

LAST MINUTE BASKET SENDS RAIDERS HOME



The Raiders get the District Runner-up Trophy. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Wayne Trace Raiders travelled back to Lima Senior High on Saturday, March 11 after defeating the Bluffton boys team previously. This is the time when the games get serious and that's exactly what this game was. Wayne Trace met on the court against the Marion Local Fliers. This is the first meeting between the schools in the history of the programs.

The game started between Marion Local Fliers and The Raiders very hot and heavy for the home team—the Fliers seriously had a height advan-

tage. Picking the tipoff, they scored 3 points right off the bat. They had a player who was good at hitting the 3 point shots. It wasn't long before the score was 8-2 with Ethan Linder getting the first basket. Within minutes there was a significant lead of 18-5 over the Raiders. How could the Raiders let it get this out of hand this quickly? Coach Jim Linder took his first timeout to talk to the team and when the game started back-up again the momentum was shifting. All the players were contributing with Linder hit-

ting numerous 3 point shots. Under the basket we had Jake Kuhn and Josh Kuhn both chipping in when the others could draw the defense out of the key. The second period Wayne Trace performed very well when they had a 10 point gain over the Fliers. Before the half buzzer, the Raiders were in foul trouble having 13 fouls. The half ended very close at 38-44 and Wayne Trace was in the lead.

The Raiders came back from half time and the game was different. There was no more interceptions and the game pace was slowed down. They just seemed exhausted, but fouls kept accumulating for both teams. Marion Local kept the pressure on, and slowly and steadily climbed

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC ANNUAL MEETING

Paulding Putnam Electric's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 18th at Paulding Putnam Electric's Headquarters in Paulding, Ohio located at 401 McDonald Pike. The Annual Meeting is a day of member appreciation and an opportunity to update cooperative members on important cooperative business. Members attending will receive a \$10 bill credit, along with a gift in commemoration of our 80th Annual Meeting. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow immediately after. Members are encouraged to bring their families. For more details, please visit www.PPEC.coop.

FOUNDATION ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Paulding County Area Foundation is now accepting grant applications for the June 2017 grant cycle.

Paulding County non-profit organizations can download the application on line at pauldingcountyarea-foundation.com.

Applications will be received until noon on Friday, March 31st. Grants will be awarded in June.

WLS AYCE FISH FRY

Woodburn Lutheran School, 4502 State Road 101 N, Woodburn, IN will host an All You Can Eat Fish & Chicken Strip Dinner pre-

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SPRING SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IS MARCH 19 - 25 IN OHIO



It was late in the night on February 28th, or, more accurately, the early morning on March 1st, when a tornado warning was issued for parts of northern Allen County, Indiana into northwest Paulding County. National Weather Service doppler radar had indicated a rotating thunderstorm embedded within a squall line that was rapidly moving into northwest Ohio. The environment late that evening into the overnight hours was conducive to tornadic activity in any severe thunderstorm that was well-established, so any signs of rotation could have indicated the presence of a tornado. Fortunately, there were no tornadoes produced by the storm, but the line did lead to scattered reports of wind damage across northeast In-

diana and parts of northwest Ohio.

Back on August 24, 2016, a rare late-summer tornado outbreak impacted northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio. Several supercell thunderstorms brought tornadoes from Kokomo up to Defiance. The strongest tornado of the event was observed over in the Woodburn area, rated as a strong EF-3, while an EF-2 tornado was reported several miles north of Antwerp and yet another one reported near Defiance. These tornadoes were not expected just several hours prior to their development.

Both events were considered unusual and rare for the area. Normally, our peak season for severe weather

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OBITUARIES



GROVER HILL, OHIO
Shirley A. Bidlack, 91, of Grover Hill, OH, passed away at 9:57 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2017 at Vancrest Nursing Home, Van Wert, OH.

She was born July 13, 1925 in Toledo, OH to Dennis and Viola (Roberts) Thrasher. On October 2, 1943 she married R. Paul Bidlack, who survives.

She was a homemaker, a member of Mandale Church of Christ, Mandale, OH, was a graduate of Grover Hill High School and enjoyed sewing, crocheting and singing.

She is survived by her children: Connie (Tom) Baldwin, New Haven, IN; Paulette (Richard) Stemen, Payne, OH; Patricia Bidlack, Grover Hill, OH; Rudy (Ellen) Bidlack, Scott, OH; Daughter-in-law: Cheryl Bidlack, Van Wert, OH; Jenni Bidlack, Grover Hill, OH; Grandchildren: Angie Wyss, Shari Hegerfeld, Christie Wright, Broc Bidlack, Brian Bidlack, Kent Stemen, Cameron Bidlack, Lynn Bidlack, Ryan Bidlack, Dustin Bidlack & Heather Grant; 28 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Guy Mansfield; sisters Orpha Collier, Eva Wilson, Nova Scarbrough and a sister who passed in infancy.

Funeral service was Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Mandale Church of Christ, Mandale, OH, with Rev. Don Rogers officiating. Visitation was from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2017 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, Van Wert, OH and one hour prior to funeral services Saturday at the church.

Burial was in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, OH.

In lieu of flowers, due to

flower allergies, the family asks that memorials be directed to Mandale Church of Christ or Grover Hill EMS.

HICKSVILLE, OHIO
Gladys M. Stultz, 80, died Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Hicksville, OH.

Gladys was born on September 16, 1936 in Paulding County to the late Merton Sr. and Madonna (Franks) Bell.

On April 16, 1953 she was united in marriage to the late Albert Stultz.

Gladys was a homemaker and a member of Lifeline Connect Church, Hicksville. She was also active at the Hicksville Senior Center.

Gladys is survived by four sons; Roland, David of Hicksville, James (Chris) of Kentucky, Tim (Donna) of Missouri, three daughters; Pamela Crawford of Hicksville, OH, Peggy Stultz of Fayette, OH, Sandra Stultz of Paulding, OH, a sister; Clarice Baker of Haviland, OH, a brother; Harold of Antwerp, OH, 29 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren with one on the way, and 7 great great grandchildren with one more on the way.

She is preceded in death by two brothers; Merton Jr. and Richard, three sisters; Helen Hunter, Deloris May, and Donna Campbell.

Funeral services for Gladys will be Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Evers officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smith-brownfuneralhome.com

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 3/15 - 3/21

3/15 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, banana, dinner roll, birthday cake, milk

3/16 - Pork chop, hash-brown bake, beets, mixed fruit, cookie, w.w. bread, milk

3/17 - Salmon patty, scalloped potatoes, candied carrots, pears, w.w. bread, fruit snacks, milk

3/20 - Oven fried chicken, red potatoes, Scandanvian vegetables, grape juice, cookie, biscuit, milk

3/21 - Beef stroganoff, Key West blend vegetables, apple sauce, cole slaw, dinner roll, milk

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/15 - 3/21

3/15 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

3/16 - Blood pressure & toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; Evening meal at 5:00 p.m.

3/17 - St. Patty Day Party; Commodity Distribution at 11:00 a.m.; Bible study at 10:00 a.m.; Crafts store open 11 - 2

3/20 - First Day of Spring! "Shedding pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Steering Committee at 12:00 p.m.

3/21 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.; Fingernails polish and shine at 9:30 a.m.

HICKSVILLE CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/15 - 3/21

3/15 - Aggravation at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.

3/16 - Irish Bingo 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.; Bingo by CHP 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

3/17 - St. Patrick's Day; St. Patrick's Day word search or coloring at 9:30 a.m.; The Electric Balladeer at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.

3/20 - Shop at Meijer's at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.

3/21 - Chair exercises at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.; Computer answers and questions 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 3/15 - 3/21

3/15 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Crafts w/Andrea at 10:00 a.m.; Cornhole at 10:00 a.m.; Shop at Kroger at 12:30 p.m.

3/16 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration; Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Zumba at 10:00 a.m.; Band stretch at 10:00 a.m.; Blood pressures at 10:45 a.m.; Music w/Kim Tracy at 11:30 a.m.; Shop at Meijer 12:30 p.m.; Yoga at 3:30 p.m.

3/17 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Crafts at 10:00 a.m.; Tai Chi at 10:00 a.m.

3/20 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Zumba at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo with Kingsbury Place at 12:30 p.m.; Euchre Tournament at 1:00 p.m.; Yoga at 3:00 p.m.; Alzheimer Support Group at 6:00 p.m.

3/21 - Shop at Aldi's at 9:45 a.m.; Cards at 10:00 a.m.;

Tai Chi at 10:00 a.m.; Bible study at 10:00 a.m.; Yoga at 3:30 p.m.

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/15 - 3/21

3/15 - Grilled chicken breast sandwich with lettuce & tomatoes, pears, tomato soup, orange juice; Salad bar in Cafe

3/16 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration; Corned beef; alt: chicken; baked cabbage; potatoes & carrots, tropical fruit salad, garlic bread, pistachio pudding; ncs=SF pudding

3/17 - Macaroni & cheese, French green beans, peas & onions, apricots, blueberry muffin, sherbet

3/20 - Ham; alt: Hamburger; mashed potatoes, beets, jellied cranberry sauce w/orange slices, whole wheat roll

3/21 - Herbed baked chicken, baked Italian vegetables, scalloped potatoes, bread dressing, mandarin oranges, cookie; ncs=SF cookie

MARCH EVENING MEAL AT DEFIANCE SENIOR CENTER

The Defiance Senior Center will hold a March evening meal at the center on Thursday, March 30th.

The Clear Fork Bluegrass Quartet will at 4:45 p.m. which includes Classic Bluegrass music, traditional country songs and American fiddle tunes.

The meal will be at 5:30 p.m. and consists of: Oven fried chicken, Betty salad, scalloped potatoes and a dinner roll. Dessert will be strawberries over pound cake.

For information and transportation from the Hicksville area contact Linda at 419-542-5004. Defiance area seniors may contact Dawn or Kathy at the Defiance center 419-782-3233.

LAWN CARE FOR YOU, THE HOMEOWNER

Spring is officially here. It's time to start thinking about shaping up the yard, and your lawn is a big part of that. Now is a great time to start preparing your lawn with an early spring fertilizer to attain and maintain that nice green look in your lawn.

Claude, Jim and I will be writing some articles throughout the growing season to help you keep your lawn looking great.

In order to give your lawn an excellent boost this spring, we recommend an early treatment of lawn fertilizer for a strong green up. You may combine this with an annual weed preventative to help keep those unwanted grassy weeds (such as crabgrass) out of your lawn. We also suggest getting a PH test for the soil to determine whether your soil could be too acidic or to alkaline and to correct your PH with soil amending products.

Why fertilize in early spring? Grass and other plants are emerging from the dormant stage. Once the soil temperature reaches 55 degrees, the soil microbes will start to become active and the grass will green up. In order to maintain a lush healthy green lawn, grass needs the proper nutrients in order to grow strong and vibrant. Giving your lawn a high-quality slow release

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.."

Romans 8:28 NIV

fertilizer in early spring will feed your lawn over the next 8 plus weeks, and set up your yard nicely for the rest of the growing season.

Choosing the right fertilizer is important. The lawn lives in the soil surrounded by air, water, living things and humus, the residue of living things. In soil, the fundamental physical, chemical and biological processes necessary for lawn grass growth take place. For a lawn grass plant to be healthy it needs nutrients. These nutrients are divided into two main groups, the non-mineral and the mineral.

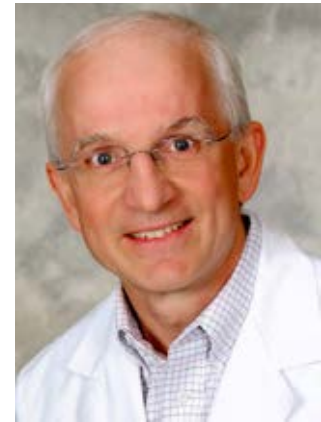
The non-mineral nutrients are hydrogen, oxygen and carbon. These nutrients are found in the air and water that surrounds us. In a process called photosynthesis, green plants use energy from the sun to change carbon dioxide, from the air, and hydrogen from the water, into sugars. These sugars become the means for making the carbohydrates, fats, oils, and proteins that are the building blocks of life. Since green plants get their carbon, hydrogen and oxygen from the air and water, there is little that man can do to control how much of these nutrients a green plant can make or use. We and all of life on earth are living off of the green plant for our food supply.

There are thirteen mineral nutrients, which come from the soil, that are important for lawn grass plant growth. The mineral nutrients are divided into two groups: macronutrients and micronutrients. Macronutrients include nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium and sulfur. Grass plants use these macronutrients for their growth and survival and not all of these nutrients are found in lawn fertilizers. Micronutrients are essential elements for lawn grass plant growth, which are needed in smaller quantities. The micronutrients are boron, copper, iron, chloride, manganese, molybdenum and zinc. Recycling of organic material, such as grass clippings, is an excellent way to provide micronutrients. They are absorbed by lawn grass plants from the soil and water by means of their root hairs. There are not always enough of these minerals present in the soil for a lawn grass plant to produce maximum healthy growth. This is why we fertilize the lawn. We also fertilize to supply nitrogen to stimulate lawn growth; however, this as in the case of mineral nutrients, is done to supply extra nutrients for lawn growth stimulation.

High-quality lawn fertilizers feed evenly throughout an eight-week or longer period of time giving your lawn the right amount of food at the right time. Determining the amount and kind of fertilizer you need for your lawn will greatly depend upon your soil's condition and PH level to provide the nutrients your grass needs.

When purchasing your

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, HICKSVILLE OH, PRESENTS PROGRAM ON COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS



Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) is committed to raising the community's awareness of health issues. March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and this is a great opportunity to share the importance of getting a colonoscopy, a procedure that could save your life. On March 21st, Dr. Jeffrey Justice, General Surgeon at CMH, will present information and answer questions about colonoscopies. Also speaking about his personal experiences with colon cancer is Jerry Vandever, a Fort Wayne man who has vowed to make people aware of the danger and how easy colon cancer is to prevent by getting a relatively simple procedure, a colonoscopy. Jerry lost his wife Linda to colon cancer recently and he is spending his own money to raise awareness, including putting up numerous billboards around the city of Fort Wayne. CMH joins Jerry in his efforts to raise awareness by presenting this free program given in the Community Rooms at CMH on March 21st at noon. The presentation should last no longer than one hour and color healthy food will be served. Please call Lori at 419-542-5560 to RSVP by March 17.

fertilizer, you may want to think about getting fertilizer for other times of the growing season so you'll be able to enjoy your lawn the entire growing season.

