IN.

He was united in marriage to Barbara Dix, June 7, 1952. She preceded him in death November 26, 2014. Franklin retired from Woodburn Diamond Die where he was employed as a machine operator. He was a member of Coun-

tryside Church of Christ.

Franklin is survived by his children: Judy (Kenny), Penny (Dale), Frank Jr. and Dennis (Tina). He has 14 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. Also surviving Franklin are two sisters: Dot Galahan and Irene Thain; and two brothers: Walt and George Springer.

He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Funeral services for Franklin will be Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastor Brent Brown will officiate. Visitation will be two hours prior to the funeral. Burial will be at Harlan Memorial Cemetery, Harlan, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

MATTHEW WINNER NAMED TO FALL DEAN'S LIST AT SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY

Matthew Winner of Defiance, an undecided major, has been named to the Spring Arbor University fall 2016 dean's list. Matthew is the son of Dave and Amy Winner.

Approximately 464 students made the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at Spring Arbor University.

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DON'T BE A VICTIM OF TAX FRAUD

(NAPSI)—If you get a call from the "IRS" threatening you with lawsuits or jail unless you pay up immediately, don't worry. It's a scam.

IRS impersonation and tax scams by phone, e-mail,

snail mail and text are ongoing. Criminals use increasingly creative ploys to trick taxpayers but you can protect yourself and your money.

What To Watch For
First, you should know that the IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by e-mail, text message or social media channels to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts.

Here are five more things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount it says you owe
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone
- Threaten to bring in police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

Where To Get Help

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.FTC.gov.

You'll be a lot less likely to worry that in fact there was an error on your tax return if you get help from a licensed professional tax preparer.

For example, enrolled agents (EAs) are America's tax experts. They are the only federally licensed tax practitioners who both specialize in taxation and have unlimited rights to represent taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service. These tax specialists have earned the privilege of representing taxpayers before the IRS by either passing a stringent and comprehensive three-part examination covering individual tax returns, business tax returns, and representation, practice and procedure—or through relevant experience as a former IRS employee. All candidates are subjected to a rigorous background check conducted by the IRS.

Find An Enrolled Agent
To locate an EA nearby, go to the "Find a Tax Expert" directory at www.eatax.org.

A COMFORTABLE WAY TO SAVE ON ENERGY

(NAPSI)—When it comes to getting a good deal on home cooling and heating, an increasing number of homeowners are going underground.

They're turning to geothermal heating and cooling as an alternative—for five very good reasons.

1. Efficiency and savings: Geothermal systems use the energy already stored in the earth and offer savings in

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,"

Titus 2:11-12 NIV

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/4 - 1/10

1/4 - Canvas painting with Americare at 9:30; Bunco; Crafts 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping 1:30 p.m.

1/5 - Blood pressure & toe nail clinic 9:00 a.m.; Euchre 9:45 a.m.; Turn up 12:15 p.m.

1/6 - Bible study 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11 - 2

1/9 - "Shedding Pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; bingo w/Country Inn at 12:00 p.m.

1/10 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 1/4 - 1/10

1/4 - Pork cutlet, Italian green beans, apricots, tomato juice, garlic bread, milk

1/5 - Cheese burger, oven potatoes, buttered Lima beans, orange juice, rice krispie treat, milk

1/6 - Fish sandwich w/cheese, cheesy potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, fruit cocktail, granola bar, milk

1/9 - Roasted turkey, rice pilaf, green beans, tropical fruit, grape juice, dinner roll, milk

1/10 - Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, biscuit, Betty salad, hot fruit compote, fruit & grain bar, milk

ANTWERP NATIVE GEORGE MAJOR

Jim and Jackie Schmunk would like to share the news that George Major, a 1951 graduate of Antwerp High School and retired member of the U.S. Navy, passed away on the morning of December 20, 2016, in his home when he was found under the Christmas tree.

George's time in the Navy led him to live in Hawaii, where there he met his loving wife, Johanna. They have lived there throughout their 58 years of marriage. Together, they have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, all who will miss their "Papa" dearly.

He especially enjoyed going on hunting trips and having family gatherings. Everyone was looking forward to getting together for Christmas this year, where they would be sure to hear some of the many stories he loved to share. His son, Brian, mentioned that he and his family were lucky enough to have had dinner with him on the Saturday before his passing. "He always made sure to tell each of us that he loved us as we left his home."

George never had trouble making a friend and truly appreciated each and every one of them.

Condolences to the family may be sent to: 99-031 Kaamilo Street, Aiea, Hawaii, 96701

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WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH 1/4 - 1/10

1/4 - Mini pancakes/sausage, milk, juice
 1/5 - Cheese omelet/toast, milk, juice
 1/6 - Cinnamon roll, milk, juice
 1/9 - Sausage pizza, milk, juice
 1/10 - Egg/cheese muffin, milk, juice
 1/4 - Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, broccoli & cheese, cooked peas, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar
 1/5 - Barbeque pork sandwich, sweet potato fries, green beans, fruit, milk
 1/6 - Pepperoni or cheese bosco sticks, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, cooked carrots, fruit, milk
 1/9 - Breadsticks w/cheese, green beans, California blend w/cheese, fruit, milk
 1/10 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, cooked carrots, dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk
 1/6 - Pepperoni or cheese bosco sticks, iceberg lettuce salad w/dressing, cooked carrots, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar
 1/9 - Bread sticks w/cheese, green beans, California blend w/cheese, cheese stick, canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar
 1/10 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, cooked carrots, dinner roll w/butter, assorted juices, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

WT PAYNE, GH & DIVINE MERCY SCHOOLS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/4 - 1/10

1/4 - Mini pancakes/sausage, milk, juice
 1/5 - Cheese omelet and toast, milk, juice
 1/6 - Mini cin/apple bosco stick, milk, juice
 1/9 - Ham/cheese ripper, milk, juice
 1/10 - Egg/cheese muffin, milk, juice
 1/4 - Macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly sand-

wich, broccoli & cheese, cooked peas, fruit, milk
 1/5 - Barbeque pork sandwich, sweet potato fries, green beans, fruit, milk
 1/6 - Pepperoni or cheese bosco sticks, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, cooked carrots, fruit, milk
 1/9 - Breadsticks w/cheese, green beans, California blend w/cheese, fruit, milk
 1/10 - Chicken nuggets, tator tots, cooked carrots, dinner roll w/butter, fruit, milk

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH 1/4 - 1/10

1/4 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, juice, fruit, milk
 1/5 - Cinnamon rolls, juice, fruit, milk
 1/6 - Tater coins with cheese, sausage links, juice, fruit, milk
 1/9 - Ham, egg & cheese, bread, juice, fruit, milk
 1/10 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, fruit, milk
 1/4 - Honey batt c-dog, coleslaw, kettle beans OR Big daddy pizza, seasoned corn, assorted fruit, milk
 1/5 - Cheese lasagna with sauce, vegetable blend, garlic toast OR Pretzel, cheese cup, marinara sauce, carrots with dip, assorted fruit, milk
 1/6 - Chicken dippers, asstd. dipping sauces, oven potatoes, green beans OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, assorted fruit, milk
 1/9 - Brd. chick nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, dinner roll, celery w/dip OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, assorted fruit, milk
 1/10 - Oriental chkn salad, tomatoes, eggroll, rice krispy bar OR Asstd entree items, pickles, oven fries, assorted fruit, milk

PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/4 - 1/10

1/4 - Bkfst burrito, juice, fruit, milk
 1/5 - Wh gr muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit, milk
 1/6 - Cereal or cereal bar, juice, fruit, milk
 1/9 - yogurt, goldfish grm, juice, fruit, milk
 1/10 - Pancakes, juice,

fruit, milk
 1/4 - Egg & cheese omelet, oven potatoes, goldfish, muffin, tomato juice, fruit, milk
 1/5 - Fish sticks, Pennsylvania blend, carrots, bread, fruit, milk
 1/6 - Pizza, romaine salad, broccoli, sidekicks fr. fruit, fruit, milk
 1/9 - Hamburger on wh gr bun, steamed carrots, celery, fruit, milk
 1/10 - Beef & cheese burrito, baked beans, salsa, fruit, milk

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH 1/4 - 1/10

1/4 - Mini pancakes, juice, fruit, milk
 1/5 - Pancake on stick, juice, fruit, milk
 1/6 - Asstd cereals, juice, fruit, milk
 1/9 - Wg muffin, juice, fruit, milk
 1/10 - Saus-egg burrito, juice, fruit, milk
 1/4 - Hot dog on wh gr bun, corn, carrot stix, juice, fruit, milk
 1/5 - Cheese cup, tortilla chips, carrot stix, green beans, fruit, milk
 1/6 - Soft taco, romaine lettuce, refried beans, fruit, milk
 1/9 - Hamburger on wh gr bun, oven potatoes, romaine lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk
 1/10 - Chic strip wrap, romaine lettuce, green beans, carrot stix, fruit, milk

TOP TIPS FOR FINANCIAL SECURITY

(NAPSI)—If you're like many Americans, you'd like to spend less and save more. According to a Nielsen survey, that was the third most popular New Year's resolution. Fortunately, it may be simpler than you realize. Purchasing life insurance is a way to help you and your loved ones feel more secure. According to a study by LIMRA, a financial services research firm, 80 percent of Americans say life insurance is something most people need for their family's financial safety—yet only 44 percent own an individually purchased policy.

While the idea can seem daunting, getting life insurance can be as simple as asking yourself a few questions to become familiar with your options, and reaching out to an insurance agent to learn more.

What You Can Do
 Here are five steps to take when thinking about purchasing life insurance:

1. Determine your need: Does someone depend on you financially? Are you lacking the funds to cover your final expenses? If yes, consider life insurance. A beneficiary can use the money to replace income or pay off debts.
2. Familiarize yourself with the benefits: Many people don't realize that for the beneficiary, life insurance is not subject to federal income taxes in most instances. This is one of the many benefits that comes along with this product.
3. Decide how much life insurance you need: How much coverage would your family need if something happened to you today? What debts would need to be paid off? There are many questions you can ask yourself to help you determine the

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HOW TO PAINT MANDALAS ON ROCKS

The Cooper Community Library Branch, of the Paulding County Carnegie Library is hosting a free class "How to Paint Mandalas on Rocks", January 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This class will show you how to make beautiful intricate mandala designs on flat round rocks. Jennifer White is presenting this session on creating these fascinating designs. Paint and brushes will be provided, if you have a flat round rock (the size of a paperweight or smaller) bring it along to paint. Pre-registration will assure you a seat.