Best wishes to you on a great lawn you can enjoy this year.

—Len Schrock,
Jonathan Green Lawn
Care Consultant,
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pared by Dan's Fish Fry, on Friday, March 24, 2017 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. The menu includes "all you can eat" fish and/or chicken strips, in addition two of the following menu items may also be chosen with each meal: coleslaw, green beans, applesauce or au gratin potatoes. Drinks and a variety of desserts are also included. Carry-out dinners are also available. Woodburn Lutheran School is a Christian School providing a Christ-Centered education to the families of East Allen County for the past 60 years. WLS invites all to come and enjoy our annual Fish Fry.

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doesn't begin until April and early May. The first event occurred unusually early in the year due to abnormally warm weather in February and the second event occurred unexpectedly because summer time severe weather events can be unusually difficult to forecast (for more information about the August 24, 2016 outbreak, the Ohio State University Meteorology Club will be hosting a severe weather symposium on March 24, 2017, where the event will be discussed by one of the speakers). Because of the possibility of rare and unusual events, it is extremely important to become well-prepared for quickly changing inclement weather.

One of the most important things to keep in mind when preparing for the possibility of dangerous weather is knowing the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning. The Storm Prediction Center, in conjunction with the National Weather Service (both federal agencies), issues a tornado watch when conditions become favorable for the development of tornadoes across a certain area. When a tornado watch is issued, there is really no need to panic, because a tornado watch does not guarantee that a tornado will hit any given location. It just means that when thunderstorms do form, they have a higher probability of producing a tornado across a certain region. Another type of tornado watch, known as a Particularly Dangerous Situation Tornado Watch, is issued

when the Storm Prediction Center is highly certain that thunderstorms in a given region will produce tornadoes. PDS Tornado Watches are extremely uncommon, and even more so for our area. However, there have been a number of instances in the past 10 years when parts of the area have been under a PDS Tornado Watch.

A tornado warning, however, is issued by a National Weather Service office in a specific region. The National Weather Service office that forecasts for our area is the National Weather Service office in Syracuse/North Webster, Indiana. When a tornado warning is issued, this indicates the probability that a particular thunderstorm will produce a tornado. This means that the thunderstorm has already formed and exhibits characteristic signs of producing a tornado. Most tornado warnings are issued when doppler radar indicates rotation within a thunderstorm. A rotating thunderstorm has a higher probability of producing a tornado closer to the surface. A few tornado warnings, however, are issued when a tornado has actually been spotted on the ground. Either way, it is important to act quickly when a tornado warning is issued, because a tornado can form very quickly in a rotating thunderstorm, even if the tornado has not yet been spotted. With today's technology, it is possible for the National Weather Service to give an advanced warning time of 15 to 20 minutes before a tornado forms or arrives at a specific location. It is important that people find

shelter quickly or move to a safer spot when a tornado warning has been issued.

When preparing for severe weather, it is also important to have an emergency plan in place. Make sure that you have access to appropriate shelter in the case of a tornado, such as a basement, a lower level of the house, or a room closer to the center of the house, such as a bathroom without windows. If you are driving during a severe weather situation, whether it is a dangerous thunderstorm or a tornado, it is never safe to get out of your car. One of the most dangerous things to do is get out of your car and take shelter underneath an overpass. Overpasses do not protect from the dangers of a tornado, as the enclosed space can actually cause an acceleration of the winds in a tornado and possibly fling debris at anyone taking shelter. If you are driving and a tornado has been observed, reported or a tornado warning has been issued, the best plan of action is to continue driving until one can find safe shelter or try to drive at right angles to the storm. The latter option requires knowledge of the movement of the storm and a weather radio to give updates. There are phone apps that you can acquire that can help you with tracking a storm during a severe weather situation.

Tornadoes are not the only types of weather that pose a risk to safety. The biggest threat from thunderstorms is actually the threat of lightning. Lightning is very dangerous and virtually unpredictable. Lightning kills about 49 people every year across the United States. Because of this, it is important to find appropriate shelter when any thunderstorm hits, not just a strong or severe thunderstorm. The most dangerous places to be when a thunderstorm approaches include wide open fields, golf courses, and any place that is higher in elevation (i.e. a mountain, the top of a building, etc.). It is never safe to take shelter under an isolated tree during a thunderstorm. It is also important to stay away from electrical sources inside during a thunderstorm, especially one with a higher frequency of cloud-to-ground lightning.

As mentioned already, it is better to be prepared well before any storms have formed and well before any potential for severe weather is present. In order to stay well-informed, the National Weather Service recommends purchasing an NOAA weather radio, which is available from virtually any superstore chain like Walmart or other tech stores. An NOAA weather radio is a continuous broadcast of NWS forecasts, warnings and alerts across most of the United States. Another way to be prepared for severe weather is to make sure that you have a back-up generator in case of power outages. Finally, make sure you have an updated list of contacts in your phone and that you have an appropriate backup plan in the case of inclement weather.

The Paulding County EMA's office want everyone to be educated during Severe Weather Awareness Week (March 19-25). Many diligent hours are being done with rewriting and revising the mitigation plan for Paulding County in regards to severe

weather. This endeavor will help the county acquire a much needed upgrade to the outdated outdoor warning sirens including expansion to other areas of the county.

For more information about severe weather, the National Weather Service website, www.weather.gov and the Storm Prediction Center's website www.spc.noaa.gov also provide information on severe weather and weather preparedness. Another good resource is www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Evan and Miranda Schlatter welcomed Jayden Henry Schlatter on Friday, March 11, 2017. Jayden weighed 7 lbs .6 oz and was 20.4 inches long.

Siblings are: Olivia, Isabelle and Preston. Grandparents are: Edward & Cheryl Schlatter, Paulding, OH; Robin Dobbelaere, Paulding, OH and Craig & Andrea Dobbelaere, Oakwood, OH. Great-grandparents are: Don & Josephine Wenninger, Paulding, OH; Martha Baughman, Paulding, OH; Dewey Baughman, Paulding, OH and Henry & Sue Dobbelaere, Oakwood, OH.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERAN'S MEET

The REBECCA OTIS Tent #54 Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-65 met on March 4, 2017 at the Dupont Library, Ft. Wayne, Ind. The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Layman. Standard meeting procedures included Patriotic exercises (the Pledge to the Flag of the USA and the American's Creed) and repeating the objects of the DUV.

Under order of old business: The Woodburn Lutheran School said that they did not need a 3 x 5 American flag at their school. Discussion was held on the difficulty we are having giving American Flags away at this time. Even schools are rejecting them. There were no bills. There was a thank you letter from "Shepard's House". No other unfinished business.

Under new business: Vickie Day, Past President went over the appropriation of funds. She mentioned making Easter baskets for the Shepard's House and buying candy. She made the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was held on future meetings and the possibility of doing decorations of member's Veteran's graves closer to Memorial Day. Also, a member asked about research help possibilities and the resources available. This member's name was forwarded to another party for help.

Member, Loretta McCann, is having surgery on March 14.

Discussion was held on possible future meeting programs. Members were asked to bring a list of possible programs. The President "gave the good of the order". The next meeting is May 6, 2017 at Georgetown Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The meeting program will be given by member, Caroline Zimmerman, on JOHNSON'S ISLAND PRISON CAMP. This was a Union prison camp on an island in Lake Erie.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attending was Paulding Co. Ohio was Rebecca Carr; Caroline Zimmerman. Loretta McCann attended from Woodburn, Ind.; Vickie Day, Avilla, Ind.; and Vickie Layman, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; and Nina Stirlen, Garrett, Ind.

For more information, please call Caroline Zimmerman at 419-258-2222.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT PROBATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES ITS YEAR-END REPORT ON THE COURT'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Community Service is ordered by Judge Suzanne Shuman Rister and administered and supervised by the Paulding County Court Probation Department.

In 2016, community service workers logged 1,869 hours. Figured at the Ohio 2016 minimum wage of \$8.10, this equals \$15,138.90 worth of work performed for the benefit of the community.

Any non-profit or governmental agency who wishes to receive further information on the community service program can contact the Paulding County Court Probation Department at 419-399-3016.

Agencies that benefited from the program in 2016 include:

Anna United Methodist; Payne Village; Antwerp United Methodist; PATH Center; Bryan Fire Department; Paulding County Court; Caring & Sharing Food Pantry; Pldg Cty Common Pleas Ct; Center for Courageous Kids; Paulding County Dog Shelter; Christ United Methodist; Paulding Co. Senior Center; Continental Missionary; Paulding Eagles; Defiance Humane Society; Payne Fall Festival; Divine Mercy; Salvation Army; Freedom Church; Scott Village; Grover Hill Food Pantry; St Mary's Soup Kitchen; Grover Hill Village; St. Paul's Food Pantry; House of Love Ministries; T.G.I.F.; Lily Creek Farms; Toledo Youth Basketball; Melrose Food Pantry; Village of Antwerp; Our Daily Bread; Wayne Trace Wrestling; Y.M.C.A.

USDA SEEKS PROJECT PROPOSALS TO PROTECT AND RESTORE CRITICAL WETLANDS

Acting Deputy Agriculture Secretary Michael Young today announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing up to

\$15 million in technical and financial assistance to help eligible conservation partners voluntarily protect, restore and enhance critical wetlands on agricultural lands. Restored wetlands improve water quality downstream and improve wildlife habitat, while also providing flood prevention and recreational benefits to communities.

Funding will be provided through the Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP), part of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) a Farm Bill conservation program. The partnership is administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the leading federal agency for wetland conservation on private lands. Through WREP, states, local units of governments, non-governmental organizations and American Indian tribes collaborate with NRCS through cooperative and partnership agreements. These partners work with tribal and private landowners who voluntarily enroll eligible land into easements to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on their properties.

"These strong, locally led partnerships help improve water quality, prevent flooding, enhance wildlife habitat and provide landowners the financial resources needed to voluntarily conserve our lands," Young said.

Easements enable landowners to adopt a variety of conservation practices that improve the function and condition of wetlands. The voluntary nature of NRCS' easement programs enables effective integration of wetland restoration on working landscapes, providing benefits to farmers and ranchers who enroll in the program, as well as benefits to the local and rural communities where the wetlands exist.

This year, NRCS is encouraging partners to propose projects that focus on improving water quality as well as habitat on working landscapes in high-priority areas, ranging from the sagebrush of the West to the Chesapeake Bay. A number of at-risk species rely on wetlands, including the American black duck, bog turtle, wood turtle, spotted turtle, Blandings turtle and greater sage-grouse as well as a variety of mussel and fish species.

Proposals must be submitted to NRCS state offices by April 24, 2017. More information is available on the ACEP webpage.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

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PACK AWAY HUNGER



On Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1, once again, the cafeteria at Wynneken Memorial Lutheran School, 11565 N US Highway 27, Decatur, Indiana, will be full of activity: as we plan to pack 60,000 meals, at our annual event, to benefit the Pack Away Hunger campaign.

Pack Away Hunger is a nonprofit organization offering a meal with superior nutrition. The Nutri-Plenty™ meal contains Mathile M+ Micronutrients™, a scientifically-proven blend of 21 vitamins and minerals shown to help alleviate and also reverse the effects of micronutrient malnutrition in young children. The Nutri-Plenty™ meal also contains a healthy mixture of rice, soy, vegetables and flavorings, which is easy to prepare, requiring only a pot, boiling water and a spoon. This meal remains easy and safe to transport, and culturally acceptable worldwide. If you would like to know more about this nonprofit organization, you can go to their website, www.packawayhunger.org.

Seventy-five percent (75%) of the meals packed will remain in Adams, Wells, and Allen Counties. We have several food pantries in the community that have expressed interest in receiving the meals, as well as, after school back pack programs. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) will be distributed internationally to the country of Haiti through an international partner network. The need for these meals is just as great now as it has been in past years. If you are interested in donating funds to help offset the \$16,200 needed to make our goal, please make your check payable to Pack Away Hunger and mail it to: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Friedheim, Attn: Pack Away Hunger, 10653 North 550 West, Decatur,

IN 46733. Checks should be mailed no later than Friday, March 10th.

On Friday, March 31st, we will have student volunteers, from several local elementary schools, working in fellowship together during the day to pack meals to benefit others in their communities; students participating in this volunteer effort are from St. John-Emmanuel Lutheran School, Monroeville, Central Lutheran School, New Haven, Emmaus Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, and Wynneken Lutheran School, Decatur.

On Saturday, April 1st, we will need 230 volunteers for our packing that day. The morning shift will be from 9:00-11:30am and the afternoon shift will be from 1:00-3:30pm. If you belong to an organization or club, (such as National Honor Society or 4-H), that encourages community service hours, this event is the place for you! We will be providing forms to record your volunteer hours for those who need them. This event is also a wonderful opportunity for parents, (and grandparents), to volunteer with their children and to work on a project together. Once again, we will be visited by some special guests, during the afternoon shift (1:00-3:30pm). In the past two years, the we had special guest "princesses" visiting during the afternoon shift of our packing event to meet with our young volunteers and for picture opportunities. Whether you are 8 or 80 or somewhere in between, there is a job for you! If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact Dawn Buuck by email at zionfrdhn.pahunger@gmail.com or by telephone at 260-724-7952, by Saturday, March 24th. For updates and additional information, please check out our Decatur Pack Away Hunger Facebook Page.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM DISCUSSED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Practical strategies for overcoming debt and achieving financial independence will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Thursday, March 16th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Financial Freedom: Practical Advice From a Man Who Had It All—and Lost It," features a filmed interview with Matt Bell, a financial advisor who learned money management partially due to a personal financial fiasco.

"I was blind to what was happening to the money I had, and I was acclimated to the lifestyle I was leading," says Bell. "I literally woke up one day and I realized I was in trouble."

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

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

"ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME" PRESENTED AT PATHWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Can you imagine what it must have been like for those 12 disciples? You had traveled and shared your entire life with this man for three years. In your heart you believed that He was the Messiah from the sacred writings. You believed that He could do anything He wanted to do. He could heal the sick, give sight to the blind, even help bring people back from the dead.

And, now, when your group is celebrating one of the highest religious feast of the year, He says, "One of you will betray me" What a shocking revelation that must have been. How could one of this most intimate, inner circle do such a thing?

Pathway Christian Church will present "One Of You Will Betray Me" on Sunday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Pathway Christian Church, 12732 Spencerville Road, Harlan, IN. For more information call 260-402-6225.

THE DEVIL TEMPTS ME TO DO IT!

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him... Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.' Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.'" Matthew 4:1-3a, 8-11 (NIV).

In this scripture temptation isn't everywhere it hap-

pens in a special place called "the wilderness," the place where God is not, and it is the property of the "devil": the one who has set himself utterly against God and God's will. In Matthew's treatment of this "Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness," Jesus is led by the Spirit into the place where God is not, to be tempted by the one who has set himself utterly against God and God's will.

Jesus represents us, or what we would be, were we perfectly at one with God. This story is ultimately about us. This story tells us what temptation is, and who we are in relation to it, how it comes to us, and where, and why. This story tells us first and foremost that to live fully in and with and of God, to be carried utterly by God's will as Jesus was, does not amount to being completely free of temptation.

If you feel that you've been led to temptation it isn't the devil trying to make you do something. It is the Spirit that has permitted you to be there. God is not tempting you. Jesus is not tempting you. Jesus is with you, right by your side, when you are struggling against temptation; Jesus has shown us how to fight it. The Spirit is not tempting you; what the Spirit is doing is grabbing hold of a lapel or an earlobe or whatever else might be handy and saying, Look! Here is something you need to confront! Here is something that's competing in your heart with the sovereignty of God!

Have you been tempted? Actually, who among us has not been? Have we succumbed to temptation? Who among us can say, "I have not!"? Can we truthfully say, "The devil made me do it?"

If we are truly serious about offering Jesus to the world, we, all of us, must do this: Turn! Repent! Return! Return, to the true religion, the religion of Christ, the religion of unconditional love, the religion of grace and mercy.

Let us return to offering the peace of Christ, which is the offering of God's love and salvation to all, far and near, inside and outside of the church.

WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The legend of the brass cannon found in the Maumee River will be the March program for the Woodburn Community Historical Society. The meeting will be held at the Woodburn Public Library, 101 east side of Woodburn on Thursday, March 23, at 7:00. The speaker will be guest, DICK LONEY, from Ft. Wayne telling us about a cannon buried in the Maumee River, north side of 24, who has consented to give this program. He was in the U. S. Army Special Forces Assn. And the Green Berets.

This Historical Society met February 23 for their regular meeting. President Gloria Gerig opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests. The Pledge to the Flag of the USA was said and the minutes of the Sept. 2016 meeting were read and approved as read. (The October - December meetings had been canceled for various reasons).

Pres. Gerig told of a dona-

tion of \$150 that the Society gave (by approval of members by phone) for the "Van Fund Mission". The 2017 Summer Fest of June 23-24 was discussed. The goal of the Woodburn Community Assn. is \$75,000. This will cover various community projects. Our Society will make plans at a future meeting for this event.

Members and guests were shown boxes of copies of "Woodburn Boosters" from early years (circa 1960). The material was partially reviewed and this project will be continued at future meetings. Our main objective is to retain and share the history of Woodburn with everyone who is interested in it.

The Society is hopeful that an updated historical family atlas can be put together in the future. Free forms have been made available for family information. This is a big joint community effort that will take a lot of time (have you provided any information for this on your family?). Thank you in advance.

As there was no further business, meeting was adjourned. It was hoped that this interesting program of March will be attended by members, guests, and prospective members. For more information — call Pres. Gerig at 260-632-5268 or Caroline Zimmerman at 419-258-2222.

—Submitted by:
Caroline Zimmerman,
Rec. Sec.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
I have done some really bad things in my past. I have asked God for forgiveness many times, but I carry heavy, debilitating guilt. What can I do?

Satan loves to drown Christians with false guilt. It is false because when we ask for forgiveness, God gives it. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). When God cleanses you, you are squeaky clean. Satan will keep whispering, and sometimes yelling, "Dirty, dirty, dirty." Believe God and RECEIVE the forgiveness He has given. Then tell Satan you are undeservingly clean and if he has a problem with that he should go to God, Who says it is so.

Suppose I was accused of robbing a bank, admitted it in court, and the judge, for whatever reason, pardoned me. Suppose also that

I was able to push him off the bench, take his place and point down to myself as if I were still in the chair of the accused and shout, "Guilty! Guilty! Guilty!" That is what you are doing. I might hear the judge say, "Excuse me, but who made you the judge in this courtroom?"

Proper response to the judge, and God, for pardon should be "Thank you, Your Honor. I don't deserve this, but I intend to go and live in such a way that you will never regret what you have done."

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

- 1st John 4:9; What was manifested toward us?
- 1st John 4:9; Who did God send into the world?
- 1st John 4:9; Thought question: how might we live through Him (Jesus)?
- 1st John 4:10; In this is love, what does this mean?
- 1st John 4:10; Thought question: how did we learn to love God and others?
- 1st John 4:10; God sent Jesus to be our _____?
- 1st John 4:10; What does the word propitiation mean? Study Romans chapter 3; especially 3:21-31.
- 1st John 4:11; If God so loved us and He does, how should we be?
- 1st John 4:12; How many people have seen God?
- 1st John 4:12; As Christians when we love one another where does God abide?

Comments, questions, need some assistance in your studies? Let Lonnie and I know. James Potter's number is 419-393-4775 or he can be reached by e-mail at jsp1941@yahoo.com or Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the churches of Christ: (Romans 16:16).

Answers to today's Bible questions:

- God's love; 2. His only begotten son; 3. By being obedient to what Jesus says;
- God allowing his son to come to earth to help us;
- By being taught about Jesus;
- Propitiation; 7. Through Christ, God has shown his great love by allowing Christ to take our sins upon Himself at the cross. Christ is our atonement; 8. We should love one another; 9. None; nobody; 10. In us, the Holy Spirit.

Loved ones please read and study the New Testament for in the Book of Acts it tells us how to have salvation the way God and Jesus tells us. "Luv ya!"

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MATH FACTS BLITZ



Mrs. Lisa Laukhuf has initiated a Math Facts Blitz at Payne Elementary. Students in grades 3-6 are assigned a "Math Fact of the Day" that is attached to their locker. Staff randomly ask students to repeat their math fact throughout the day.

TEACHERS INVITED TO ATTEND BASIC ARCHERY INSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

Classroom teachers and other members of school communities who are interested in becoming certified National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) instructors are invited to attend a free training workshop Saturday, March 25, in Hancock County according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The Basic Archery Instructor Training will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the ODNR Division of Wildlife District Two office located at 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay, 45840. Preregistration is required by March 24 and those interested should visit naspbai.org to sign up for the course. Participants are encouraged to bring a packed lunch.

NASP instructors teach target archery to elementary, middle and high school students, within the school gym. The curriculum covers archery, safety, equipment, technique, concentration skills and self-improvement. When students are introduced to the sport of archery, the in-school educational component is only the beginning. Many NASP-participating schools then start after-school programs and archery teams.

The NASP program is rapidly growing and popular among both students and educators. It was introduced into 12 Ohio schools in 2004. More than 900 Ohio schools now have teachers certified to instruct target archery. Over 30,000 Ohio students participated in NASP as part of

their physical education curriculum during the 2015-2016 school year.

The first NASP program was launched in Kentucky in 2002. Since that date, 47 U.S. states and 11 foreign countries have adopted it. For additional details regarding NASP in northwest Ohio, visit wildohio.gov or contact the Wildlife District Two Office at 419-424-5000 for more information.

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

COMPOSTING WORKS IN ANY SEASON

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

No matter what time of the year or season it may be, composting is always a great thing to do! In the cold of winter or the heat of summer, composting works all year long. Before I get too far, some might be curious what composting is and how exactly it works. Simply put, compost is a soil high in nutrients that is made up of decomposing organic matter that includes a wide variety of materials such as vegetables, yard clippings, leaves etc. Decomposers such as worms do the work of breaking this material down into a fine and nutritious soil that is an excellent natural fertilizer for plants.

Composting is a practice that is very easy to get started and to maintain. What do you need? Most folks will build a bin to keep their compost pile in that they can scoop out as needed while others will make a pile and

keep it covered. It all depends on how much space that you have available to dedicate to your compost pile.

Now that you know what to use for composting, how do you set everything up? Three basic ingredients make up composting which include browns, greens, and water. Browns include dead leaves, branches, and twigs. The greens include just about everything green such as grass clippings, vegetable waste, fruit scraps, and coffee grounds. Per the US EPA, water is an important ingredient in composting as having the right amount of water, greens, and browns proves crucial to development of compost material. It is important to have an equal amount of browns and greens in your compost pile. Organic materials of different sizes should be alternated in layers in your pile. Per the US EPA, the brown materials provide the carbon for the compost, green materials provide nitrogen, and water provides the moisture needed to help break down the organic material.

What are some things that can be composted? Vegetable and fruit scraps are excellent composting material and they can be fresh, cooked, or canned. Coffee grounds, tea bags, garden wastes, and fresh grass clippings provide additional compost material. These green items are rich in nitrogen. Brown material, rich in carbon, such as dry leaves, straw, sawdust, untreated wood chips, dried grass clippings, and even shredded paper napkins can be composted! The main thing to keep in mind with composting is that larger materials and woody materials are going to take more time to compost, so patience is required.

There are some creatures in nature which help us produce compost. One of the more popular ones to use are redworms. This form of composting is known as vermicomposting. Worms will eat a variety of different things such as non-citrus fruits, vegetables, and eggshells to name a few. Once worms digest their food, they must get rid of their waste and release castings or their poop which is the compost that is received from the worms. It is very high in nutrients and very beneficial for gardens and plants.

Contrary to what most might think, composting takes place all year long, just a little bit slower in the winter. Michigan State Extension says that you should compost pile with fires as compost piles will traditionally steam as heat is part of the process of breaking organic material down. You may see that your compost pile will be visible in the wintertime as snow quickly melts off the pile. If you place straw or leaves over the compost pile in the wintertime, the core of the pile will stay warmer longer.

So why should you compost? Per the US EPA, food scraps and yard wastes currently make up 20-30% of everything we throw away that could be composted instead. Even though we may think these items are invaluable to us, that could not be further from the truth. That material still has value and can help us to have the nutrients readily available we need to help grow the plants that will

feed our growing population. The EPA further notes that composting encourages the production of beneficial bacterial and fungi that help break down organic matter to create humus, which is a very nutrient rich material great for plants. Most importantly, we are saving landfill space and reducing our carbon footprint!

The Paulding SWCD office is happy to answer any questions you may have to get your compost pile started!

PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHER ASSOCIATION TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will award scholarships again this spring to Paulding County high school seniors who plan to enter the field of education. Students wishing to apply for a scholarship should contact their guidance counselor.

FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. COMPLETES THE ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL BANCSHARES, INC. AND THE COMMERCIAL SAVINGS BANK

First Defiance Financial Corp. ("First Defiance") (NASDAQ: FDEF) today announced that it has completed the acquisition of Commercial Bancshares, Inc. ("Commercial") (OTC-QX: CMOH) and merger of The Commercial Savings Bank, the wholly owned subsidiary of Commercial, into First Defiance's wholly owned bank subsidiary, First Federal Bank of the Midwest.

Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, shareholders of Commercial had the option to receive \$51.00 per share in cash or 1.1808 shares of First Defiance, or a combination of both, for each share of Commercial's common stock, subject to allocation provisions to assure that in the aggregate, Commercial shareholders received total consideration of 80% stock and 20% cash. Based on the February 24, 2017 closing price of \$49.61 per share of First Defiance, the transaction had an implied value of approximately \$70.3 million.

As previously announced, First Federal Bank will continue to operate the seven, former full-service Commercial Savings Bank branches in Hancock, Wyandot and Marion counties in Ohio, bringing the number of First Federal Bank branches to 43. "This merger provides an extension of our growing market area into central Ohio and supports our overall strategic plan," stated Donald P. Hileman, President and Chief Executive Officer of First Defiance. "We are excited to introduce our 'Better Together' philosophy to Commercial's communities and customers and offer expanded products, especially digital services, to make banking easier," Hileman said.

All seven offices re-opened Monday, February 27 as First Federal Bank branches after full system conversions that took place during the weekend. Sarah Johnson is manager of the Upper Sandusky and

4-H LEADERS OF TOMORROW



By: Bethany Klopfenstein, communications officer

The Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H club got together on February 16 at the Youth Leadership Building for their regular monthly meeting.

They started the evening out with a game of upset the fruit basket provided by recreation Officer Riley Stoller.

As the meeting started, role call was answered by 30 members and 3 Cloverbuds. 10 guests and advisers were also present.

Health and safety officer, Crystal Klopfenstein, gave a few reasons why to wash your hands and everyone got some hand sanitizer.

Committee chairman, Adrienne Rosswurm, handed out fundraiser forms and established a T-shirt committee.

The club voted to approve the club constitution and they were also reminded by their advisor to keep working on project books!

The evening ended with refreshments! The next meeting is Thursday, March 30, 2017 6 PM at the youth leadership building. This will be Demonstration night.

The Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H club met at Canlan Ice Arena in Fort Wayne on February 25 for a fun activity of ice skating.

Harpster branches; Trisha DeAmicis is overseeing the Carey branch; Steve Hensel is the manager of the Marion locations and Beth Waddell is manager of the Findlay Tiffin Avenue and Arlington branches. The bank managers and customer service representatives will be assisted in the short-term by transition teams from other First Federal Bank branches. The Worthington loan production office was consolidated into the First Federal Bank branch located at 4501 Cemetery Road, Hilliard, Ohio.