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

BIG WIN FOR PANTHERS

On Tuesday, December 27, Paulding and North Central competed at Defiance College. This match was the best we've seen this year for Paulding. The boys game was great from the beginning when in the first quarter Jaret Miller plunked in a 3-pointer and a couple free throws. Altogether, there were five scorers for Paulding in the first period when it ended at 14-7.

The second period the Panthers gathered the harvest when they added 26 points to the score board. Miller added another 7, and Cameron Doster added the same amount. North Central did the same in scoring well but not to the degree that the Panthers did. They added 14 to their score and the half ended 40-20.

The second half continued well, and Paulding was able to start putting in their JV players for varsity experience. Paulding added another 14 points with Fletcher Cook hitting a shot from the cheap seats.

The fourth period was a good game for Paulding, and they added another 17 points. Logan Bradford was able to score 3 field goals. There were also quite a few free throws that Paulding attempted. Altogether in this match, Paulding earned 17 free-throws. This game finished with Paulding taking the win at 71-50.

Score by Quarter:
 Paulding: 14 26 14 17 = 71
 North Central: 6 14 12 18 = 50

Paulding Scorers: Carson Shull 1; Marcus Miller 7; Jaret Miller 20; Kameron Echols 2; Cameron Doster 10; Preston Ingol 9; Logan Bradford 9; Austin Howell 3; Griffen Harder 3; Fletcher Cook 3; Preston Johanns 4

North Central Scorers: Josh Bailey 4; Nick Henry 8; Josh Roesoner 10; Kegan Livensparger 11; Cody Tomblin 10; Jack Bailey 7.

ROUTE 49: ANTWERP & HICKSVILLE MOVE TO FINALS



Dylan Peters was hitting 3 point baskets left and right in this game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Hosting the Route 49 tournament for this year was Antwerp. The first game was won by Hicksville against Edgerton 53-49.

The Edon vs Antwerp boys basketball game started with Matt Jones tipping the ball back Hunter Noel. The first time to the basket didn't make it but the second time the Archers put two points on the board. One standout in the first period was Dylan Peters. He successfully plunked in a 3 point basket for the second set of points to the board. He then came back and added two more. By the end of the first period he already had 9 points to his name. At the same time Trey Mills also sunk a 3 pointer. Even though Antwerp doubled Edon's score at 15-7 before the end of the first, The Bombers did not stop and they had a scoring streak by Braden Miller who knocked in 10 points for his team. The first period completed at 20-15 with Antwerp on top.

The second period was a homerun for the home team. Slowing the Bombers to scoring only 9, Antwerp was able post a great quarter at 23. Jones hit three 3-point baskets and one 2-point field goal. Cole Seslar also was good with 2 - 2 pointers. The half ended 43-24.

Edon reversed trends when they scored 20 points and held the Archers to 9 in the third period. Preston Klinger was on fire for the northern team. The third quarter ended with the gap somewhat closed at 54-44.

The fourth quarter was good for both teams. Antwerp's Peters was back on his game with another 3 pointer and hitting four foul shots. Jones and Noel added four more points each. The player who was really scoring in this quarter was Travis Siebenalter who hit four 2-point field goals and one 3-point shot.

Coach Doug Billman was pleased with his team's second win of the season when Antwerp took the win 75-62 and went on to play Hicksville in the championship match Friday night.

Score by quarter:
 Edon: 15 9 20 18 = 62
 Antwerp: 20 23 11 21 = 75
 Edon Scorers: Preston Klinger 11; Braden Miller 23; Travis Siebenalter 17; Logan Blair 1; Austin Kiess 5; Brayden Bauer 5

Antwerp Scorers: Matt Jones 22; Trey Mills 7; Dylan Peters 16; Cole Seslar 9; Luke Brewer 5; Brandon Pendergrast 4; Matt Dooley 1; Keaton Altimus 2; Hunter Noel 9

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THE WORD

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. ...He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:1-14 (NIV).

The Word took unique expression in space and time. "The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

The Gospel of John speaks more clearly than any other of the deity of Christ. There can be no doubt: the Bible does teach that Jesus of Nazareth was fully God as well as truly man. This teaching does not, of course, rest only on what we find in John's Gospel. There are many other passages that affirm Jesus' deity. Philippians 2:5-11 says, "Jesus, though 'in very nature God' voluntarily surrendered the prerogatives of Deity to become a true human being. Now that He has been resurrected He has been exalted again, and in the future every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

It is this Jesus, God from before the beginning, whom John wants to show us in his Gospel. And from this Gospel John wants to teach us how to respond, from the heart, to Him as Savior and Lord. The other Gospels present the deity of Jesus, but the central message and focus of John's Gospel is Jesus' deity. John's many years of ministry had taught him the importance of believers coming to know Jesus as God.

John wanted us to understand not only who Jesus was, but who Jesus is. John wanted us to grasp the fact that in our personal relationship with the living Jesus we can experience new life as a present reality. So, in the Gospel of John, the writer selected and organized historical events in order to unveil the living Jesus of today. As we see His glory, we will find in Him the vital source of a new life of our own.

PAULDING STUMBLES IN CLOSE MATCH

The Paulding boys basketball team took to the court on Monday, December 26, against the Tinora Rams. The host court was Defiance College.

The Rams spread their points around all their players in the first period, helping them gain traction over the Panthers. About half of Paulding's first period points came from free-throws as they hit 75% of their free-throw attempts. The first two periods for both teams were low scoring and the half ended 13-20.

The second half began with Tinora and Paulding picking up steam. Paulding's Preston Ingol started scoring and added a 3 point basket. Marcus Miller also posted 4 here. Overall the Panthers added more points in this period than all of the first half. Tinora was pretty consistent, matching the average of periods one and two with 10 points. The third period ended with Paulding tying the game at 30-30.

In the fourth period, the game became about fouls. Conner Gilbert was fouled 3 times, sending him to the line. He made all but one of the 6 attempts. Ryan Mohr tucked in two 3-point field goals in this last period too. Paulding was not sent to the line at all and had to rely on their field goals. When the clock ran out, the Panthers were only down by two measly points. The score finished at 41-43. Tinora is now 2-5 and Paulding is now 2-5 after this game.

Score by Quarter:
Paulding: 7 6 17 11 = 41
Tinora: 11 9 10 13 = 43
Paulding Scorers: Marcus Miller 6; Jaret Miller 6; Kameron Echols 2; Cameron Doster 6; Preston Ingol 9; Logan Bradford 4; Griffin Harder;
Tinora Scorers: Tyler

Giesge 4; Brady Bumb 2; Ryan Mohr 19; Corey Backhaus 2; Landon Rinkel 7; Conner Gilbert 9

WAYNE TRACE DEFEATS MILLER CITY

The Raiders boys basketball team travelled to Miller City on Tuesday, December 27, for one of the last games of the year. The Raiders have been undefeated this year, and the question is can they continue this?

The first quarter began with high tension. Both teams, Wayne Trace and Miller City, wanted this win. Miller City, however, claimed the first quarter by one point, going into the 2nd quarter with a score of 17-16. The Raider's were not going to stand for this, and in the second quarter, they scored 18 points and only allowed Miller City to score 10. The score at the half was 34 - 27, with Wayne Trace holding the lead.

Coming back from half time, the Raiders fueled the fire that was under them and added an additional 20 points. The Wayne Trace defense was also in control, as they only allowed Miller City to score 11. When the fourth quarter came around, the Raiders had lost some steam, but still outscored Miller City once again. Wayne Trace added 18 more points, while Miller only add 15. When the game came to an end, the Wayne Trace Raiders took the victory with a score of 72-53

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 16 18 20 18 = 72
Miller City: 17 10 11 15 = 53

Scorers for Wayne Trace include Brady Stabler with 10, Josh Kuhn with 2, Jon Sinn with 2, Ethan Linder with 33, Josiah Linder with 14, and Seth Yenser with 11.

Scorers for Miller City include Justin Snyder with 11, Mark Kuhlman with 11, Jacob Kuhlman with 7, Jacob Schimmoeller with 15, Matt Niese with 11, and Noah Otto with 6.

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The top players from Antwerp, Edon, Edgerton, and Hicksville are honored. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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points by Cole Seslar but then towards the end the Aces' Logan Thiel eroded the Archers' points away to the point where the half time score was only 19-17.

The second half was a completely different game period. The Aces may not have scored that much but Payton Tunis started his scoring. He added 3 2-point field goals and a free throw. It doesn't seem like that much but they kept the Archers from scoring—only four total.

The fourth period Hicksville scored just about as many points as as they did the entire rest of the game. Antwerp tried but couldn't get the ball in. Honestly though, Antwerp did pretty well as it was their highest scoring quarter. It just couldn't compete against Hicksville's powerhouse period. The game finished 52-37. Both teams did a great job!

Score by Quarter:
Antwerp: 8 11 4 14 = 37
Hicksville: 7 10 10 25 = 52

Antwerp Scorers: Matt Jones 11; Austin Jones 2; Trey Mills 6; Dylan Peters 4; Cole Seslar 9; Luke Brewer 2; Brandon Pendergrast 3.

Hicksville Scorers: Payton Tunis 10; Logan Thiel 22; Michael Myers 2; Logen Neidhardt 3; Parker Thiel 11; Jake Greer 2; Hunter Evans 2

Antwerp will play at home on January 5 against Wayne Trace. Hicksville will travel to Holgate on January 5.

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Antwerp's Matt Jones sinks a field goal for the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Aces' junior Payton Tunis was on fire at this game not only making points was excellent on defense. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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C.A. BISSELL 1857 - 1943

By: Stan Jordan

I hope you enjoy the following story about Charlie Bissell, he was one of Antwerp's last pioneers. I knew him and respected him and so did everyone else. This story is all true from my own experience and the rest is from Mr. Ehrhart's book "A Century of Progress 1841-1941."

Mr. Bissell came from New York with his mother and two brothers in 1859 by canal boat and landed at Hutchins Lock. His father was waiting for them with an ox cart. He had been here for a while and had erected a two room cabin for them along the Maumee River.

Charlie married Rosella Tyron in 1880 and moved to Antwerp. He taught school for a while and was a bookkeeper for Antwerp Stave Co. until 1885. Then he entered into the elevator business with Bruce Ely until 1900, then he sold out and went into the insurance business.

He served five terms as Antwerp mayor and also was city clerk for a while and had various other city jobs.

The following is taken from Mr. Ehrhart's book verbatim, some of it was written

by Dale Ehrhart:

January 1, 1940 witnessed the beginning of the longest number of consecutive terms ever served by any mayor in the history of Antwerp. Mayor Bissell was perhaps one of the most highly qualified men ever to serve as mayor of the village, having started his municipal activities when elected to the council in April 1887 and serving at alternate periods thereafter in that capacity and for two terms as clerk of the corporation.

This period in the history of the village was devoted to routine municipal affairs which were wisely and skillfully administered as a great deal of work and legislation was necessary to complete the details which followed in the wake of the huge public improvement programs of the nineteen twenties and for the maintenance thereof.

In 1931 the Washington Street sewer was built, another step in municipal sanitation and health.

On November 10, 1933 the council purchased a Dodge fire truck, which is still in service and is the newest piece of fire equipment in the village.

On July 16, 1934, the council passed a resolution providing for construction and extension of the village sewers from their present outlets in an open ditch running along the east side of town to the river.

This was still another step in municipal sanitation as it embodied the underground extension of every large sewer in the village.

On February 7, 1936, the village acquired the addition

to Riverside Park known as the island. This purchased acquired a splendid north entrance to the park and also a large tract of land lying along the Maumee River. This purchase constituted the only addition to Riverside Park since the original purchase back in 1888.

The balance of the term of Mayor Bissell was spent in the management of village affairs which were growing more and more technical as time went on.

When in the summer of 1939, Mayor Bissell announced his intentions of retiring from office upon expiration of his fifth consecutive term, all who had served with him in the various village offices experienced a profound feeling of regret that the village was to lose his services, the knowledge, and the wisdom gained through his years of experience in the service of the municipality.

See ya!

some really nice cars. There were no showers to be had, but that was the same in all towns. A lot of older people didn't care for athletics or extra curricular activities. If you needed physical training go to the farm and work, dollars were hard to come by.

I had lunch today with some people who rode the bus in the 1950's and the heaters still were not much good.

School buses now are highly regulated on brakes, shocks and safety devices, not all states make seat belts mandatory. It looks to me like all the accidents we have with school buses, and of late there are a few, I think most of the trouble is driver error.

In talking with some older Antwerp Archer baseball players, they said that they rode private cars as late as 1968, but I think these last few years, there has been an older school bus to take the baseball team to away games.

See Ya!

GOINGS ON IN WASHINGTON D.C.

By: Stan Jordan

Our forefathers said, "Walk softly and carry a big stick"

Our soon to be leader done leaped over that advice and it seems he has started his own atomic arms race with the powers that be, and he is not the president yet.

We have co-existed with communist countries for years and I don't like the idea of another arms race. The atomic bomb that we dropped on Japan over 70 years ago is like a firecracker compared to what all these countries have built.

An atomic war will be suicide with the big rockets these countries have built, no nation will be safe, if the explosion didn't melt you down, the atomic fallout will get you. That ash will travel with the winds and will sooner or later kill everyone. Think not? Read the true story of the Russian Chernobyl.

The idea of rattling our sack of atomic weapons against any in the world is very dumb. An atomic war won't settle anything but it would destroy the world.

I wish Trump would soft pedal a little bit. He isn't bothering Putin a bit. To my



THE TEAM AND THE SCHOOL BUSES

By: Stan Jordan

Tim Copey came into the West Bend News office the other day and he wanted to know about the old time school buses and how our baseball and football teams got to the away games.

Well, I'm going to switch back in time to the 1930's and into 1941.

Well, girls will tell you that in the 1920's and 1930's, school buses were hideous monsters. No springs, no cushioning, no heat, no shock absorbers, but that was still better than a horse and buggy.

I think in the 1930's, Antwerp had six or seven school buses and none of them had a heater so to speak. If I remember right, they were pretty well dilapidated.

One man, who owned his own bus, installed a little stove with a stove pipe out the roof. I guess it did help some. Later on in the 1930's and 40 and 41 the buses did get more comfortable, like a heater, shocks, good brakes, some cushions on seats and back of the seat and a lot of the draft through the cracks was eliminated.

But Antwerp only had enough buses to run the bus route, no extra buses. So, the baseball team and the football team had to ride in private automobiles. Such as, Superintendent Deemer had a 1937 Pontiac and his son Paul drove it and carried five players. Mr. Bell had a 1929 Model A Ford and he drove it and carried 4 players. Charlie Shuherk had a 1937 Ford and his son Manuel drove it and carried four players. I think Dick Crosby drove his dad's car and Mr. Horney drove Pat Harris' car.

Now that worked out well, but later on the insurance company would not allow that type of transportation. Also we tracked mud into

way of thinking, he is just causing a little more unrest. He sure has deviated from our former foreign policy and I don't think that is good.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 14: WE HAVE HELP IN THE GARDEN

By: Stan Jordan

I guess maybe the Indians have been here about two weeks. They help us in the garden and any other job, but we spend the hot afternoons in the shade. That's when Callie does her school classes and those natives are learning our languages and ways.

Little Beaver, the son of Limping Buffalo the Shaman, is learning very fast, he can write his name already, he wants to study and be a Shaman.

Boy, oh boy, a lot has happened since I wrote last. I guess the Indians had all gone back to their village except two, who had stayed to garden and help Carrie—Half Moon, the Indian gardener and his woman. On that afternoon we could see dust rising in the south. We watched and waited and after a while we could see three wagons coming from Ft. Kearney. We all wondered what could be in three wagons. So we just waited to see and there was also a horse and rider.

Well, the lone rider was Moe, the runner, on his own horse. Then we found out that two of the wagons carried the Indians' blankets and supplies. The third wagon had an officer and a squad of eight soldiers, and a lot of lumber and tools and supplies for building a walk bridge across Rattlesnake Creek.

I guess one of the former workers at the agency told the General that when the natives came to the store they had to wade the creek. So, the General sent a squad of engineers to build a bridge over the creek.

The Mess Sergeant came along this time and his gear was in one of the wagons and he got out and started supper right away. Moe had already stoked up the fire because he was back home. About all four of the old helpers: Moe, the farmer, the hunter and

Slim. This makes their third time to the agency. We like all of them boys and are glad to see them.

All the drivers took care of their teams, fed and watered and stood out for the night. All three soldiers used their mess kits and we had our bowls.

We had Army Stew, hot bread and sheet-type apple pie. I think the Mess Sergeant wanted to show off a little. But then he hasn't been out in this field for years. We sure enjoyed the meal and everyone told him so.

We all sat around and talked. We were entertained, each and every one. Half Moon, the Indian Head Gardener and the Farmer had a lot to talk about and they walked down to the garden area.

Half Moon's woman wanted to help clean up but the Mess Sergeant said he had some boys to do that.

I asked the officer if we could just leave the supplies in the wagon and go over to the camp. The Lieutenant said that was alright with him because he was going to stay here and start building the bridge.

At 5:00 a.m. the Mess Sergeant awoke the whole camp by beating on the bottom of a dish pan. He had fried mush and hot pancakes. We had 17 people for breakfast and Moe made all the coffee. The Mess Sergeant had a ball with all the people patting him on the back.

We got started to the Indian village fairly early. Callie, the farmer, and I were in the first wagon and the hunter and Slim were in the second wagon.

The Mess Sergeant wanted to go along and make the trip, but he had to stay back and cook for the other 10 soldiers. He even wanted to take horse but Moe wouldn't stand for that. This was one time a Private could say no to a sergeant.

As we forded the stream we could see that the engineers had dropped a couple of trees already for the new bridge over Rattle Snake Creek. By golly, that would be a lot nicer for the natives to make the trip to the agency, as most of them walk. This way they won't get their feet and moccasins wet.

See ya!

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Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop, Subway

Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart

Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Convenience Store

Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop

Hicksville: Cline's Market, Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center

Latty: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center

Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware

Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert

Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe

Payne: Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

Scott: Scott Variety Store

Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,

Van Wert: Pak-A-Sak, Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.)

Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet, Hahn Systems

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LADY RAIDERS DOWN WARRIORS



Woodlan's Rain Hinton attempts to block Wayne Trace's Danae Myers as she shoots from under the basket in the 3rd period. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Ellie Kayser shoots for Woodlan but blocked by Danae Myers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Thursday, December 29th, the lady Wayne Trace Raiders travelled to Woodlan for the last girls basketball game for both teams of the year. Woodlan has played 15 games before this match and has won 8-7. Before this game, Wayne Trace played 8 games

and only lost their previous match. They've performed very well this year. This game started off with Wayne Trace taking an early lead, but the Warriors did not take it sitting down. They scored nine points to the Raiders' fifteen. The second

period was very similar for both teams with the exception of Woodlan earning an additional two points compared to the first. The half ended at 20-30 in favor of the guests.

The second half was quite interesting when Woodlan fought their way back and nearly tying the match. Points by Rain Hinton and Addison Bayman clearly made a difference when they narrowed the disparity to within four points. Timeout was called for Wayne Trace, toward the end of the third and Coach DeJarnett got the Raiders back on track. The momentum swung back toward the Raiders and the third period ended 30-37.

The last quarter was a home run for the Raiders. Woodlan's coach Cobb called time-out, trying to encourage the young ladies to pull back the tide. The home girls, though consistent, were just not able to stop Danae Myers and Claire Sinn when the duo were on fire. The game finished 40-56 with Wayne Trace taking the win home.

Score by Quarter:
Woodlan: 9 11 10 = 40
Wayne Trace: 15 15 7 19 = 56

Woodlan Scorers: Caylee Moore 4; Samantha House 4; Addison Bayman 9; Kayla Reidenbach 2; Samantha Voors 6; Rain Hinton 15;

Wayne Trace Scorers: Claire Sinn 15; Kaylee Shepherd 10; Gracie Gudakunst 6; Danae Myers 20; Brooke Sinn 5

More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 12/19/16

This 19th day of December, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 229773 through 229861 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 9:07 a.m. with Marsha Yeutter to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea.