At December 31, 2016, Commercial Savings Bank had approximately \$355.7 million in total assets, \$297.5 million in total loans and \$314.1 million in total deposits.

First Defiance Financial Corp. was advised by the investment banking firm of Raymond James & Associates, Inc., and the law firm

of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. Commercial Bancshares, Inc. was advised by the investment banking firm of Keefe, Bruyette and Woods, a Stifel company, and the law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP.

About First Defiance Financial Corp.

First Defiance Financial Corp., headquartered in Defiance, Ohio, is the holding company for First Federal Bank of the Midwest and First Insurance Group. First Federal Bank operates 43 full-service branches and numerous ATM locations in northwest and central Ohio, southeast Michigan and northeast Indiana. First Insurance Group is a full-service insurance agency with six offices throughout northwest Ohio. For more information, visit the company's website at www.fdef.com.

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BALD EAGLE NESTING SEASON IN OHIO

By: Stan Jordan

On Tuesday night, February 28th, this whole area had rain and a violent wind storm, some folks said a little hail also.

On Wednesday morning I went down to the Maumee River to check on the eagles' nest and it looked like it was alright.

That nest was blown away back in November after having been there for over eleven years. So those two adult eagles rebuilt the nest in order to be finished by mating time and I think they did get the job done!

My co-worker, Crystal, got me a print out from the Ohio Natural Resources and they say that here in Ohio, egg incubation typically starts in February and it lasts about 35 days. Then after they hatch it takes 2 1/2 to 3 months before the eaglet ventures forth and learns to fly.

The DNR says that here in Ohio in 1979 there were four breeding pairs of eagles, in 2012 there was 194 pairs and they successfully produced 294 eaglets.

I was talking with Brad Feasby and he was telling me that he saw a Snowy Owl the other day. Now Brad lives about 2 miles, as the crow flies, south of town and I have gotten reports of other folks seeing a Snowy Owl out in that area.

I am about sure that that owl has a nest in that area, but I think Snowy Owls build their nest on the ground and it would be hard to find.

Thanks for all your help!
See ya!

THE MAUMEE RIVER AND YOU

By: Stan Jordan

While sitting here at my desk in March 2017, my mind and body is down by the park, in the river and the date is around the summer of 1934 or so.

Like every other summer day, we three boys have a can full of worms or night crawlers and we are fishing for carp, bullheads, catfish, red horse or anything that will bite. We keep all we catch.

We knew the water well, all the way from the riffles and the east curve to Knights Deep Hole. We knew where you could wade or have a dandy sandbar and swimming hole, but past the over head wires was a no no.

Those wires was the electricity from the end of Wilcox Street, across the river to the Snook Farm. The water gets a little deeper on past the wires and we were to stay east of them.

In the summer, the water all the way from the end of Wilcox St. straight to the big east bend of the Maumee is plenty safe for wading or whatever, but across the river on the north side, down by the big east bend is very deep and dangerous.

Back in the 1860 to 1880 the Antwerp Furnace was just up over the hill across US 24 and the railroad and they dug limestone out of the river and made lime for the smelting of ore. My dad always warned us of that quarry.

In my time, there was a lot of boys who enjoyed the Maumee River and I hope that a lot of all ages will come and use the recreation facilities, as I certainly have a lot of fond memories.

See ya!

THE OLDER BUSINESSES OF ANTWERP

By: Stan Jordan

I am going to write a column about some of the older businesses in Antwerp of what I remember and can find out.

The oldest is the funeral

parlor, then the elevator, then the bank, then the Oasis and the Marathon station and drive thru.

Schilb & Son Funeral and Undertaking was established in 1857 by the first Andrew Schilb. After he passed away, his wife went to an embalming school and became the first licensed lady embalmer in the United States. Later the business was taken over by the second Andrew Schilb until 1924. He was the father of the four Schilb boys that we all knew: Budd, Bob, Tom and Andy.

The first Andrew was a cabinet maker by trade down about where the Keystone building is. The whole block burned down in 1888 and I think that is when Schilb built the first building where the Dooley Funeral Home stands now. They were in business 84 years when Mr. Ehrhart wrote his book back in 1941.

Tom was the undertaker here for many years. They also sold furniture and later t.v.'s. After Tom retired Walter took over the business for a few years.

Walter wanted to teach school, so he sold the business to William Pauly. Shawn Dooley came to Antwerp in 1993 and bought the funeral home from Mr. Pauly.

Mr. Dooley has been here for 24 years but he has been very busy. He has remodeled the home a number of times. He has bought the lots on the sides of him and made a bigger parking area, plus new facilities inside. It is a very modern funeral home.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 24: THE COMMUNITY BUILDING

By: Stan Jordan

The Lt. and the soldiers and natives all started on the new community building. There was about two Sgts. helping at the site and another one in charge down by the river where they were getting the logs. They leveled up and buried the logs. They were about half way in the trench for accuracy and to help keep the cold wind out.

Well, this went on as there was plenty of help to lift the logs into place. The Indians were glad to help, because the community building was useful in lots of ways.

The leaders agreed that all would work until about 4:00 p.m. and then there would be a big supper for all the workers. The Mess Sgt. and the native ladies talked about the meal and when to serve it.

The Mess Sgt. would make two large pots of vegetable soup—one with deer meat and a little bear, and the other with buffalo.

The natives would have corn in a couple of fashions. They would also bring flat bread, corn bread, corn dodgers, cookies and honey.

Nearly all have bowls & spoons now. There were two lines at the check out area and a lot of logs to sit on. They had a couple of fires and some of the army's lanterns.

The Mess Sgt. did it again. He's the big hero—he had brought some #10 cans of vanilla pudding. Each person got a ladle full in his bowl. The natives had never tasted anything that sweet and good. There was a lot of talk and gabbering and nodding their heads. The Mess Sgt. and his

cooking is making the natives like the white man's ways in the eating department. General Kearney would be glad to see the smiles on the natives faces.

Everyone sat around with their blankets and talked and watched the flames in the fire and slowly drifted off to the wikipup and the soldiers to their tents and wagons.

Well, the soldiers finished the community building and the natives went through and approved it and were very proud and appreciative of it.

They wanted to have a big party and dedicate it as being finished. But the Lt. said, "It's nearly the first of December and I have three days of traveling to get back to the fort."

He explained all of this to Soaring Eagle, their chief, and to Rapid River the shaman of the Calamus Tribe.

Lt. Morgan said we will leave very early and will not stop for a lunch and we will trail until we get back to the Broken Bow agency.

When we reached the agency it was dark and quite late. The boys took care of all the animals first, then the wagons. The Mess Sgt. and Callie had soup, hot biscuits and deer meat. It was late when the soldiers when to bed. They were very tired, but in good spirits.

The camp was a little late getting started back to the fort today. Lt. Morgan said, "We will go south and cross the Loup River, and follow it till dark. Then we will get into fort a little after dark."

All the wagons went, all the soldiers, and even Rooster on his riding horse. The Lt. wanted to move along because, as he said, this nice fall weather isn't going to last forever.

I sent along a good complete report of what we did those few weeks, and the impression we had made on the Calamus River Tribe. I also attached a note about how good the soldier boys and the good hard working days they had. There was not a single bit of unrest or discontent. When we left that tribe's area a lot of them could talk a little English and could make their wishes known.

It was a hard job, well done and I told them so. Well, it is just Callie and me here and it is sure quiet and a little lonesome.

More next week.

See ya!

MVNU STUDENTS HONORED WITH NRB MEDIA PRODUCTION AWARDS

Four Mount Vernon Nazarene University students were recently honored by the intercollegiate branch of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) for placing in the organization's 2017 student production contests. The awards were handed out February 28, 2017, at the NRB's annual convention in Orlando, Fla.

Aubrey Bailey, a senior journalism and media production major from Wooster, Ohio, received three awards in the production contest. She placed first in the Audio Imaging/Branding category for her WNZR 30th-anniversary piece called "He Is My Strong Tower," and second in the Audio PSA/Commercial category for her piece on WNZR's "Take Dad to Dinner" Father's Day promotion. Bailey also received the 2017

Audio Award of Excellence for receiving the highest overall score from the judges on the "Strong Tower" production.

Emily Porter, a senior journalism and media production major from Ashland, Ky., received two awards. She placed third in the Audio PSA/Commercial category for her 30-second piece promoting online broadcasts of MVNU Chapel services. She also teamed with fellow senior Jenna Potts for second place in the Video Multi-camera Production category for their work on MVNU volleyball broadcasts. Potts is a double major in journalism and media production and public relations from Springfield, Ohio.

Jessica Wells, senior journalism and media production major from Columbus, Ohio, finished third in the Video Multi-camera Production category for her work on MVNU men's basketball broadcasts.

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

While at the convention, Bailey and Eddie Dilts, sophomore journalism and media production major from Gahanna, competed in the 24-hour digital audio challenge against six other teams across the country. All teams had 24 hours to produce a 2-3 minute audio drama production.

Six other MVNU students also attended the conference. Faculty attending included Joe Rinehart, assistant professor of communication and Director of Broadcasting, who serves on the iNRB standing committee, and Marcy Rinehart, WNZR Station Manager and adjunct professor.

"NRB is a rewarding experience for both students and faculty," said Joe Rinehart. "It is the largest gathering of faith-based media producers in the world, so it gives our students valuable networking and learning opportunities. In addition,

the work they do is judged by communication professionals across the country. Faculty members advise the student challenge teams and all of us attend sessions and workshops that provide both professional and spiritual development."

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

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 28 states and 17 countries/U.S. territories.

MAPLE SYRUP BRUNCH AT 4-H CAMP PALMER

The public is invited Sunday, March 19 between 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to 4-H Camp Palmer to learn about Maple Syrup making, ride on wagon rides horse drawn, and eat in our dining hall a brunch with real maple syrup (as long as our supply lasts) for the pancakes. You would also get to see a sneak peak of 4-H Camp Palmer's facilities and main camp.

At 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. you can view a Maple Syrup history lesson in the Sauder Recreation Hall. You can see maple trees that have been taped and see ongoing Maple Syrup making in the main camp. Some maple syrup products will be available for purchase.

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

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Eli Sinn shoots, makes the basket and is fouled on the shot for the extra basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

(Continued from Page 1) back up the point ladder with 3 point baskets by Nathan Bruns, Tyler Prenger and Matt Rethman.

The game came down to the last minute. Ethan Linder was fouled and sent to the line, but only took 1 free-throw. Next, to try and gain the possession back, Brady Stabler was fouled and sent to the line, but with being tired and both sides screaming, he wasn't able to hit either one. The difference was now two—Raiders still in the lead and 15 seconds left on the clock. Marion flies down to their side, passes the ball and distracts Wayne Trace and the 3 point basket it sent up by Nathan Bruns. The ball flies through the net and the home team is now up by one. The Raiders call timeout with 1.8 seconds on the clock. It just wasn't enough time. The ball

is passed into Ethan but it was a long shot from the far side of the court and it missed. Marion Local took the win by a one point victory at 66-65 sending them to the Regional Semi-Finals.

Score by the Quarter:
Marion Local - 23 15 13 15 = 66
Wayne Trace - 19 25 11 10 = 65

Scorers of the Game:
Marion Local - Nathan Bruns 19; Matt Kahlig 6; Tyler Prenger 15; Tyler Mescher 15; Matt Rethman 9.

Wayne Trace - Brady Stabler 7; Eli Sinn 9; Josh Kuhn 4; Ethan Linder 33; Josiah Linder 3; Jake Kuhn 9

Wayne Trace finished their season with a 22-3 record. Congratulations to this team and having such a great season!

More pictures at westbendnews.net

TEENS INVITED TO ATTEND OHIO FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP

Students who are interested in learning more about the outdoors in a hands-on environment while spending a week outside are invited to attend the Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp. The camp will be held June 11-16, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The camp is open to all students who have completed the eighth grade through high school seniors graduating the year of camp, which is held at FFA Camp Muskingum on beautiful Leesville Lake in Carroll County.

"This program is ideal for teens who love the outdoors and want to engage in hands-on learning," said Robert Boyles, Ohio's state forester. "The Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp is a great opportunity to begin educating the next generation of caretakers of Ohio's valuable natural resources."

Programs at this year's weeklong resident camp include tree identification, ecology, forest industries, wildlife management, forest management, wildlife law enforcement, wildlife identification and watershed health. New this year will be the opportunity for the students to ob-

serve and learn from a recent timber harvest at the camp.

The camp is sponsored by the Ohio Forestry Association Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote the wise management of Ohio's forests and natural resources. The camp is supported by the ODNR divisions of Wildlife and Forestry, Ohio State University Extension and the county Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).

Campers spend the week making new friends, participating in fun camp activities and learning about the environment around them. Camp culminates with a comprehensive exam, including a tree identification section. The highest scoring students compete for college scholarships to Hocking College, The Ohio State University and Ohio University.

Sponsorships are available to assist interested students who need help covering the fee. Sponsorships are offered through local SWCD offices, sportsmen's clubs, forestry groups and many private forestry-sector businesses. Students must register by Friday, June 9, to participate, and registration is now open.

For more information and to register for the Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp, contact the Ohio Forestry Association at 888-38-TREES, or visit the

OFA website at ohioforest.org.

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

MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 2/28/17

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamell, as well as Councilmen Watts, Voirol, Gerig, Renner, and Martin were in attendance.

The mayor began the meeting with introductions of the council and then started into a discussion regarding the potential upcoming changes to the city's sewer system in the near future. After explaining the reason for the need of the discussion for tonight, Jeremy from Commonwealth went into an in-depth walk through of where we are versus where we need to be, based on more stringent guidelines as regulated through IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management). Jeremy explained the options that were available and why the City is ultimately leaning in the direction of a mechanical plant to process wastewater for the City.

To simplify the content of the discussion, I have created a Q & A format listed below to summarize the content of the meeting:

Q: When will a decision be made as to whether or not the city will proceed with a mechanical plant?

A: A public hearing is scheduled for March 6th, at which time the city anticipates a final decision.