At 9:28 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES USING THEIR PERSONAL CAR FOR COUNTY BUSINESS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, various Paulding County elected officials and employees are occasionally required to use their own vehicles for business travel; and WHEREAS, the 2017 policy of the Paulding County Commissioners is to reimburse individuals who have obtained prior authorization for such travel; and

WHEREAS, Section XXII County Property, B. Vehicles, page 31, of the Personnel Policy Manual adopted on December 20, 2012, reads "Employees using their personal motor vehicle shall be reimbursed for the miles traveled at a rate determined by the County Commissioners"; and WHEREAS, the Paulding County Commissioners will follow the Internal Revenue Service's optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2016, the IRS announced that beginning on January 1, 2017, the standard mileage rate for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be fifty-three and 5/10 cents (\$0.53.5) per mile for business miles driven; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby establish the calendar year 2017 County employee reimbursement mileage rate at fifty-three and 5/10 cents (\$0.53.5) per mile for prior approved business miles traveled.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-003-00005/General Fund/Treasurer/Contracts TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/Treasurer/Supplies TOTAL: \$550.00

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

LADY RAIDERS CRUSHED BY OTTOVILLE

On Monday, December 26, the Lady Raiders hosted Ottoville in basketball. The Wayne Trace team has put in an amazing season so far, racking up wins left and right. However, the outcome for the home team was less than stellar even though they had a great first quarter.

Starting out in the first quarter, the Lady Raiders claimed an early lead with 11 points. Though their gameplay was solid, Ottoville only managed to score 7 points, trailing the Lady Raiders by 4 points. The second quarter, however, was a different story for the Raiders. The defense of

the Ottoville team jumped to a whole new level as they prevented the Wayne Trace team from scoring a single point. Ottoville's offense also played hard and scored 18 points in the second quarter alone. The score at half time was 25-11 with Ottoville keeping the Raiders in the rear view mirror.

After the half, the Lady Raiders attempted to make a comeback. Ottoville was not having any of it though, and only allowed them to score 8 points, while they added an additional 24 points. The fourth quarter told a similar story, with Wayne Trace only scoring 4 points and Ottoville adding 12. The final score was 61-23, with the Wayne Trace

Ladies bringing their first loss of the season.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 11 0 8 4 = 23
Ottoville: 7 18 24 12 = 61

A few of the Wayne Trace lead scorers included Claire Sinn with 6 points, Danae Myers with 6 points, Brooke Sinn with 5 points, Kaylee Shepherd with 4 points, and Gracie Gudakunst with 2 points.

A few of the Ottoville lead scorers included Bridget Landin with 19 points, Brooke Mangas with 8 points, Amber Miller with 8 points, Madison Knodell with 6 points, and Alicia Honigford with 5 points.

Congrats to both teams on a great game!

PRIATION (FUND 001-003)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-003-00005/General Fund/Treasurer/Contracts AMOUNT: \$49.23 FROM: 001-003-00009/General Fund/Treasurer/PERS AMOUNT:\$198.88 TO: 001-003-00003/General Fund/Treasurer/Supplies TOTAL: \$248.11

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-015-00001/General Fund/Board of Elections/Salaries-Officials AMOUNT: \$220.00; 001-015-00010/General Fund/Board of Elections/Salaries-Precinct Workers \$ 3,384.73 TOTAL: \$3,604.73 TO: 0 0 1 - 0 1 5 - 00002/General Fund/Board of Elections/Salaries-Employees AMOUNT: \$629.73 001-015-00003/General Fund/Board of Elections/Supplies; \$ 50.00; 001-015-00005/General Fund/Board of Elections/Contract Services \$299.00; 001-015-00006/General Fund/Board of Elections/Advertising \$536.00; 001-015-00007/General Fund/Board of Elections/Other Expenses \$130.00; 001-015-00008/General Fund/Board of Elections/PERS \$1,560.00; 001-015-00012/General Fund/Board of Elections/Medicare \$400.00 TOTAL: \$3,604.73 FROM: 001-030-00001/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/CORSA AMOUNT: \$3,200.00 TO: 001-015-00002/General Fund/Board of Elections/Salaries-Employees

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-017-00005/General Fund/Sheriff/Sheriff Supplies TO: 001-017-00011/General Fund/Sheriff/Contracts AMOUNT: \$9,000.00

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 01-017-00006/General Fund/Sheriff/Jail Supplies TO: 001-017-00011/General Fund/Sheriff/Contracts AMOUNT:\$15,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-024)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-024-00007/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/Workers' Compensation TO: 001-024-00006/General Fund/Soldiers' Relief/PERS AMOUNT: \$.16

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Engineer Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; FROM: 009-001-00017/Engineer-Gas Tax/Materials TO: 009-001-00010/Engineer-Gas Tax/Insurance AMOUNT: \$113.68

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neer Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; FROM: 009-001-00015/Engineer-Gas Tax/Other Expenses TO: 009-001-00010/Engineer-Gas Tax/Insurance AMOUNT: \$2,276.65

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 010)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Soil Conservation-Soil and Water Fund (Fund 010), to-wit; FROM: 010-001-00013/Soil Conservation-Soil and Water/Nature Center Expenses AMOUNT: \$2,802.76 TO: 010-001-00003/Soil Conservation-Soil and Water/Equipment AMOUNT: \$541.24 010-001-00011/Soil Conservation-Soil and Water/Insurance \$2,761.52 TOTAL: \$2,802.76

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE PAULDING COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE RENTAL OF THE PAULDING COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

WHEREAS, The Paulding County Commissioners own the real property known as the Paulding County Fairgrounds, located in Paulding Town-

ship, Paulding County, Ohio; and WHEREAS, The Paulding County Commissioners lease the real property to the Paulding County Fair Board, an agricultural society established under Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code, subject to the Permitted Encumbrances, terms, and conditions as listed in the Lease which is on file in the Paulding County Commissioners' Office;

WHEREAS, Said Lease shall be in effect from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of County Commissioners have hereby entered into an agreement with the Paulding County Fair Board for the leasing of the Paulding County Fairgrounds for the period of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, for the amount of \$1.00; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a (Continued on Page 9)

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NEW YEAR GAME GOES TO WAYNE TRACE



Ethan Linder flies through the air as he scores for the Raiders. More pictures at westbendnews.net

December 30 marked the last game for both Woodlan and Wayne Trace boys basketball for 2016. The night before the ladies played against each other at the Warrior home court while tonight's game was at the Palace.

This game started with Woodlan's Deontae Biggs tipping the ball to his team. The

first basket was missed and Wayne Trace got the first basket. A three pointer by Brady Stabler was next followed by Woodlan getting their first two points in this fast paced game. Both teams were working much of their magic from the outside. Between Woodlan and Wayne Trace over 60 points were from 3 point field

for the game with 4, just one over Trevon McCarter's 3.

The third period of the game Woodlan increased their numbers to 16 and the Raiders pulled back to 18. Ethan Linder was the top Three-point shooter on the home team and Micah Robin was top for Woodlan — both at 3.

The game finished at 82-57 when Woodlan, for the first time of the game, outscored Wayne Trace 18-13 for the period.

Wayne Trace made 13 of the 15 attempted foul shots, and Woodlan made 3 out of 6 of their free-throws.

Score by Quarter:
Wayne Trace: 27 24 28 13 = 82

Woodlan: 12 11 16 18 = 57

Wayne Trace Scorers: Brady Stabler 12; Eli Sinn 11; Jayden Sherry 2; Josh Kuhn 6; Jon Sinn 4; Blaine Jerome 3; Trae Sinn 3; Ethan Linder 25; Josiah Linder 8; Jake Kuhn 8; Woodlan Scorers: Deontae Biggs 2; Trevon McCarter 9; Austin Fancher 10; Matthew Elias 3; Micah Robbins 17; Jack Rhoades 2; Aaron Hahn 11; Trevor Wiedenhoft 3;

Woodlan moves on to play at Churubusco on January 4th. Wayne Trace travels to Antwerp on January 5 for the first conference game of the season.

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

This 12th day of December, 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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 229537 through 229678 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to go into executive session at 9:09 a.m. for the purpose of conducting personnel evaluations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry. All members voting yea.

At 10:58 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on December 12, 2016, Warrants num-

bered 229538 through 229673 in the amount of \$65,921.27; and

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

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 196)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Wellness Grant Fund (Fund 196), to-wit: FROM: Pay-In #112775 TO: 196-001-00006/Wellness Grant/Wellness Incentives AMOUNT: \$3,450.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-002)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following, to-wit: 001-002-00018/General Fund/ Auditor/ Auditor Sale Expenses AMOUNT:\$1.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 134)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the County Court Special Projects Fund (Fund 134), to-wit: 134-001-00001/County Court Special Projects/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$10,000.00.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 076)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the LEPC Fund (Fund 076), to-wit; FROM: 076-001-00012/LEPC/Admin/Cont TO: 076-001-00011/LEPC/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$7,049.25

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE 2017 GENERAL FUND ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approve the 2017 General Fund Annual Appropriations as recorded in Journal 55, Pages 265 through 272, to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of said County during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. The same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

• Defiance/Paulding Consolidated JFS - The Defiance County Commissioners, Corey Walker, Cindy Thatcher, and Stephanie Metz met in the Paulding County Commissioners' office for its regular meeting.

• Tim Franklin and Mark Greenwood - Mr. Franklin presented the Water Trail for the Maumee River information for the Commissioners' review. He noted there is only one canoe/boat launch site left to be constructed before this project is completed. When completed, there will be a launch site every 10 miles the length of the Maumee River. Mr. Franklin reviewed the three options of launch sites: Cecil Bridge, Rochester Park, and Eaton Cemetery. He noted that the Rochester Park site is not really an option. Although there would be adequate parking, the steepness of the bank would not be conducive to entering the river. The Cecil Bridge site would work, but there is not parking space. The best site, in Mr. Franklin's opinion, is the Eaton Cemetery site. He assured the Commissioners once decided on, the site will be maintained by the Paulding County Park District. Commissioner Zartman expressed concern over placing the launch site at the Eaton Cemetery location. He is concerned about the abuse and destruction of county

TIGERS UPSET PANTHERS



Sophomore Jaret Miller shoots and scores for the Panthers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Paulding hosted Holgate for the final game of 2016 on Friday, December 30. The Tigers came in to the match with a 3-2 record and Paulding opened with a 3-5 and 1-0 conference record.

The boys basketball game was a struggle when Paulding couldn't gain traction in the first half. Only 2 points were hit for the whole in team in the first period and that was by Griffin Harder. At this same time Holgate posted 11. Quarter 2 was much better for the home team but still not meeting up to the Tigers' standards. Jaret Miller sunk a 3 point shot, his first of two. Ethan Rhonehouse, Kameron Echols and Griffin Harder all added a field goal in this quarter. The half ended at 12-25.