Q: What is the cost of the mechanical plant and what will the rate impact be for residents?

A: The plant is estimated at 5.6 million and no potential rate impact was shared at this time.

Q: Will the city pursue additional communities' wastewater in order to lower per user costs?

A: The city will consider other entities as interest and/or relevance allows.

Q: Will the final preliminary engineering report be available on the website prior to March 6th?

A: It is the intention of the city to have it available on www.cityofwoodburn.org prior to the meeting, but it will be available for inspection at the meeting if nothing else.

Q: Will the city re-purpose the current rate structure prior to this rate change?

A: At this time, the city will more than likely not reevaluate its current rate structure.

Q: Will there be any state or federal funding?

A: The city is investigating into possible funding sources to alleviate the financial burden of residents.

Q: Will this project take place on a location currently owned by the city?

A: Yes. The current lagoon site will also be the site for any replacement to the current system.

Q: How far does the city anticipate extending the sewer lines on State Road 101?

A: The city plans on extending the sewer lines north on 101 up to Love's Travelstop.

Q: Will there be additional operation costs associated with this project?

A: With a mechanical plant, there would be additional costs in power and chemical consumption. The city would probably hire on an additional employee as well.

Q: Will the debt be in the form of a bond, and if so what length? At the end of that term, will there be any relief provided to the residents?

A: The city is exploring various available options and determining their impact. Unless a noticeable increase of users occurs, it is reasonable to suspect that the rates will not decrease at the end of the term of payment for this project.

In attendance was a superintendent from a nearby community who explained that many small communities are in similar situations as Woodburn.

There was a brief recess after which the meeting continued.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report
Mayor's Report: Nothing to report
Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the meeting on February 6th. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on February 6th as presented, second by Councilman Renner. Councilmen Martin and Watts in favor. Councilman Gerig abstains. Motion carries. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer shared with the Council the quote from Metalink to update the Police Station with new phones and

an infrastructure to allow separate lines for their phone and fax. This total quote came to \$1,637,85, with the labor cost being \$800 of that total. Councilman Renner moved to pay the labor cost of the Metalink quote outside of the Police Department's budget, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Voirol asked about moving the recycling bin inside of City Hall that is filled with batteries before it is too heavy to move.

Audience: Nothing to report

Councilman Gerig moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 3/15 - 3/21

3/15 - Corndog, green beans, orange smiles, milk

3/16 - ham & scalloped potatoes, dinner roll, cheese stick, pears, milk

3/17 - Cheese quesadilla, tossed salad; applesauce, milk

3/20 - Cheeseburger on bun w/dill pickles, green beans, peaches, milk

3/21 - Taco salad, orange smiles, milk

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/15 - 3/21

Breakfast
3/15 - Mini pancakes/sausage, juice, milk

3/16 - Cheese omelet/toast, juice, milk

3/17 - Cinnamon roll, juice, milk

3/20 - Sausage pizza, juice, milk

3/21 - Egg/cheese muffin, juice, milk

Lunch
3/15 - Mini corndogs, tator tots, baked beans, asstd canned and fresh fruits, milk

ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

3/16 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, dinner roll w/butter, chocolate chip cookie, asstd juices/canned and fresh fruit, milk

ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

3/17 - cheese pizza, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, cooked carrots, asstd canned and fresh fruit, milk

ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

3/20 - popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, dinner roll w/butter, asstd canned and fresh fruit, milk

ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

3/21 - Footlong hot dog sandwich, baked chips, celery & carrot sticks w/dip, cookie, asstd juices/canned fresh fruit, milk

ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/15 - 3/21

Breakfast
3/15 - Bacon, egg & cheese biscuit, juice, fruit, milk

3/16 - Cinnamon roll,

juice, fruit, milk

3/17 - No school - Qtr break

3/20 - Ham & cheese bread, juice, fruit, milk

3/21 - Pancake, sausage wrap, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch
3/15 - Italian dunkers, marinara sauce, green beans

OR Salad bar, garlic bread-stick, asstd. fruit, milk

3/16 - Cheeseburger OR breaded chicken, bun, oven potatoes; Toppings: Lettuce & cheese, banana peppers, tomato slices, pickles, asstd. fruit, milk

3/17 - No school - Qtr break

3/20 - SW chicken tortilla wrap, lettuce & cheese, SW ranch dressing, au-gratin potatoes, wg chips OR Salad bar, garlic bread, asstd. fruit, milk

3/21 - Buffalo or reg. popcorn chicken salad, tomatoes, pretzel b.stick OR Asstd. entree items, oven fries, pickles, asstd. fruit, milk

PEVS ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/15 - 3/21

Breakfast
3/15 - Bkfst burrito, juice, fruit, milk

3/16 - Muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit, milk

3/17 - No school - Qtr break

3/20 - Yogurt, goldfish grm, juice, fruit, milk

3/21 - Pancakes, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch
3/15 - French toast sticks, sausage, hashbrowns, tomato juice, fruit, milk

3/16 - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes & gravy,

bread, carrots, fruit, milk

3/17 - No school - Qtr break

3/20 - Hamburger on wh gr bun, steamed carrots, celery, fruit, milk

3/21 - Corn dog, baked beans, carrots, fruit snack, fruit, milk

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 3/15 - 3/21

Breakfast
3/15 - Saus-egg burrito, juice, fruit, milk

3/16 - Bisc & gravy, juice, fruit, milk

3/17 - No school - end of quarter

3/20 - Warm cinn roll, juice, fruit, milk

3/21 - Mini pancakes, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch
3/15 - Chicken nugg., whip potatoes, bread, romaine lettuce, salad, fruit, milk

3/16 - Cheese pizza, corn, celery stix, fruit, milk

3/17 - No school - end of quarter break

3/20 - Br. chicken, wh gr bun, peas, carrot stix, fruit, milk

3/21 - Pizza burger, wh gr bun, oven potatoes, veggie sticks, fruit, milk

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RAIDERS TAKE DOWN PIRATES



Senior Brady Stabler holds the ball for a minute taunting the crowd as the Bluffton players specifically refused to guard him. More pictures at westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace Junior Josh Kuhn receives the pass and puts up the ball for two points. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Thursday, March 9 the first game of Boys Basketball District III District semi-finals took place at Lima Senior High School. This match up pitted the Wayne Trace Raiders against the Bluffton Pi-

rates. The Raiders used their aggressive offensive and defensive play to keep the court a solid Raider lead throughout the duration of the game play. The Raiders ended the night with the Districts

semi-final victory and a final score of 46-32.

Wayne Trace was led by Brady Stabler with 12, Josh Kuhn with 12 and Ethan Linder with 10. Kaleb Jefferson paced Bluffton with 14 and Gabe Denecker added 9.

Ethan Linder broke two more records in Thursday's win over Bluffton. With nine field goal attempts, he set a new record for field goal attempts in a season with 439. The old record was 435 by Rob Welch in the 1992-93 season. Also, he made six free throws to eclipse the season record for free throws made in a year. Ethan now stands at 151 on the season to break his old record of 146, set in 2014-15.

Score by the Quarter:

Wayne Trace - 11 13 12 10=46

Bluffton - 8 1 10 13=32

Scorers of the Game:

Wayne Trace - Stabler 12, E Sinn 5, Jo Kuhn 12, J Sinn 4, Linder 10, Ja Kuhn 3

Bluffton - Bassitt 2, Fruchey 3, Jefferson 14, Rhodes 2, Ault 2, Denecker 9

Wayne Trace (22-2) advanced to Marion Local on Saturday at Lima Senior in the district championship.

NOTIFICATION FOR ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTERS EVENTS

Would you like information on the Antwerp Athletic Boosters events and activities? Just sign up for the Athletic Boosters email notifications by sending the word "subscribe" to athleticboosters-subscribe@antwerpschools. You will be asked to reply...no message necessary...just hit reply and send and you are ready to go.

ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEET THE TEAM NIGHT

The Antwerp Athletic Boosters is having a Spring Sport "Meet the Team" night on March 20th. The Booster board members will be firing up the grill with hot dogs, brats & burgers in the courtyard of the school from 5 to 6 pm. With Team introductions and competitions starting at 6:00. Come out and support your favorite Archer player and team!!

SPECIAL YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING DRAWING FOR KILLBUCK MARSH WILDLIFE AREA REFUGE

Special opportunities will be offered for young hunters seeking wild turkeys this spring according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). In addition to the statewide youth hunting days April 22nd and 23rd on both private and public

lands, the ODNR Division of Wildlife will be holding a drawing on Saturday, April 8, 2017 for a special, controlled turkey hunting opportunity within the refuge portion of the Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area.

Hunting dates are for Saturday and Sundays only, from April 22nd through May 21st, 2017. Hunters 17 years and under must be present in order to participate in the drawing and must bring a valid 2017 hunting license.

Interested youngsters must attend the drawing which will be held at the East Holmes Sportsmen's Club located 2.5 miles southeast of Millersburg on Township Road 310. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the drawing will begin at 1:00 p.m. The drawing will coincide with a National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) Jakes Day event sponsored by local chapters of the NWTf. Please dress for the weather.

For questions regarding the drawing call Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area at (330) 567-3390 or call Wildlife District Three in Akron at (330) 644-2293.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/27/17

This 27th day of February, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk Absent: Tony Zartman

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Warrants documented as 231333 through 231409 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Brian Santo, Pesticide Recertification, Columbus, OH - February 29 through March 1, 2017

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 002): BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2107 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Dog and Kennel Fund (Fund 002), to-wit: Fund/Dept/Account 002-001-00001/Dog and Kennel/Auditor Clerk Hire; Appropriation \$3,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF GROVER HILL (CDBG PY 2015):

WHEREAS, Eight (8) proposals were received for the Main Street Improvements Project in the Village of Grover Hill; and

WHEREAS, after review of the aforementioned proposal, Access Engineering Solution has recommended that the project be awarded to Brenneman Excavating, Inc. of Elida, Ohio.; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the PY 2015 Village of Grover Hill Main Street Improvements Project to Brenneman Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$747,709.33.

PAULDING COUNTY 2016 BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT

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 February 27, 2017,

Warrants numbered 231347 through 231384 in the amount of \$1,236.90; and

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

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

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Corey Walker and Amy Simonis - Mr. Walker presented the Jacob Eaton Children's Home Proposal Summary. He reported receiving three bids for services from Genacross (formerly Lutheran Services), the Village Network, and Adriel. He also received an additional bid from a licensed foster family. Mr. Walker and Ms. Simonis mutually agreed the licensed foster family would be a good 'fit' for the Jacob Eaton Children's Home. The Commissioners authorized Mr. Walker to have the Prosecuting Attorney draw up a contract for their review.

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THE OBJECT OF THE MARATHON GAMES

To raise money for the Paulding Area Support Society. The Society helps to provide the handicapped & other medically challenged residents of Paulding County with equipment & services that they are unable to afford. The Society helps 125-150 people per year. Basketball Marathon participants are encouraged to have a great time playing a game of basketball & scoring as many points as possible in the 24-minutes allowed per game.

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Ten individual medals will be awarded for first & second place in the mini-tots & tots divisions.

THE MARATHON COMMITTEE

Chad Benschneider - 419-263-2277 or 769-4708
Owen Brigner - 419-786-9703
John Claymiller - 419-399-8440
Ben Winans - 419-508-6017
Jeremy Dunderman - 419-769-0680
Clint Reinhart - 419-494-5570
Alli Hefner

Brian Vest - 419-788-0754
Alec Vest - 419-786-8626
Kaleigh McClain 419-786-0796
Russ Zinser - 419-506-0258
Jennifer & Rylee Zartman - 419-263-4007
Krystal Wannemacher

EMAIL: BASKETBALL24HOUR@YAHOO.COM

The Marathon Committee will endeavor to make this Marathon the most enjoyable for you & the fans, & the most profitable for the Society & the people of Paulding County who need our help. If you have any Questions you may contact any of the committee members. Thank you for participating in this most worthwhile Paulding County Charity event!!!!

PLEASE RETAIN THIS PAPER FOR YOUR RECORDS RULES GOVERNING PLAY

- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated
- No foul shots are permitted, fouls are awarded by taking the ball out of bounds
- No time outs permitted
- 5 players maximum on the floor at one time
- No dunking the basketball (we have had to pay for a cracked glass backboard & have had to stop the game to fix broken break away rims causing the schedule to be interrupted)
- No full court press in mini-tots, tots, or mini-youth divisions
- **In adult co-ed competition**, at least two female players on the floor at all times
- **In adult co-ed competition**, male players are not permitted to cross, remain, shoot, or rebound from the area known as the key. Girls only in the key.
- The mini-tots division will use 8' baskets & a youth basketball
- The tots, mini-youth, women, & co-ed will use 10' baskets with a women's basketball
- Youth division can use men's or women's basketball on 10' baskets
- Men will use a men's basketball

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES

The OHSAA is organized to administer & supervise the athletic programs for students grades 7-12. The constitution of the association does not contain any responsibility for any type of athletic program below 7th grade. Anyone & everyone who is not yet enrolled in 7th grade may participate in the Marathon without jeopardizing their future eligibility. Students in grades 7-12 who are participating in basketball now & in the future, may participate in the Marathon so long as not more than two players from the same Jr. high or High school team do not play on the same team.

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39th ANNUAL BASKETBALL MARATHON

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th, 2017

This year the Marathon will be held in the Payne Elementary gym Friday April 14 & Saturday April 15, starting at approximately 5pm Friday & ending at approximately 7pm Saturday.

You can also find the schedule in the Weekly Reminder April 10th, or the Paulding Progress & West Bend News Paper March 13th.

If you include an email address we will try to email you a schedule (please print clearly).

DIVISION OF PLAY

Please Mark Division of Play • Please check one & Which Sex if Offered

- ___ MINI-TOTS (0-2nd grade) ___ TOTS (3rd-5th grade)
 ___ MINI-YOUTH (6th-8th grade) ___ YOUTH (9th-12th grade)
 Please designate: BOYS ___ GIRLS ___ CO-ED ___
 ___ MEN* ___ WOMEN* ___ CO-ED* *denotes no age restrictions

REQUESTED WORDING ON BACK OF SHIRTS

One line of copy only: _____ (print clearly)

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SELECT SHIRT SIZES

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
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| Large (14-16) _____ | X-Large (46-48) _____ |
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Certain time that cannot be played? List reason: _____
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PREFERRED COMPETITION

Who does your team want to play? Does that team want to play your team? Is there a team your team cannot play or prefers not to play? (print clearly)

Want To Play _____ Can't Play _____

ENTRY FEE CALCULATION

Basic Entry Fee (includes 10 shirts) \$100.00 (players must also pay regular admission at the door)
 Extra Shirts @ \$8.00/shirt..... \$ _____ (\$8.00 x # of shirts in excess of 10)
 Charge for XXL and XXXL Shirts \$ _____ (\$3.00 x # of XXL or XXXL shirts)
Total Amount Due with This Entry. \$ _____

PLEASE CAREFULLY FILL OUT THE ENTRY FORM & RETURN IT WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: PAULDING AREA SUPPORT SOCIETY. PLEASE MAIL ENTRY FORM TO: BASKETBALL MARATHON 8602 ROAD 51 PAYNE, OH 45880

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:

Name _____ Address _____
Ph: _____ Email _____



VANTAGE FFA AGRICULTURAL



The Vantage FFA Agricultural Power Diagnostics team of Daniel Sinn (Wayne Trace) and Logan Gerding (Kalida) captured 4th place in the state competition that was held at UNOH on March 3rd. They earned the right to compete by placing first in the District competition held in February. They're pictured with their teacher, Mr. Mike Miller.

LATTA INTRODUCES ENERGY RESOLUTION OUTLINING PRIORITIES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has introduced a resolution outlining priorities for a comprehensive plan to reform national energy policy. Latta, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy, laid out eight points of emphasis to promote American energy security and develop abundant resources for the United States.

"Energy policy has broad implications that range from the price of an Ohio family's utility bill to the security of our country," said Latta. "Pursuing a comprehensive energy strategy should be a priority for this Congress, and it should include measures like investing in advanced nuclear technology, encouraging technological innovations to access natural gas, and using expanded renewable and alternative energy sources. This resolution outlines the priorities needed to fully implement a 21st century energy policy that lowers prices, creates jobs, and ensures our nation's energy security."

The eight priorities listed in the resolution are:

- Encouraging technological innovations to exploit our vast supply of natural gas
- Increasing our domestic oil production, infrastructure, and refining capacity
- Exploring and investing in the current nuclear fleet and advanced reactor technologies
- Taking advantage of our domestic coal supply through processes such as carbon capture, utilization, and storage
- Using expanded renewable and alternative energy sources
- Supporting additional research and development through new and innovative methods, including public-private partnerships
- Promoting increased conservation and energy efficiency
- Enhancing consumer awareness and education regarding domestic energy use, supply, and development

MAUMEE VALLEY PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) is currently in the process of developing a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for the counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams. The

RTIP is a short range planning document that lists projects in the region with state and federal funding scheduled to be implemented from State Fiscal Years 2018-2021. This document is being developed in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and will be included in the STIP when completed. Public open house meetings will be held to give the public an opportunity to review the draft RTIP and provide input on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Archbold Community Library (205 Stryker St. Archbold, OH 43502)

Thursday, April 6, 2017 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Defiance County EMA (22491 Mill St, Defiance, OH 43512)

Members of the public can come and go as they please throughout the 3 hour time period of each public open house meeting. Each open house will make the same information available, they will simply be offered in separate locations for convenience. The draft RTIP document is now available on MVPO's website www.mvpo.org/transportation and members of the public are encouraged to submit comments or questions about the draft. Comments can be submitted to Ellen Smith by phone (419-784-3882), email (mvpo@mvpo.org), or by entering comments into the comment box located on the webpage. The draft RTIP is also available in print and can be requested by contacting Ellen Smith at mvpo@mvpo.org or by phone at 419-784-3882.

'SPRING ABOARD' FOR THE 2017 BOATING SEASON

Spring Aboard has sprung! During the week of March 19-25, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) are encouraging boaters to 'Spring Aboard' by enrolling in a boating education course. This national boating safety campaign was created to help educate boaters and reduce the number of serious boating accidents.

"The ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft wants to ensure every effort is made to promote boater safety and encourage education on the water," said Mike Bailey, chief of the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft. "The Spring Aboard campaign is a great tool we use to help limit the number of serious accidents that occur on Ohio's waterways."

According to the 2015 Recreational Boating Statistics report by the U.S. Coast Guard, statistics indicate that of the accidents where the level of operator education was known, 71 percent of boating deaths occurred on boats where the boat operator had never received boating education instruction.

In Ohio, a boater education course is required for anyone wanting to operate a boat over 10 horsepower who was born after Jan. 1, 1982. Ohio's boater requirement can be met by taking and passing an approved boating education course (classroom, online or home study), or by taking and passing a profi-

ciency exam. For a summary of Ohio's regulations and available courses, go to: watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/boater-education.

"If a boater has taken a boating safety education course, the likelihood of their time spent on the water being a safe and enjoyable experience is much greater for them as well as their passengers," said Stephanie Weatherington, president of NASBLA. "Boaters have multiple options from classroom courses to online offerings available anytime day or night. March is the perfect time to take a course before the summer boating season begins."

Working in partnership with the states, many course providers will be offering incentives or course discounts for students who enroll in, or complete, a course during the Spring Aboard campaign. Many course providers, including Ace Boater, BoatEd and BoaterExam, will be offering course discounts for students who enroll in or complete a course during the Spring Aboard campaign. Course providers and offerings will vary between states so individuals should check with their local course provider or state boating agency to find out what courses are accepted in their area. Many states require completion of a course verified by NASBLA as meeting the national boating education standard for powerboat rental or operation. To ensure a course qualifies, look for the 'NASBLA-Approved' logo.

The Spring Aboard campaign is open to participation by all states, territories, boating education organizations, instructors and course providers. For more information about the Spring Aboard campaign, visit nasbla.org/spring.

The ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft is responsible for managing Ohio's 74 state parks and providing the finest outdoor recreational opportunities, including first-class boat services, facilities and law enforcement for users of Ohio's waterways and public lands.

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

SPECIAL YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING DRAWING FOR MOSQUITO CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

Special opportunities will be offered for young hunters seeking wild turkeys this spring according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). In addition to the statewide youth hunting days April 22nd and 23rd on both private and public lands, the ODNR Division of Wildlife will be holding a drawing on Saturday, April 1, 2017 for a special, controlled turkey hunting opportunity at Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area in Trumbull County.

Hunting dates are for Saturday and Sundays only, from April 22nd through May 21st, 2017. Hunters 17 years and under must be present in order to participate in the drawing and must bring a valid 2017 hunting license.

Interested youngsters must attend the drawing which is sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Fed-

eration (NWTF), Trumbull Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, and Trumbull Rod and Gun Club and will be held at Trumbull Rod and Gun Club, 6575 Phillips-Rice Road (one mile north of State Route 88), Cortland, Ohio. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the drawing will begin at 1:00 p.m. This event will coincide with a NWTF Jakes Day sponsored by local chapters of the NWTF. Please dress for the weather.

For questions regarding the drawing call Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area at (440) 685-4776 or call Wildlife District Three in Akron at (330) 644-2293.

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CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2/6/17

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

Chief's Report: The Woodburn Reserves logged 102 hours of service in January. The new vehicle is in and is now having equipment installation with CopsGear. Neil Wampole will be promoted to the rank of sergeant mid-month. The Woodburn police department will be starting a new reserve hiring process in the near future. There will be two levels of reserves, which will allow the city to screen new candidates before pushing them into the FTO program to be certified officers.

Mayor's Report: The mayor was asked by the Community Association if the city would begin taking over the electric bill for the plaza. Councilman Renner moved to pay the electric bill going forward without transferring the bill into the city's name, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor.

The mayor began discussion about a potential time-line for implementation of a public hearing and any other items that would be addressed regarding impact from the upcoming mechanical plant project.

The superintendent got an estimate for the guard rail and the mayor is asking whether or not it needs replaced at all. Councilman Renner moved to replace the guard-rail, second by Councilman Martin, Councilman Martin, Renner, and Voirol in favor. Councilman Watts opposed, Councilman Gerig not present. Motion passes as presented.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Councilman Renner moved to read Resolution 17-215 (Transfers of Money Within the EDIT Fund) in its entirety, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 17-215, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. Councilman Renner moved to read by title only for the second reading of Resolution 17-215, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept the second reading of Resolution 17-215, and ratify as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. Resolution 17-215 is ratified as presented.

The meeting minutes were presented from the meeting on January 16th. Councilman Watts moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on January 16th as corrected, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor.

Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Renner, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer mentioned that there were minor corrections that he addressed to force balance the end of year financial figures. These were under the reportable materi-

ality threshold to the State Board of Accounts, and therefore only need mentioned internally.

The clerk-treasurer presented end of year financial figures to the council for their information. The clerk-treasurer presented information from the Woodburn Youth League regarding consideration of donations for this upcoming season. Councilman Voirol moved to donate \$150 to the Woodburn Youth League, second by Councilman Renner, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer presented information regarding the billing issue with a local business and wanted input from the Council to finalize that process.

Superintendent's Report: Out at the shop, there was a large section of wall inside of the bathroom and on the back side that was gutted due to water damage and is in the process of being rebuilt as time allows.

The sewer ponds have taken in quite a bit of water and there were a few weeks that the city was in minor violation of our dumping permit because of it.

All the wreaths are down on Main Street and the lights on the tree in front of City Hall.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin is requesting that the city write a letter to the owner of a local business building within the city to clean up that space.

Councilman Martin wanted to know what was going on with the landscaping on Mainstreet and it was determined that another quote is in the process of being presented. After this quote arrives, a decision will then be made.

Councilman Voirol acknowledged the city for the chime memorial that was given in memory of his wife and he acknowledged the residents who attended the meeting for their interest in local government.

Audience: A resident had a broken outside spicket that caused a significantly higher water bill for the last billing cycle as well as the current cycle. Councilman Watts moved to adjust the balance of the sewer portion of her bill for the two months affected to reflect the average usage, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor.

A second resident had a spicket that was running from a rental home and they capped it underneath in the crawl space to prevent further leakage. Councilman Renner moved to adjust the balance of the sewer portion of her bill for the month affected to reflect the average usage, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor.

The deputy clerk presented a request for a resident who was out of town this evening for a large utility bill that was caused by a spicket that was running and discovered by a neighbor when he had been out of town previously. Councilman Renner moved to adjust the balance of the sewer portion of his bill for the month affected to reflect the average usage, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor.

A resident brought to the attention of the council that the parking lot in front of City Hall has sand coming through the lot and recommends that it is inspected in the near future. He also requests that the lines be repainted in that lot.

Another resident asked if anything new is coming up regarding the sewer project. Discussion occurred from Council to bring the resident up to date.

Councilman Renner moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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USDA REMINDS INDIVIDUALS & SMALL BUSINESSES IN CALIFORNIA, NEVADA & OREGON THAT USDA OFFERS DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO HELP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds farmers and ranchers, families and small businesses that could potentially be affected by the recent storms that USDA has several programs that provide assistance before, during and after disasters. USDA staff in the regional, State and county offices in the states of California, Nevada and Oregon are ready to help. The Presidential Disaster Declarations in California, Nevada and Oregon are for severe winter storms, flooding and mudslides for the incident period January 3-12, 2017. And the Hoopa Valley Reservation Declaration is for severe winter storms only for the incident period Jan. 3-5, 2017. The application deadlines for all of these declarations is October 16, 2017.

USDA encourages residents and small businesses in the potential impact zones to contact the following offices to meet their individual needs:

Property and Shelter
When floods destroy or severely damage residential property, USDA Rural Development can assist with providing priority hardship application processing for single family housing. Under a disaster designation, USDA Rural Development can issue a priority letter for next available multi-family housing units. While these programs do not normally have disaster

assistance authority, many of USDA Rural Development programs can help provide financial relief to small businesses hit by natural disasters, including low-interest loans to community facilities, water environmental programs, businesses and cooperatives and to rural utilities. More information can be found on the Rural Development website or by contacting the State Offices.

Food Safety and Food Assistance

Severe weather forecasts often present the possibility of power outages that could compromise the safety of stored food. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) recommends that consumers take the necessary steps before, during, and after a power outage to reduce food waste and minimize the risk of foodborne illness. FSIS offers tips for keeping frozen and refrigerated food safe and a brochure that can be downloaded and printed for reference at home. If you have questions about the safety of food in your home, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET or visit AskKaren.gov to chat live with a food safety specialist, available in English and Spanish.

Owners of meat and poultry producing businesses who have questions or concerns may contact the FSIS Small Plant Help Desk by phone at 1-877-FSIS-HELP (1-877-374-7435), by email at infosource@fsis.usda.gov, or 24/7 online at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/svsp/sphelpdesk>.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates with state, local and voluntary organizations to provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites. Under certain circumstances, states also may request to operate a disaster household distribution program to distribute USDA Foods directly to households in need. In addition, FNS may approve a state's request to implement a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) when the President declares a major disaster for individual assistance under the Stafford Act in areas affected by a disaster. State agencies may also request a number of disaster-related SNAP waivers to help provide temporary assistance to impacted households already receiving SNAP benefits at the time of the disaster.

Resources for disaster feeding partners as well as available FNS disaster nutrition assistance can be found on the FNS Disaster Assistance website.

Crop and Livestock Loss

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers many safety-net programs to help producers recover from eligible losses, including the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program, Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) and the Tree Assistance Program. The FSA Emergency Conservation Program provides funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters. Producers located in counties that received a primary or contiguous disaster designation are eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Compensation also is available to producers who purchased coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, which protects non-insurable crops against natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses or prevented planting. USDA encourages farmers and ranchers to contact their local FSA office to learn what documents can help the local office expedite assistance, such as farm records, receipts and pictures of damages or losses.