Paulding had their best period, coming back from half time when they added 16 points. They outscored the

guest by 4 and looked like they were going to give Holgate a run for their money. The whole team looked good here. Preston Ingol added his first points here, six for the quarter. This quarter ended 28-37.

The fourth quarter when back to looking like the start of the game—only 3 points posted for the home team while Holgate had their best, adding 17. The game finished 54-31.

Score by quarter:

Paulding: 2 10 16 3 = 31

Holgate: 11 14 12 17 = 54

Paulding Scorers: Ethan Rhonehouse 9; Jaret Miller 8; Kameron Echols 2; Preston Ingol 6; Griffin Harder 6.

Holgate Scorers: Louis Gustwiller 7; Bailey Hohenberger 8; Trey Jones 14; Cody Sonnenberg 3; Jake Grim 16; Jack Clady 6

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Woodlan's Trevon McCarter sinks a 3 point basket for the Warriors. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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property at the Eaton Farm/Cemetery. He noted the farmer/tenant has met with the Commissioners on several occasions to discuss crop damage and cemetery destruction. Mr. Franklin noted if the Commissioners would agree to having the canoe/boat launch at the Eaton Farm, the Park District would have a presence on the property, as they would be maintaining it. His hope is that would encourage people to use it for positive recreation. Commissioner Klopfenstein explained the current status regarding hunters and those who wish to fish on the property. Although the Eaton Farm appears to be the perfect location for the canoe/boat launch, it cannot be monitored around the clock. The Commissioners noted that most of the destructive activity occurs at night. The Cecil Bridge area is a second choice; however, would require more work (parking lot, launch dock, etc.). Mr. Greenwood commented that maybe those that chose to damage the Eaton Farm area may think twice if those respecting the property are present. Mr. Franklin also suggested fencing the cemetery (burial grounds) in an effort to discourage destructive, disrespectful behavior. Mr. Greenwood advised the Commissioners a decision needs to be made by February, 2017.

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MYPLATE, MYWINS HELPS AMERICANS TURN RESOLUTIONS INTO REAL SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTHY EATING IN THE NEW YEAR

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP) launched a New Year's campaign to help Americans turn their resolutions into real solutions for healthy eating in 2017. This campaign is supported by new and existing MyPlate, MyWins resources available on ChooseMyPlate.gov, which are designed such that Americans can decide where to start on the journey to healthy eating.

"As Americans begin thinking about setting goals for the New Year, MyPlate, MyWins is the place to start," said Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. "With the new resources available on the MyPlate, MyWins webpages, Americans can set small, attainable, healthy eating solutions to incorporate into their lifestyle now and into the future."

Turning Resolutions into Real Solutions

Every January, Americans are overloaded with information about New Year's resolutions. While starting with the best intentions, many people set unrealistic resolutions and incorporate goals that are difficult to maintain. Starting with small steps and celebrating milestones along the way are shown to be more beneficial strategies in keeping resolutions. This is where MyPlate, MyWins comes in; MyPlate, MyWins is a resource to help Americans turn resolutions into real solutions to achieve a healthy eating style in alignment with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2015-2020.

Real solutions are small, practical changes that add up to a healthy lifestyle over time. These changes can be incorporated into Americans' lives to maintain a healthy eating style based on the five food groups of MyPlate. MyPlate, MyWins encourages consumers to find and celebrate their wins and their real solutions. Since everyone has different eating habits, MyPlate, MyWins helps individuals create their own, personalized nutrition goals and solutions.

New MyPlate, MyWins Animated Video Series

Over the course of five weeks as part of the New Year campaign, CNPP will release five MyPlate, MyWins animated videos to the new Make Small Changes webpage. These short, animated videos demonstrate simple changes Americans can make to their typical meals to de-

crease sodium, saturated fat, and added sugars. Each video has a different theme including breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and beverages.

"Making a small change, for example, switching from two slices of pepperoni pizza for lunch to one slice of veggie pizza, a salad, and an apple decreases sodium and saturated fat intake, while adding items from other food groups," said Angie Tagtow, Executive Directors of USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. "The videos demonstrate to Americans that small, healthy changes, or switches, during meal and snack times can add up over time and improve your eating style."

To supplement these videos, there are new, meal-specific webpages with nutrition information, more examples of small ways to improve typical meals, and five new MyPlate, MyWins tip sheets. The tip sheets provide suggestions for making healthier choices in typical dining environments: potlucks and parties, coffee shops, buffets, Italian restaurants, and Asian cuisine takeout. All of these resources can help consumers utilize real solutions in their typical day to achieve nutrition goals and maintain a healthy eating style now and into the future.

SuperTracker New Year's Challenge and More Resources

On January 2, 2017, SuperTracker will kick off a public New Year's Challenge that encourages participants to start slowly and develop a healthy eating style over time. Over five weeks, participants will be challenged to incorporate the five MyPlate food groups - fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy - into each day. To officially join the challenge and receive encouraging messages along the way, individuals will need to create a free SuperTracker account.

The MyPlate, MyWins landing page has many additional resources to assist Americans in modifying their meals in order to maintain healthier eating habits throughout their lives. The Stories from Families and Individuals page includes videos from relatable families about their healthy eating solutions and testimonials from the MyPlate staff. There also are ways to get involved for partners, professionals, and consumers. Additionally, CNPP encourages consumers to share their real solutions and wins via Twitter and Facebook using #MyPlateMyWins.

Please visit MyPlate, MyWins to learn more about achieving real solutions and celebrating wins in the New Year.

SOME FAVORITES COMING BACK TO THE HUBER HOUSE



Ready for some more hand-clapping, knee slapping entertainment? One of the Huber's most talked-about shows in 2016 was YEE HAW, an original show of music and skits performed by talent from the surrounding area. This year, January 13 & 14, we will be bringing back some of those favorite performers which includes many from Paulding County! This year's YEE HAW will have Paulding County well represented as you will enjoy Dennis Jackson's beautiful bass voice as

he shares inspirational tunes with us.

Other Huber stars returning to YEE HAW are vocalists Terina Wakefield, Burton Rodman, and Kris Rumble, and comedians Crystal Goodnight, Carol Clark, and Jeff Rumble, among others. New to this year's YEE HAW stage are audience favorites Staci Battershell, vocalist, Rosanna Yoder, vocalist, and Morgan Bland playing her "fiddle." Reserved seating is available and more information is coming soon!

HOW TO CREATE LASTING VACATION MEMORIES ACCORDING TO SCIENCE

(NAPSI)—For most people, vacations are a luxury that come only once or twice a year. So once you've planned, set the date and saved, you want to make sure the memories are going to last.

To help, researchers at the University of Texas and HomeAway, the world's leading online vacation rental marketplace, investigated destination type, cost, technology use and more to determine their effect on the memorability of vacations.

What The Research Shows

After examining the data, they came up with tangible tips to engineer your way to longer-lasting memories:

1. Take your vacation to the top. Research shows mountains are the most memorable destination: Mountain vacations were up to 12 percent more memorable than other types of destinations. Tip: Plan your trip for an unfamiliar setting. Researchers say breaking routine is what makes trips memorable, so if you live in the mountains, beach vacation memories would probably last longer.

2. Don't stress about vacation costs. Surprisingly, the one thing that didn't have any bearing on whether a trip was memorable was the price tag. Whether you spend \$500 or \$5,000, the vacation can be equally memorable. Tip: Don't wait until you've saved for the once-in-a-lifetime, expensive destination. Go on the trip you can afford now.

3. Make it a celebration with family and friends. According to research, people who traveled with a mix of family and friends remembered their vacations at

least 20 percent better than people who traveled with just friends or just family. Tip: Celebrate—vacationers who planned a trip around a special celebration saw their emotional memory recall rocketed to 69 percent.

4. Take photos. Being snap happy helps you remember a vacation 40 percent more than if you don't take photos. Tip: Do take photos with your phone, but bear in mind that those who spent more than two hours using phones and other devices were 26 percent less likely to remember vacation details.

5. Leave the laptop at home. Taking your work with you makes it harder to form clear memories. Tip: If you have to work a little on vacation, keep it under an hour a day. Working more than that while on vacation makes you 43 percent more likely to have trouble remembering the trip.

6. Visualize yourself in blissed-out vacation mode. Vacationers who reported feeling happy and excited before their vacation were 73 percent more likely to recall their vacation memories than those who felt stressed, frustrated or even calm. Tip: To get excited before your travel dates, have a family planning meeting or boast to your co-workers about your plans.

HomeAway, which has more than a million vacation homes for rent around the world, invests in vacation memory research as part of its mission to help families disconnect from everyday life and spend time reconnecting with each other.

Learn More For further information on the science of vacation memories and tips on how to take a more memorable vacation, visit www.homeaway.com/lp/vacation-equation.

DRIVING DOWN FUEL USE

(NAPSI)—Protecting the planet can be a beautiful thing, especially when it comes to driving a new kind of hybrid car.

Turning to some of the latest innovations in automotive technology to create hybrid vehicles that are handsome and comfortable as well as fuel efficient, one car company created a plug-in hybrid with increased electric power range and driving dynamics.

This completely redesigned 2017 Optima Hybrid and its Plug-in Hybrid sibling, along with the all-new Niro crossover, were all designed under Kia Motors' "EcoDynamics" philosophy to be environmentally friendly and fun to drive. Here's why:

Fuel Efficiency

The all-new 2017 Optima PHEV was engineered with a dual focus on efficiency and driving dynamics. Using Kia's highly efficient 2.0-liter "Nu" four-cylinder GDI (Gasoline Direct Injection) engine, mated to a six-speed automatic transmission, means power output is targeted for a class-leading 154 hp @ 6,000 rpm. Electric power is produced by a transmission-mounted 50 kW motor, which is 42 percent more powerful than in the previous Optima Hybrid to allow for greater all-electric capability. This hybrid system provides a fast and seamless transition from EV to gasoline to hybrid modes, as well as more refined shift quality.

With an estimated 600 miles of total driving range, the battery system produces roughly 60 percent more energy output than before and the battery can deliver up

to 27 miles in electric-only mode. Additional power comes from regenerative braking. A full charge can be achieved in less than three hours. To increase available trunk capacity, the new battery is hidden behind the rear seat and tire well.

Another help is the Coasting Guide that coaches you on when to coast and brake via an icon in the instrument panel. To save fuel even more, the grille automatically opens and closes at high and low speeds, to improve aerodynamics.

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Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
THE SHERWOOD STATE BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JAIMIE L. LARSON, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 16 128.

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 Second day of February, 2017 at 10:05, the real estate located at:

320 West Caroline Street,
Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 30-345-008-02

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 16th of February, 2017 at 10:05. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
James K. Weaner, Attorney for Plaintiff

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THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
THE ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MARK A. MARENBERG, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 14 066.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 19th day of January, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., the real estate located at:

103-109 South Main Street,
Antwerp, Ohio 43813
Parcel Number: 12-10S-003-00; 12-10S-004-00; 12-10S-005-00;

12-10S-006-00; 12-10S-007-00; 12-10S-008-00; 12-10S-009-00; and, 12-10S-009-01

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
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Michael C. Jones, Attorney for Plaintiff

IAB FINANCIAL BANK DESIGNATED FSA PREFERRED LENDER

iAB Financial Bank is pleased to announce its designation as a Farm Service Agency Preferred Lender as of November 2016. Membership in the Preferred Lender Program (PLP) is the top status that a lender can occupy in the FSA guaranteed loan program, and recognizes lenders with vast experience in expediting the loan application and servicing requirements. "We are most pleased to have been recognized by the FSA as a long-standing and reputable lender in our area, capable of serving in the most efficient and customer-friendly ways possible," said Rick Goettlich, Senior Vice President and Agribusiness Manager for iAB Financial Bank. "This status represents an acknowledgment of the years our bank has spent developing lending policies and procedures that invite our customers to pursue their goals for their operations."

Lenders in the PLP are also afforded greater authority in making FSA guaranteed loans and can use their own underwriting and servicing policies. In order to attain Preferred Lender status, lenders must meet certain stringent criteria to differentiate themselves from other lending institutions. This program was implemented by the USDA 13 years ago to simplify the agency's existing farm loan program by reducing the amount of paperwork required to apply for Federal Loan Guarantees.

iAB Financial Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Independent Alliance Banks, Inc., is one of the

largest locally-owned community banks in the area and employs approximately 290 people throughout Allen, Huntington, Marshall and Wells counties.

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copy of the signed lease agreement shall be on file in the Commissioners' Office. IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE 2017 SPECIAL FUND ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approve the 2017 Annual Appropriations for Special Funds as recorded in Journal 55, Pages 289 through 307, to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of said County during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. The same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

• Jan Commers and David Cline, Board of Elections - Ms. Commers and Mr. Cline met briefly with the Commissioners. Ms. Commers reported they are short on funds to finish out this year. The Commissioners directed her to the Auditor's Office to complete the appropriation change form. Ms. Commers noted she will be joining a conference call to discuss voting machine updates. She commented Paulding County is down to just seven voting locations. Even though some voting locations have merged, we are still required by law to keep the ratio of voting machines per registered voter. Ms. Commers was proud to report Paulding County had a 72% voter turnout. We have 12,699 registered voters.

• Becky Suvar, WMEA; Fred and Eric Kohart, Kohart Surplus and Salvage - The Koharts and Ms. Suvar met with the Commissioners to discuss recycling options for Paulding County. Eric Kohart commented their Fostoria location has an issue with separating the recyclable material from the garbage/trash. He said they almost need a dedicated person to separate and sort the bins and barrels. Double handling and sorting makes the cost for the service higher. Fred Kohart noted they have the equipment at the Broughton facility, but ran into the same problem. Both agreed they would want to designate an area for drop offs and would want to make sure there would be enough volume to make it feasible. Ms. Suvar assured the Koharts the materials she would be bringing would be sorted and separated. She also mentioned recycling glass is a concern. Commissioner Zartman noted we have limited resources and grant dollars. He would like to have a more central location for recycling. He also does not want the county's recycling program to be a detriment to their company or to cause a loss in revenue. Ms. Suvar agreed to request EPA reports from Erie Recycling. Eric Kohart noted the biggest hurdle is to "teach" the public how to recycle. Koharts agreed to help the County in any way they can; but they have to look at the bottom dollar to make sure their company doesn't lose revenue.

• Larry Colley, Paulding County Ag Society - Ms. Colley stopped in to

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

update the Commissioners on the horse barn progress.

• Sarah Noggle, Agricultural and Natural Resources, Extension Educator, County Director; and Michael Schweinsberg, 4-H Youth Development, Extension Educator - Ms. Noggle and Mr. Schweinsberg met with the Commissioners to present the 2016 Fourth Quarter Report. Ms. Noggle provided information on the Palmer amaranth discovered between Payne and Antwerp in late September. The plants found in Paulding County are being grown out and tested in the OSU Extension Weed Science lab for resistance to glyphosate and ALS herbicides. Ms. Noggle reported the Master Gardner volunteers honored Tucker Shisler by planting/dedicating a Princeton American elm tree in the Oakwood Park in his memory. She went on to report the Master Garden volunteers total hours in 2016 were 1,549.98 hours, with a year to date volunteer value of \$36,510.88. Since its origin in 1999, the grand total lifetime hours are 11,544.23, with a value of \$271,982.06. MG volunteers have driven a total of 44,896 miles for education and community service during the lifetime of the program. Ms. Noggle reported the OSU Extension hosted a grain marketing meeting on December 8 entitled "Turning On-Farm Storage into Profit", with Jon Scheve from Waconia, Minnesota, as the speaker. Fifty-three farmers attended the meeting. Ms. Noggle also noted she attended a SNAP-Ed regional meeting with State Auditor David Yost and Congressman Latta on fraud in the food stamp program and SNAP system. She reported on several other programs and meetings she was invited to attend during October, November, and December. Ms. Noggle noted she fielded more than

150 phone calls and/or personal visits during the fourth quarter. Ms. Noggle reported the SNAP-Ed Program Assistant will be presenting an 8-lesson series for Oakwood Elementary School, grades Kindergarten and First Grade beginning January 9, 2017. She also noted the Nutrient Management Plan Writer keeps busy working with area farmers within the Western Lake Erie Basin, which encompasses 4,313 acres. He provides general guidelines on 4R Nutrient Stewardship practices. Mr. Schweinsberg noted he taught Financial Literacy and Career Development to 26 youth one day a week in the Paulding Middle School. He is also working with 12 youth in STEAM activities in the Paulding High School and have constructed balloon chairs designed for adult farmers with arthritis. Mr. Schweinsberg recently received a grant to purchase four National Youth Science Day kits that will be used with 25 fifth and sixth grade students to teach them about drone technology. He has been working with the Paulding County Carnegie Library to ensure the STEAM activities' success. Mr. Schweinsberg attended the annual 4-H Camp Director and the annual OSU Extension Annual Conference. He also reported he held the 4-H Officer Training for all 4-H club officers on November 21st. 70 officers from 13 clubs attended the meeting to obtain the training necessary to complete the requirements of their held office. 4-H registration continues to be open for the 2017 4-H year. Memberships registrations are due February 3, 2017. Mr. Schweinsberg is excited to start the dog program again and is looking for trained volunteers to start the Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports program in Paulding County.

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

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,
Plaintiff,

vs.
Laura Schoenherr, et. al.
Defendants,

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

TO: LAURA SCHOENHERR AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA SCHOENHERR

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

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

A parcel of land being known as Outlot No. Eight (8) of Block "E" in the Village of Payne, Paulding County, Ohio, and which is more particularly described as follows: commencing at an iron pin found on the South right of way of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad and on the West line of the East half (1/2) of the Southwest quarter (1/4) of Section 35, Town 2 North, Range 1 East, Paulding County, Ohio; thence South 0°14' West (assumed bearing for the purposes of this description) on the said West line of the East half (1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 35, two hundred seven and ninety hundredths (207.90) feet to an iron pin found; thence South 89°43' East, three hundred fifty-six and forty hundredths (356.40) feet to an iron pin found and the point of beginning; ---thence South 89°43' East, seventy-four and thirty-five hundredths (74.35) feet to an iron pin with ID cap set; thence South 0°11' West on the East line of said Outlot 8 and the West line

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

Lou Ann Wannemacher,
Plaintiff,

vs.
Tylen Jones, et.al.
Defendants,

Case No. CI-16-179
Judge Tiffany Reighter-Beckman

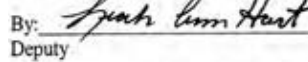
TO: TYCEN JONES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TYCEN JONES AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND ECUTOR OF TYCEN JONES

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 18385 SR 114, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849

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 TYCEN JONES to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you. The real property in question is situated in the Village of Latty, County of Paulding, and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:

Situated in the Township of Latty, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio: A parcel of land being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-four (24) Township One (1) North, Range Three (3) East, Latty Township, Paulding County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at an iron pin at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section twenty-four (24), Latty Township; thence South 90°00'00" West, on the south line of the Southwest quarter of Section Twenty-four (24), a distance of four hundred seventy-two and thirteen hundredths (472.13) feet to a point, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described; thence continuing South 90°00'00" West on the South line of the Southwest Quarter of Section twenty-four (24), a distance of one hundred seventy-four and thirty-two hundredths (174.32) feet to a point; thence North 0°00'00" East, on a line being at right angles to the

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

By: 
Deputy

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

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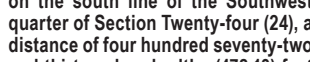
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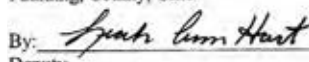
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VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UPGRADES AT WEST BEND—HIGH SPEED FULL COLOR ENVELOPE PRINTING NOW AVAILABLE



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

The newest edition to the West Bend manufacturing equipment is the Ilumina Heavy Weight Champion by Xante. This new machine is a high-speed digital press that specializes in printing

heavy-weight papers. The Ilumina can print on just about any weight of paper, all the way up to 24 point (Card Board Boxes)! With a high-capacity feeding system, this machine can hold up to 3,500 sheets of standard 20lb. bond or 50lb. offset at a time. The delivery system is a conveyor belt assembly that allows a smooth transition of print products to be stacked and finished. Among our print system, this machine will specialize in high volumes of full color and black and white envelopes, with the ability to print at 80-90 pieces per minute. However, this Ilumina HWC is not very limited in what it is capable of printing, as it can print on paper sizes up to 13in. X 54in.

We here at West Bend are excited to help you achieve all of your business needs. So, stop on by and ask us what we can do for you!