Producers should use form FSA-576, Notice of Loss, to report prevented planting and failed acres in order to establish or retain FSA program eligibility. Prevented planting acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers must file a Notice of Loss for failed acres on all crops including grasses in a timely fashion, often within 15 days of the occurrence or when the losses become apparent. Producers of hand-harvested crops must notify FSA of damage or loss within 72 hours of when the date of damage or loss first becomes apparent.

Producers with coverage through the RMA administered federal crop insurance program should contact their crop insurance agent. Those who purchased crop insurance will be paid for covered losses. Producers should report crop damage within 72 hours of damage discov-

ery and follow up in writing within 15 days.

Community Recovery Resources

For declared natural disasters that lead to imminent threats to life and property, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can assist local government sponsors with the cost of implementing recovery efforts like debris removal and streambank stabilization to address natural resource concerns and hazards through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. NRCS staff is coordinating with state partners to complete damage assessments in preparation for sponsor assistance requests. NRCS also can help producers with damaged agricultural lands caused by natural disasters such as floods. The NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial assistance to repair and prevent excessive soil erosion that can result from high rainfall events and flooding. Conservation practices supported through EQIP protect the land and aid in recovery, can build the natural resource base, and might help mitigate loss in future events.

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture provides support for disaster education through the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN). EDEN is a collaborative multi-state effort with land-grant universities and Cooperative Extension Services across the country, using research-based education and resources to improve the delivery of services to citizens affected by disasters. EDEN's goal is to improve the nation's ability to mitigate, prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters. EDEN equips county-based Extension educators to share research-based resources in local disaster management and recovery efforts. The EDEN website offers a searchable database of Extension professionals, resources, member universities and disaster agency websites, education materials to help people deal with a wide range of hazards, and food and agricultural defense educational resources.

For complete details and eligibility requirements regarding USDA's disaster as-

PAULDING FFA CHAPTER STRENGTHENING THEIR KNOWLEDGE ONE WELD AT A TIME!



Pictured from left to right: Kennedy Foor, and Hannah Eckhart

By: Katlynn Fuller, Paulding FFA Reporter

This year's freshman class of Paulding FFA members are learning to weld in their intro to ag class. The students had to learn proper protective clothing for welding, and safety and handling skills prior to working in the shop. After preparing with safety tests, and many fun learning activities the members finally get to show off their skills in the ag shop. Students have nothing but great feedback on

the welding lesson, freshman Jacob Rose and Braxton Conley say "Welding is a good skill to have, and one that we can use in our future." Also freshman Kennedy Foor and Hannah Eckhart say "It is a unique skill for girls to have, and although they do not plan to pursue a career involving welding they still had fun learning to weld." Paulding FFA continues to grow well rounded leaders each and every year.

assistance programs, contact a local USDA Service Center. More information about USDA disaster assistance as well as other disaster resources is available on the USDA Disaster Resource Center website. In a continuing effort to better serve the public, USDA has developed a new and improved central resource for disaster related materials. In partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other disaster-focused organizations, USDA created a Disaster Resource Center website, utilizing a new online searchable knowledgebase. This knowledgebase is a collection of disaster-related resources that are powered by agents with subject-matter expertise. The Disaster Resource Center website and

web tool now provide an easy access point to find USDA disaster information and assistance.

The West Bend News READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, 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, H2O, 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 Court-

house, 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: Blueberry Pancake House, 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.), Buffalo Wild Wings
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
Woodburn: Clip -N- Tan, Sam & Carter's Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners, Love's Travel Center, Feders

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SUNNYD LABELS HELP GET NEW BOOKS



Grover Hill Elementary collected SunnyD labels and was able to use them to get the school 60 new books for free. 20 labels collected = 20 new books

LATTA STATEMENT ON PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) issued the following statement after President Trump addressed a Joint Session of Congress.

"The President's speech tonight laid out an aggressive agenda to address many of the challenges we face as a nation. President Trump touched on a number of these issues important to Ohio's 5th District including fixing a broken health care system, strengthening our national security, eliminating burdensome red tape, and fixing our tax code to help hardworking men and women. While the President laid out the positive measures he has taken during the first weeks of his Administration, it's now time for the President and Congress to tackle the big issues before us.

"At home, I welcome the President's focus on the economy and job creation. It's no secret that many of our nation's small businesses are being stifled by overregulation. I applaud the President's belief that we should be reducing this burden and allowing our innovators and entrepreneurs to grow." As he mentioned, the President also remains engaged on the repeal of Obamacare and replacing it with patient-centered health care reform - an issue that Congress is working on as we speak.

"One stark contrast from the previous eight years was listening to a Commander-and-Chief make a steadfast commitment to providing our military with the resources needed to keep our country safe. Russia, China, ISIS, an emboldened Iran, and an increasingly erratic North Korea demand American leadership on the world stage. The President's remarks in support of our troops - in-

cluding the moving moment with the widow of fallen hero, Ryan Owens - show that our military and our veterans will be a priority under this Administration and this Congress. Tonight's speech was reassuring in its promise of a strong America."

SECRETARY HUSTED ANNOUNCES MARCH OPEN OFFICE HOURS ACROSS STATE

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced his office's March regional office hours. Regional liaisons for the Secretary of State's office will be in 18 counties around Ohio including Ashland, Carroll, Champaign, Columbiana, Hamilton, Henry, Licking, Madison, Meigs, Miami, Monroe, Perry, Pike, Portage, Sandusky, Warren, Wayne and Wood Counties.

The purpose of open office hours is to give local residents an opportunity to learn more about, and stay connected with, the Secretary of State's office in an informal and accessible setting.

In addition to making voter registration forms and election information available, regional representatives will be on hand to answer questions and distribute materials to those interested in learning more about the other functions of the office such as the business services division and initiatives including the Ohio Business Profile and Military Ready-to-Vote program.

Regional office hours will be held at the following times and locations:

Sorted by county - If viewing on a mobile device, turn device sideways

Ashland County: 3/13/2017 3:00 p.m. - 5:00

p.m., Ashland Public Library, 224 Claremont Avenue, Ashland, Ohio 44805
Champaign County: 3/10/2017 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Champaign County Library, 1060 Scioto Street, Urbana, Ohio 43078

Columbiana County: 3/29/2017 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Columbiana Public Library, 332 North Middle Street, Columbiana, Ohio 44408

Hamilton County: 3/17/2017 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Green Township Branch Library, 6525 Bridgetown Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248

Henry County: 3/24/2017 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Napoleon Public Library, 310 West Clinton Street, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Licking County: 3/24/2017 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Granville Public Library, 217 East Broadway, Granville, Ohio 43023

Madison County: 3/13/2017 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Hurt-Battelle Memorial Library, 270 Lilly Chapel Road, West Jefferson, Ohio 43162

Meigs County: 3/23/2017 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Meigs County District Library, 216 West Main Street, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769

Miami County: 3/22/2017 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Troy-Miami County Public Library, 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373

Monroe County: 3/9/2017 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monroe County Public Library, 96 Home Avenue, Woodsfield, Ohio 43793

Perry County: 3/20/2017 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Perry County District Library, 99 East Columbus Street, Thornville, Ohio 43076

Pike County: 3/20/2017 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Pike County Public Library, 207 North Market Street, Waverly, Ohio 45690

Portage County: 3/9/2017 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Reed Memorial Library, 167 East Main Street, Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Warren County: 3/24/2017 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Springboro Public Library, 125 Park Lane, Springboro, Ohio 45066

Wayne County: 3/13/2017 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Wayne County Public Library, 220 West Liberty Street, Wooster, Ohio 45066

Wood County: 3/15/2017 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wood County Public Library, 251 North Main Street, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2/21/17

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp Council was called to order at 8:00 A.M. By Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Keith West, Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Steve Derck and Council President Jan Reeb. Larry Ryan arrived at 8:10 A.M.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty and Village Administrator Sara Keeran. Visitor: Todd Cook.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held January 17, 2017, were reviewed.

Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Derck, to accept the minutes from the January 17, 2017, regular council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the special council meeting held January 18, 2017, were reviewed.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to accept the minutes from the January 18, 2017, special council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The January disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses. Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Reeb, to approve the January reconciliation report. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

VISITOR:
Todd Cook of TKC Water Technologies presented council with a portfolio including sampling of engineer work by W. Michael Lynes P.E. and Mr. Lynes' resume. TKC Water Technologies is currently working on three projects in Northwest Ohio and has nine employees.

POLICE REPORT:
Police Chief George Clemens provided a written report showing 91 calls for service for the month of January. Chief Clemens also mentioned that coopers awarded the grant of \$8,500.00 to the Antwerp police department for the purchase of a golf cart. Mayor DeLong asked Chief Clemens if there could be more of a police presence at the school area during school start and end times.

Discussion had on new state law regulating golf carts and golf cart inspections. Solicitor Farr will prepare an ordinance that designates an area for inspections of golf carts, as well as a \$25.00 Inspection fee.

EMS REPORT:
EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing collections of \$9,291.63 for the month of January and a year-to-date total collected of \$10,672.83. She provided a written report showing 31 EMS runs for January with a total of 45 EMS runs for 2017.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:
Emergency reading of resolution no. 2017-01: A resolution requesting the county auditor to certify to the Village of Antwerp the total current tax valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by one mill for a renewal levy for fire protection and emergency medical services for a five year period commencing in 2018, and declaring the same an emergency.

Motion made by West, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2017-01. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by West, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept resolution no. 2017-01. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of resolution no. 2017-02: A resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the Village of Antwerp and the Paulding County Commissioners in regard to submitting an application for funding to the Ohio department services agency for a grant of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for improvements to the village's waste water treatment plant, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2017-02. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept resolution no. 2017-02. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
See attached report.

Sanitary sewer project update discussed following reading of resolution no. 2017-02.

Discussion on Sub. H.B. 523 on medical marijuana in regard to zoning and employment. Ohio revised code section 3796.29 Allows council to adopt an ordinance to prohibit or limit the number of cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries in the village corporation limits. Solicitor Farr will review the zoning ordinance on the process to amend the zoning ordinance and whether council can start the process for an amendment to prohibit cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries in the village. As to employment, the personnel manual will be reviewed by the finance committee to determine if language needs included in the drug free workforce policy section to specifically state that, despite Ohio's new law, medical marijuana is prohibited under the village's drug free workforce policy.

Discussion on S.B. 199 on changes to Ohio's concealed carry law as it affects the village. Section 2923.126 of the Ohio Revised Code was revised, in part, to allow council to enact a statute, ordinance, or policy to permit a licensee to carry a concealed handgun into a government facility. Section 2923.1210 Was added that disallows a public employer from establishing, maintaining, or enforcing a policy or rule that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting a person with a valid concealed handgun license from transporting or storing a firearm and ammunition when (1) each firearm and ammunition remains in the person's privately owned vehicle while the person is physically present in the vehicle or each firearm and ammunition is locked within the trunk, glove box, or other enclosed compartment/container in the person's vehicle, and (2) the vehicle is in a location where it is otherwise permitted to be. The finance committee will review the personnel manual to determine if language needs included to specifically allow an employee with a valid concealed handgun license to transport or store a firearm and ammunition if the specific conditions are met as allowed by section 2923.1210 or if there is any language that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting this in the personnel manual.

Countywide Demolition Program has funds available to assist in demolishing blighted residential structures. Administrator Keeran proposed two properties be submitted by the village to Maumee Valley Planning for consideration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Finance committee will meet on Monday, February 27, 2017, at 8:00 A.M. To discuss proposed revisions to personnel manual and options for selling the Oswalt Properties.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor's court brought in \$510.00 to the village in the month of January with \$187.50 going to the state and \$7.50 going to the county, for a total of \$705.00.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Ryan, to nominate Jan Reeb as council president. 5 years, 0 nays, Jan Reeb abstained. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

LATTA VOTES FOR BIPARTISAN DEFENSE FUNDING BILL

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined a bipartisan group of his colleagues to approve the annual defense spending bill in a vote Wednesday evening. H.R. 1301, the Fiscal Year 2017 Defense Appropriations Bill, includes critical funding for military readiness and robust troop levels. In addition, the bill provides a 2.1% pay raise for military personnel and ensures full funding of health care benefits for troops, military families, and retirees. The legislation passed by a vote of 371-48.

"With threats continuing to grow around the globe, it's critical that our military has the resources it needs to keep our country safe," said Latta. "This legislation will ensure that key readiness programs are fully funded, and that our military force will be outfitted with the equipment upgrades they need to be successful. At the same time, the legislation increases troop pay and funds medical care so that our armed services can continue to attract the best and brightest our country has to offer."

REP. RIEDEL SUPPORTS LEGISLATION CREATING STATE BOND BANK

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) announced the Ohio House's passage of legislation that would create a state bond bank to be administered by the office of the State Treasurer.

House Bill 54, sponsored by Reps. Bill Blessing (R-Colerain Township) and Theresa Gawnship (R-Bowling Green), authorizes the Treasurer of State to issue loans

KERRY KAZAAM SAFETY PROGRAM AT PAYNE ELEMENTARY



On March 6, 2017, the Paulding County Sheriff's Department sponsored the Kerry Kazaam Safety program to students at Payne Elementary. Students learned how to make safe choices at home and in the community.

to qualifying entities for the purpose of making permanent improvements, meaning any property or asset with an estimated period of usefulness of five years or more. All funds, transactions, and accounts for this purpose would be facilitated through the State Bond Bank and the State Bond Bank Trust Fund.

"House Bill 54 offers local government entities the opportunity to acquire funding for permanent improvements," said Rep. Riedel. "This common sense approach lowers borrowing costs that benefits all citizen taxpayers."

Under the legislation, local governments would be able to secure loans from the bank, although the program is optional. With this resource, local governments would have better access to bond funding and lower administrative costs for such a purpose.