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 11/21/16

This 21st day of November, 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

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 229094 through 229170 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 005)

Mr. Mark Holtzberry moved to adopt the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the Special Health Fund (Fund 005), to-wit; 005-001-00001/Special Health/Salaries AMOUNT: \$800.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 153)

Mr. Roy Klopfenstein moved

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-010)

Mr. Mark Holtzberry moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-010-00014/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Appointed Counsel TO: 001-010-00006/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Child Support AMOUNT: \$3,981.50

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-018)

Mr. Roy Klopfenstein moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds; to-wit; FROM: 001-018-00007/General Fund/County Recorder/Travel TO: 001-018-00003/General Fund/County Recorder/Supplies AMOUNT: \$575.56

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 002)

Mr. Mark Holtzberry moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Dog and Kennel Fund (Fund 002); to-wit; FROM: 002-001-00002/Dog and Kennel/Salaries TO: 002-001-00003/Dog and Kennel/Supplies AMOUNT: \$1,500.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein.

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

Mr. Roy Klopfenstein moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Health Department Fund (Fund 003); to-wit; FROM: 003-001-00009/Health Department/Other Expenses TO: 003-001-00001/Health Department/Salaries AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry.

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

Mr. Mark Holtzberry moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Health Department Fund (Fund 003); to-wit; FROM: 003-001-00009/Health Department/Other Expenses TO: 003-001-00002/Health Department/Supplies AMOUNT: \$4,000.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein.

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

Mr. Roy Klopfenstein moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Health Department Fund (Fund 003); to-wit; FROM: 003-001-00006/Health Department/

Travel & Expenses TO: 003-001-00007/Health Department/PERS/Medicare AMOUNT: \$2,000.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry.

Mr. Mark Holtzberry moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Health Department Fund (Fund 003); to-wit; FROM: 003-001-00009/Health Department/Other Expenses TO:003-001-00007/Health Department/PERS/Medicare AMOUNT: \$500.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 005)

Mr. Roy Klopfenstein moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Special Health Fund (Fund 005); to-wit; FROM: 005-001-00004/Special Health/Other Expenses TO: 005-001-00001/Special Health/ Salaries AMOUNT: \$500.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry.

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 177)

Mr. Roy Klopfenstein moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2016 Annual Appropriation in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177); to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20123/SVAA/Contract Help Current Appropriation \$200.00 Change (+ or -) - 200.00 New Appropriation \$-0-

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry.

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 177)

Mr. Roy Klopfenstein moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2016 Annual Appropriation in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177); to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20124/SVAA/Supplies Current Appropriation \$810.00 Change (+ or -) - 255.31 New Appropriation \$554.69

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry.

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 177)

Mr. Roy Klopfenstein moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2016 Annual Appropriation in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177); to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20125/SVAA/Travel/Training Current Appropriation \$200.00 Change (+ or -) - 88.40 New Appropriation \$111.60

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtzberry.

IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 177)

Mr. Mark Holtzberry moved to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to reduce the 2016 Annual Appropriation in the SVAA Fund (Fund 177); to-wit; Fund/Dept/Acct 177-001-20129/SVAA/Other Current Appropriation \$2,000.00 Change (+ or -) - 2,000.00 New Appropriation \$0.00

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Joshua T. Lipps, Antwerp, OH; Unauthorized use; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation, addition to rules; Secure a valid operator's license; Complete 40 hrs community service; Complete Thinking For A Change Program; Provide address to the court

Haley A. Rosenfeld, Defiance, OH; Underage; Dismiss; case dismissed per state; With prejudice; Costs to defendant

Nathan P. Culler, Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Complete Thinking For A Change Program; Mental health evaluation; Complete 40 hrs community service; Release from EMHA today; No contact w/ victim or her residence

Joseph A. McCarthy, Latty, OH; Following close; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; 2 points waived

Aaron M. Miller, Payne, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Benjamin I. Doctor, Woodburn, IN; Off invol minor; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Sara A. Grover, Toledo, OH; DUS; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 4/28/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$100.00 per month commencing 2/24/17; Defendant's license can be released today 12/22/16

Benjamin I. Doctor, Woodburn, IN; O.V.I./under inf; Pled no cont., found guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail; Proof of insurance filed; Pay all fines and costs by 6/30/17; Shall pay \$100 per mo commencing 1/27/17; Community control; 40 hrs community service; 87 jail days reserved; Report to prob office 12/27/16

Woodburn, IN; Dis of safety; Dismiss; CT B dismissed at states request

Caleb M. Ratliff, Antwerp, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joseph E. Den Herder, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brandy L. Aguilar, Fayette, OH; Tinted windows; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Layne N. Dickerson, Haviland, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Layne N. Dickerson, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cynthia Bowman, Paulding, OH; No O.L.; Dismiss; CT A dismissed at the states request

Cynthia Bowman, Paulding, OH; Fail Control; Guilty; Proof of insurance not provided; Pay all fines and costs by 6/30/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 1/27/17

Spencer M. Strickler, Payne, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Spencer M. Strickler, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

William L. Highsmith, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

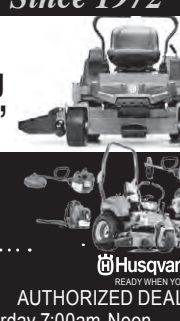
Dylan M. Stafford, Walled Lake, MI; Seat belt/drive; Case was waived by defendant

Steven R. Wilson, Litchfield, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant.

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12/28/16 - FROM: BAKER TIMOTHY R BAKER LISA R; TO: TEAGLE ANGELA, 6367 SR 49, 6367 SR 49, PAYNE OH 45880; 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP, LOT 6 MOONEY MEADOWS BENTON TWP S-3

12/28/16 - FROM: YOUNG BROTHERS FARM; TO: MOORE ANDREW S MOORE RAYNA BL BRIAN DR, 9369 RD 11, PAYNE OH 45880; 500 - RESIDENTIAL VACANT LAND LOT 17 YOUNG SUBDIV PH I

PAYNE VILL 12/28/16 - FROM: YOUNG BROTHERS FARM; TO: MOORE ANDREW S MOORE RAYNA BL BRIAN DR, 9369 RD 11, PAYNE OH 45880; 500 - RESIDENTIAL VACANT LAND, LOT 18 YOUNG SUBDIV PH I PAYNE VILL

12/27/16 - FROM: HICKS BILLY JOE; TO: VERWAIJEN ANTONIUS, RD 220, 5191 THIEL RD, HICKSVILLE OH 43526; 501 - RESID UNPLAT 0-09.99 ACRES, PT SE1/4 SE1/4 SEC 8

12/27/16 - FROM: HICKS BILLY JOE; TO: VERWAIJEN ANTONIUS, 2825 RD 220, 5191 THIEL RD, HICKSVILLE OH 43526; 511 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG UNPLAT 0-09 PT SE1/4 S1/4 -110.20X340- CARRYALL TWP SEC 8

12/27/16 - FROM: HICKS BILLY JOE, VERWAIJEN ANTONIUS, RD 220, 5191 THIEL RD, HICKSVILLE OH 43526; 501 - RESID UNPLAT 0-09.99 ACRES, PT SE1/4 SE1/4, CARRYALL TWP S-8

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12/28/16 - FROM: GUDAKUNST ALAN JOHN GUDAKUNST ARLENE JANE; TO: KAUSER HEIDI TRUSTEE 10036 US 127, 10036 US 127, PAULDING OH 45879; 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP, LOT 3 TEMPLE ALLOT S-18, JACKSON TWP

12/28/16 - FROM: GUDAKUNST ALAN JOHN GUDAKUNST ARLENE JANE; TO: KAUSER HEIDI TRUSTEE 10036 US 127, 10036 US 127, PAULDING OH 45879; 500 - RESIDENTIAL VACANT LAND, LOT 4 NS S-18 JACKSON TWP, TEMPLE ALLOT

12/28/16 - FROM: ZIGOVITS LUCINDA; TO: BAKER TIMOTHY R BAKER LISA R 9820 SR 111, 9820 SR 111, PAULDING OH 45879; 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP, LOT 7 S-16 PLDG TWP NONEMAN MELODY ACRES #2

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(+ or -) - 1,598.90 New Appropriation \$401.10

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein.

IN THE MATTER OF A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE A PORTION OF OLIVE STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF TIPTON, COUNTY OF PAULDING, STATE OF OHIO

Mr. Roy Klopfenstein moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the public hearing to vacate a portion of Olive Street in the Village of Tipton, Ohio, was held on the 21st day of August 17, 2016, as advertised; and

WHEREAS, the viewing of said Olive Street in the Village of Tipton, Ohio, was held on site on the 21st day of September, 2016;

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and WHEREAS, the Paulding County Engineer has prepared a legal description of said portion of Olive Street in the Village of Tipton, County of Paulding, State of Ohio, and has presented it at the second hearing on this 21st day of November, 2016; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorize the County Engineer to vacate said described portion of Olive Street in the Village of Tipton, County of Paulding, State of Ohio, as indicated on the plat approved by Travis McGarvey, E-68039 Registered Professional Engineer, on the 1st day of November, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

• Ed Bohn, EMA - Mr. Bohn met with the Commissioners to update them on the local Christmas toy drive. He reported collections went well. Updates on EMA related business, Mr. Bohn noted he will be setting appointments with state EMA officials to review the Paulding County's progress on two main issues, being the Mitigation Plan (Dean Erwin) and the EOP/EMPG (Russ Decker and Portia Prenell) status. Mr. Bohn requested a current job description for both he and Katie Sunday, EMA office assistant.

• Leadership for Community Development-Module 6: Public Relations - RCAP sponsored the first of may modules to the Leadership for Community Development series. Mr. Scott Strahley (Paulding County RCAP) assisted by Jerry Zielke (PCED), arranged for Ms. Deb Martin (RCAP regional manager) and Ms. Roberta Costa (RCAP) to bring this valuable learning/training tool to Paulding County. Ms. Martin explained the training sessions are being funded by a grant originating in the United States embassy in Moscow. Paulding County is one of five other entities world wide that have jumped on board to offer this training. The training is open and free to the public and was advertised as such. In attendance were Deb Hubbard, Erika Willitzer, Ed Bohn, Corey Walker, Jane Crabtree, Bill Edwards, Robert Fisher, Becky Suvar, Michelle Stahl, Lisa Mc-

Clure, Dave Burtch, Jerry Zielke, Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter. The learning objectives were to explore ways to engage the public and involve citizens in decision-making, discuss the use of social media as an engagement tool, explore ways to improve messaging and use of social marketing and influencers, learn ways to build relationships with target groups, and discuss tips for better public presentations. Ms. Martin presented a lot of useful information in the two-hour training session. Commissioner Zartman recognized the very diverse group for attending. Future training session will be held soon, dates to be announced.

• Roy Arnett - Mr. Arnett attended the second hearing for the request to vacate a portion of Olive Street in Tipton (see resolution above).

• Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - November Sales Tax Revenue, General Fund Receipts and Expenses for October, and Real Estate and MoHo Conveyance Fees reports were distributed and reviewed. Sales tax remains steady at \$194,513.72, an increase of \$1,416.81 from October and up \$19,564.70 from November, 2015. General Fund Receipts of \$306,101.61 were slightly down (\$71,515.48) from September and also down \$11,490.76 from October, 2015. General Fund Expenses of \$449,208.43 were up \$1,995.16 from September; however, down \$26,139.87 from October, 2015. October Real Estate and Mobile Home Conveyance Fees of \$13,275.30 were down \$28,840.20 from an active month of September. Ms. Fickel reported having recently attending the Auditors' Conference in Columbus. She then verified the budget

Sudoku solution
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worksheet due date as November 28. Ms. Fickel noted dog tags will be on sale December 1, 2016, for the calendar year 2017, with the last date of sale being January 3, 2017. She also reported the Auditor's Office now has debit/credit card payment capabilities (some fees apply). Ms. Fickel said her office will still receive cash, online, and payment through the mail (or in person). Ms. Fickel then reported the Budget Commission met recently and has decided to lower the bond millage for several entities. The Hospital bond will be lowered from .3 to .25; the Antwerp School bond from 2.9 to 2.8; the Paulding School bond from 2.7 to 2.6; and the Emergency Paulding School bond from 2.05 to 2.00; She informed the Commissioners she is waiting for the Board of Election to certify the wind farm spreadsheets denoting revenue generated for the jail bond and jail operating and maintenance levies. She will present them to the Commissioners after certification.

• Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners to discuss his 2017 budget. He then discussed the game plan for re-opening the jail, providing the Commissioners with a preliminary time line. He is excited for the opportunity to open the jail and knows there is a lot of work to be done to reach that goal. The Commissioners offered their support and assistance.



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OAKWOOD STUDENTS BUILD ON EROSION KNOWLEDGE



By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

Fourth grade students at Oakwood Elementary have built upon their knowledge of erosion, weathering, deposition, and pollution via two presentations recently. First, students learned about the changing landscape of the Earth and the forces such as erosion, deposition, and weathering that work together to either construct or transform our environment via the Streamulator presentation. Erosion knowledge was furthered via the "Just Passing Through" program where students learned about runoff, water/wind erosion, as well as pollution and how plants help to lessen the impact felt by these forces.

In the "Streamulator" program, students learned that the surface of the earth is continually being changed via erosion, weathering, deposition in addition to earthquakes and volcanoes. Weathering is breaking down or dissolving rocks and minerals on the earth's surface. Agents of weathering include water, ice, salt, plants, animals, and temperature fluctuations. Students were asked if weathering is constructive or destructive? It is in fact destructive as it is breaking rocks and minerals down. Erosion is another force changing the landscape of the Earth and is the process of carrying away sediment on the Earth's surface via water, wind, glaciers, or gravity.

Water erosion is one of the main forces of erosion at work. It is most destructive during heavy rain events that wash bare soil away to create scenes such as gullies in farm fields. Rivers have a steady flow of water and work to break up particles to carry them downstream or erode the coastline away. Wind erosion happens

when the soil is dry and the ground has no cover which makes it very light and easily carried away by wind. Soil is removed from one area and deposited in another. A big example of wind erosion is the Dust Bowl that swept through in the 1930s.

Erosion can be reduced in many ways. Cover crops can be planted to hold the soil in place from water or wind erosion or mulch can be applied around landscaping to have the same effect. Windbreaks can also be used which is simply a line of trees planted around a field or property to slow down the wind.

One way students visualized the power of erosion was via the Streamulator. Before viewing the Streamulator, students learned some basics about streams. Flowing water carries energy as it moves across the landscape which erodes a channel that creates bends called meanders. As water flows through these bends, some energy is lost. Meanders absorb the force of the stream moving through the landscape. Students learned some stream terms such as run, meander, deposition, riffle, delta, floodplain, and mouth as displayed on Streamulator.

It was up to the students to label the parts of a stream as they learned in the prior presentation. Students observed how a stream cuts its way through the landscape and forms meanders as well as how water will go to the lowest point in a normal flow and in a flooded environment. After seeing how a stream works, students were challenged to build their own stream & community on the Streamulator using the sand, buildings, bridges, and trees available. The goal was to build a community with a stream and see

if their community survived under normal water flow and if a flood came. During the flooding event, students really visualized how powerful water is when it comes to erosion and transformation of the landscape.

In the "Just Passing Through" presentation, student's knowledge of erosion was furthered with an emphasis on controlling erosion as well as water pollution. Topics such as a point and non-point pollution were covered along with cover crops and other ways to control erosion such as grassed waterways or conservation tillage.

Students took part in the "Just Passing Through" activity where they took part in "raindrop tag" and "sediment deposit". As part of the sediment deposit portion, sediment and pollution (poker chips) were spread out on the floor and students were broken up into groups of raindrops and plants. Students first went through a scenario where there were

no plants in the landscape as water moved to the stream. The raindrops picked up the sediment & pollution as they made their way to the stream. Data was recorded on how many chips they picked up.

The activity was repeated with the "plants" spreading themselves out on the stream path. When a raindrop came across a plant, they had to circle the plant five times and drop a piece of sediment/pollution with each turn. Data was recorded once the raindrops reached the end of the stream. Students then compared the amount of sediment/pollution collected under each scenario and were easily able to see the impact that plants have when it comes to reducing erosion and pollution from reaching the waterways.

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Make Money And Save By Giving Items A Second Chance

(NAPSI)—Has holiday spending left you feeling burned out? This holiday season—and any time of year—you can give (and get) a lot of joy for not a lot of money if you consider a few simple, smart tricks.

1. Regifting...with a purpose. You may not like a gift you received, but that doesn't mean somebody else won't love—and make good use of—it. Not only is it better to give than to receive (as the saying goes), it's also wise to regift an unneeded item than to stow it away or toss it out like garbage.

2. Cleanliness is next to godliness. With guests, gifts and plenty of packaging coming into your home at this time of year, now is the perfect time to get stuff you no longer use, or don't want anymore, out of your house. You don't have to wait for spring-cleaning to declutter.

3. One man's trash... While you can save money

by regifting vs. buying something (of quality, to someone who needs it), you can make money just as easily by selling items you want to give away for extra cash you can use to buy what you and those you care about really want.

In our smartphone era, following these steps is easier than ever thanks to local marketplace apps like 5miles. As the name implies, 5miles is made for buying and selling right in your own neighborhood.

With the free app, you can list and shop for everything from secondhand items (including cars) to local services, housing and jobs—basically anything you want to get rid of or buy. What sets apart this easy-to-use marketplace (think Craigslist meets Instagram) are 5miles' safety and security features, including identity verification, user ratings and reviews, and a safe exchange area locator. Simply put, the 5miles app has made it easy for people to buy and sell what they want, when and where they want it—without the risk that you take with other marketplaces, like Craigslist.

As one of the most-downloaded shopping apps on Google Play, 5miles has grown to a community of 10 million users across the U.S. Every month, there are, on average, 1.2 million new listings, 45 million product searches and more than 80,000 items sold on the 5miles marketplace.

- Classified listings can be created on your phone, at your fingertips, simply by snapping a picture and entering a short description.
- 5miles Wallet allows buyers and sellers who prefer not to transact in person, in cash, to use mobile payment and shipping options for more convenient, more secure transactions.

LAST-MINUTE SAVINGS FOR TAX YEAR 2016

(NAPSI)—Attention, last-minute savers: There's still time to reduce your tax burden.

Have you funded a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or SEP this year? The deadline for contributions is April 18, 2017—this year's filing deadline. For self-employed taxpayers, contributions to a SEP may be postponed until October 16, 2017 if you file a tax return extension.

Increasing your 401(k) contribution can lower taxes. If you can't afford the maximum, \$18,000 for 2016, \$24,000 if you're age 50 or over, you should still contribute the full amount that will be matched by employer contributions.

If you're currently enrolled in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, your contribution to a traditional IRA will not be tax deductible but you will be able to take advantage of tax-deferred interest compounding. The cap for contributions to a traditional or Roth IRA in 2016 is \$5,500 for taxpayers under 50 and \$6,500 for those over 50.

If you have reason to believe you'll be in the same or a lower tax bracket next year, it may make sense to defer income by taking capital gains in 2017 instead of in 2016. If you are self-employed or freelancing and can push revenue into a lower earning year, it may be wise to do so. Your fore-

cast for personal income this year vs. next year is an important issue to discuss with your tax professional. Charitable deductions are another great way to lower your taxes before year's end. Just make sure the charity is recognized by the IRS as tax exempt and document and photograph all items donated. "Loss harvesting" is the practice of selling stocks and mutual funds to realize losses that can offset taxable gains, dollar for dollar. This is another good conversation to have with your tax advisor.

Some other things to consider: Job search expenses, moving expenses and college expenses may all be deductible. Medical expenses might be deductible but the bar is high. Bear in mind, IRA contributions—both traditional and Roth—have some tricky limitations (and some workarounds, too). An enrolled agent (EA) can help you navigate.

EAs are tax professionals who have passed a stringent three-part exam on taxation, administered by the IRS, to earn their federally issued credential. They're required to complete annual IRS-approved continuing education to maintain their designation. Enrolled agents are known as "America's tax experts."

Find an enrolled agent nearby at www.EAtax.org.

- Social integration lets users sync up Facebook for verification and log-in purposes, as well as share items they list with their friends and followers on Facebook and Twitter.

From appliances and tools to furniture, clothing and shoes, jewelry and watches, electronics and much, much more, 5miles offers a wide range of product and service categories. With the average American household holding on to 35 unused items worth \$670 (resale value), there's no better time than now, heading into the New Year, to move stuff out of your home and move some extra cash into your wallet.

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