House Bill 54 will now head to the Ohio Senate for further deliberation.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03** on March 2, 2017, entitled, "A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE A ZONING AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS, AND RETAIL DISPENSARIES OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA WITHIN THE VILLAGE CORPORATION LIMITS AS AUTHORIZED BY OHIO REVISED CODE §3796.29, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution initiates an amendment to the zoning ordinance to prohibit medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries in the Village in accordance with Article 700 of the zoning ordinance.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-07** on March 2, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP LOCATED AT 118 AND 120 OSWALT STREET, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution authorizes the advertisement for bids to sell real estate located at 118 and 120 Oswalt Street, which real estate is owned by the Village but not needed for any municipal purposes.

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

SECTION 00 1113 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by Antwerp Local School District in the Board Conference Room, located at 303 South Harrman Road, Antwerp, Ohio 45813, until 2:00 PM on March 28, 2017, at which time and place proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud. Proposals received after 2:00 PM, will be returned unopened. Proposals shall be for the furnishing of materials and the performance of labor necessary for the:

Antwerp Local School District Relighting 303 South Harrman Road Antwerp, Ohio, 45813

All in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Garmann/Miller & Associates, Inc., 38 S. Lincoln Drive, P.O. Box 71, Minster, Ohio 45865:

A Lump Sum bid for the project will be received.

A Bid Security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or surety company bond pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code in the amount of 10% of the total bid shall accompany each bid; or a bid guaranty bond in accordance with Chapter 153.571 of the Ohio Revised Code in the amount of 100% of the total bid shall accompany each bid.

If a bid security in the amount of 10% of the full bid amount is submitted with this bid, each successful bidder is required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond from an acceptable surety in the amount of 100% of the full contract amount in accordance with Section 153.571 of the Ohio Revised Code.

If a bid guaranty bond in the amount of 100% of the total bid is submitted with the bid, no additional Performance and Labor and Material Bond is required to be furnished by the successful Bidder.

The Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, are on file for public inspection at the office of the Architect: Garmann/Miller & Associates Inc., 38 South Lincoln Drive, Minster, Ohio 45865, Phone 419-628-4240; the office of the Antwerp Local School District, 303 S. Harrman Rd, Antwerp, Ohio 45813; Construction News Corporation, Middleburg Heights, Ohio; the McGraw Hill - Dodge Plan Room in Columbus, Ohio; the Builders Exchange in Dayton, Ohio and Toledo Ohio and iSqFt Cincinnati, Ohio

Contract Documents and a file on CD may be purchased from the printer for \$50.00; DC Reprographics, 1254 Courtland Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43201; www.DCplanroom.com; Phone 614-297-1300; Fax 614-297-1300. Each Bidder is responsible for shipping cost or providing a shipping number for billing to the bidders account.

Each bid must be submitted in duplicate on a blank form furnished by the Architect, in a sealed envelope. Mark plainly on the outside of the envelope, the branch of work bid upon. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities, irregularities and/or errors in the bids to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of bids.

The Date of this notice: March 7, 2017
By: Antwerp Local School District

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Village Fiscal Officer, 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio, until noon on April 25, 2015, for the purchase of real property owned by the Village of Antwerp. The Village of Antwerp is selling real estate pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 1§ 721.03. There are two (2) parcels of real property being sold, which are located at 118 Oswalt Street and 120 Oswalt Street. The parcels are each offered for sale separately. Bids will be opened at noon on April 25, 2017, at the office of the Village Fiscal Officer. The real property is being sold "AS IS" and without any warranty or representation whatsoever as to the condition thereof.

In the event the Village of Antwerp is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract for sale of the property with a chosen bidder, the Village of Antwerp may terminate negotiations with that bidder and enter into negotiations with the next highest and best bidder.

The Village of Antwerp accepts no responsibility for expenses incurred by responding bidders in the preparation or submittal of a bid and reserves the right not to enter into any contract with any bidder, to waive any irregularities, informalities, or inconsistencies in the bids, and to reject any and all bids received.

Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to be deposited with the bid in cash or by certified check and the balance to be paid at closing to be held within fifteen (15) days after the acceptance of the bid by the Village.

Please contact Sara Keeran, Village Administrator, at 419-258-2371 to inspect the real property.

Aimee Lichty, Fiscal Officer
Village of Antwerp

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE
FOR
LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION
TRUST, Plaintiff,
vs.
LINDA K. HANKINSON, ET AL.,
Defendants,
Case No. Cl 16 077.

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 13th day of April, 2017 at 10:00, the real estate located at:

16273 Road 7,
Antwerp, Ohio 45813
Parcel Number: 11-18S-005-01

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

Said premises appraised at Eighty-four Thousand and No/100 (\$84,000.00) 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 27th day of April, 2017 at 10:00. 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
Matthew I. McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26
THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
ROUNDPOINT MORTGAGE
SERVICING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
JASON R. McCLAIN, ET AL.,
Defendants,
Case No. Cl 16 180.

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 6th day of April, 2017 at 10:30, the real estate located at:

325 North Main Street,
Payne, Ohio 45880
Parcel Number: 19-03S-006-00

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty 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 20th day of April, 2017 at 10:30. 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.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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Dean K. Hegyes, Attorney for Plaintiff

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT ESSAY WINNERS HONORED AT EACS BOARD MEETING



Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana received funding through the Schwab Foundation in order to offer an essay contest for students currently enrolled in the JA Career Success curriculum. This contest provides each student an opportunity to research and write an essay about a career that interests him or her. One winning applicant per school per semester will receive a \$100 cash prize. The winners from the JA Career Success curriculum will also receive a job shadow experience. JA will match the winning student with a professional in his or her preferred career field, or a similar career field.

caption: Heritage Jr./Sr. High School students: Sunny Gillenwater - Midwife & Austin Cross - Diesel Engine Technician New Haven High School student: Chrissy Habeshy - Graphic Designer Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School: Lauren Durkes - Surgeon

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

James G. Weaver, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Heather R. Johnson, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jermaine Hakeem Davis, Canton, MI; OVI/breath (low); Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail, must be completed by 7/28/17; Proof of insurance provided; Pay \$100.00 today; Has a POC date of 7/28/17; Warrant and warrant block rescinded; 87 jail days reserved

Jermaine Hakeem Davis, Canton, MI; Left of center; Guilty; Defendant shall pay \$100.00 today; Has a POC date of 7/28/17

Victoria Ann Richards, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/breath(low); Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail, complete by 5/26/17; Proof of financial responsibility provided; ALS vacated; Pay all fines and costs today; 27 jail days reserved

Sixto Alonso G. Tenesaca, Ypsilanti, MI; Obstructing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Carlos Valenti Moroch-Zhini, Ypsilanti, MI; Obstructing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

April Franklin, Paulding, OH; Possession drug; Prel-waive; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to The Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

Rodney R. Mullins, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ronda E. Dull, Napoleon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lindsay R. Guyton, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tiffany A. Pierce, Haviland, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John E. Grubaugh, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Billie R. Garner, Gilbert,

AZ; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Natalie L. Bessegato, Thamesford, ON; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Luis M. Morales, Van Wert, OH; No O.L.; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/31/17 or will be sent to collections

Carlos V. Moroch-Zhini, Ypsilanti, MI; Wrongful entrst; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/26/17 or will be sent to collections

Sixto A. Tenesaca, Ypsilanti, MI; Marked lanes; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/26/17 or will be sent to collections

Sixto A. Tenesaca, Ypsilanti, MI; No O.L.; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/26/17 or will be sent to collections

Warren D. Heifner Jr., Paulding, OH; DUS; Guilty; \$150.- susp., if forfeiture is paid and proof shown to the court by 4/28/17; Pay all fines and costs by 4/28/17 or will be sent to collections

Warren D. Heifner Jr.; Paulding, OH; Turn signals; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 4/28/17 or will be sent to collections

Bradley W. Elliott, Ohio City, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Thomas E. Baker, Greenville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel T. Boeke, Edon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kent J. Frey, Scott, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Doris J. Smith, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Real Estate Transfers: Antwerp Village: 3/6/17: Earl Richard Watson, trustee; Lot 6, 0.1606 acres; To: Michael R. Lutz & Pamela J. Pidgeon

Grover Hill Village: 3/10/17: John W. & Trudy L. Wilkin; Lot 6, 0.2 acres; To: Trudy L. Wilkin

Paulding Village: 3/10/17: Roger D. & Elaine Sier-er; Lot 58, 0.3444 acres; To: Elaine Sier-er

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

Young Brothers Farms, LLC; Lot 16, 0.277 acres; To: Austin Tyler & Jessica Lee Scheiner

Benton Twp.: 3/8/17:

Autumn Ridge Farms, LLC; Sec. 27, 40.225 acres; To: Autumn Ridge Farms, LLC Marjorie M. Bradley, LIFEST@ (4); Sec. 26, 238.994 acres; To: Marjorie M. Bradley, LIFEST@ (4)

Erlin Enterprises, LLC; Sec. 25, 162.289 acres; To: Erlin Enterprises, LLC 3/9/17:

Judy A. Shawver; Sec. 30, 5.753 acres; To: V&P Ventures, LLC

Blue Creek Twp.: 3/8/17:

Erlin Enterprises, LLC; 38.804 acres; Sec. 29, 38.803; To: Erlin Enterprises, LLC

Brown Twp.: 3/9/17:

Peggy McVicker; Lot 30, Lot 17, 0.2983 acres; To: Peggy A & James McVicker, Jr.

Carryall Twp.: 3/6/17:

John P. Marlin; Sec. 9, 0.5 acres; To: Jamie K. Hablawetz 3/8/17:

J&S Long Farms, LTD; Sec. 7, 64 acres; To: Derck Bros. Farms, LLC

Emerald Twp.: 3/6/17:

Joyce D. Bok; Sec. 17, 80 acres; To: Joyce D. Bok, LE 3/9/17:

Edward J. Luderman, Jr., LE; Sec. 7, 0.4 acres, 0.1 acres, 0.15 acres; Sec. 8, 90.46 acres, 80 acres; To: Edward J. Luderman, Jr., LE

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Dylan J. Gamble, Paulding, OH; Criminal trespass; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Nathan E. Gee, Defiance, OH; Unauthoriz use; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Samantha J. Stahl, Defiance, OH; Falsification; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Shall

maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Shall complete Thinking For A Change Program; Complete 40 hrs of community service; Report to probation today, 3/1/17

Corey B. Elston, Convoy, OH; DUS-judgement; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 9/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Defendant shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 4/28/17; Bond shall be applied to fines and costs

John W. Daughney, Paulding, OH; Telecom harassment; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Shall have no contact with victim; Shall complete 20 hrs of community service; Maintain general good behavior

Jolin M. Gile, Scott, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bobby Lee Glascoe, Miamisburg, OH; Fail control; Case was waived by defendant

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NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR



Nearly 750 high school students from the four-county area met with representatives from 75 colleges and universities throughout the region at Northwest State Community College on Tuesday, for NSCC's annual College Fair.

FROM SHAMROCK HIKES TO WILDLIFE PROGRAMS, PLENTY OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN MARCH

March in Ohio offers several fun events at our state parks and state nature preserves. Whether individuals want to participate in the Shamrock Hike at Boch Hollow State Nature Preserve, or people are interested in learning more about Ohio wildlife, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has several activities to enjoy in March.

Bearly Awake at Lake Hope State Park – Bears do not actually hibernate so what do they do? Aren't they hungry when they wake up? Do they really sleep in caves? Are there bears in the park? Get all of these answers and more after helping the naturalist build the perfect bear den. This event will take place on Saturday, March 18, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Lake Hope State Park. Meet at the nature

center. For more information, call 740-596-3030.

Woodcock Watch at Lake Hope State Park – "Peent, Peent, Peent!" People may have heard this sound, but they probably didn't realize it was a curious woodland bird who specializes in eating tasty earthworms. The woodcock puts on a show when he attempts to seduce nearby females with his aerial displays. Walk with us on Saturday, March 18, from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. to look for the show. This area is subject to flooding in the spring so participants are asked to wear proper footwear. For more information, call the nature center at 740-596-3030.

Maple Syrup Festival at Indian Lake State Park – Everyone is invited to attend the Maple Syrup Festival to be held at Indian Lake State Park in Logan County on March 18-19 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Free wagon rides will be available to visit the Sugar Shack for demonstrations on turning sap into maple syrup.

Wagon rides will be from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Visitors can enjoy a pancake breakfast with sausage and beverages from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be pints, quarts and gallons of maple syrup for sale. For more information, call 937-843-2717.

Shamrock Hike at Boch Hollow State Nature Preserve – Celebrate spring and discover a very special shamrock, the running buffalo clover, on Saturday, March 18, from 1-4 p.m. This rare and federally endangered species grows here and it happens to stay green year-round. We will also discuss the vernal equinox and model the positions of the sun and earth throughout the year. A short hike will reveal changes taking place in our fields and woods with the increasing daylight. Green tea will be served following the hike. Meet at Boch Hollow State Nature Preserve office, 7211 Bremen Road, Logan. For questions, contact lauren.metcalf@dnr.state.oh.us.

Hike to Buckeye Cave at Burr Oak State Park – Join the naturalist at Burr Oak State Park for a 2.5-mile hike to the sandstone rock recess known as "Buckeye Cave" on Saturday, March 18, at 2:00 p.m. We will enjoy the beauty and geology of the area. Wear hiking boots or shoes with good ankle support. Meet at the office at the front of the park. For more information, call 740-767-3570.

Cold-Blooded Critters at Lake Hope State Park – What do snakes, frogs, and turtles do in the winter? Some of the answers might be surprising! Plus, learn about what spring means for many of these creatures. Join the naturalist at Lake Hope State Park on Sunday, March 19, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. to learn about the adaptations that help reptiles and amphibians survive the winter. Meet at the nature center. For more information, call 740-596-3030.

Vernal Equinox Hike at Eagle Creek State Nature Preserve – Join us in celebrating the celestial arrival of spring by taking a hike on Sunday, March 19, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. We will observe what changes are taking place in our environment and discuss the astronomical significance of the equinox. Eagle Creek State Nature Preserve is located at 11027 Hopkins Road, Garrettsville. For more information, call 330-527-5118 or email adam.wohlever@dnr.state.oh.us.

Spring into Fitness Hike at Caesar Creek State Park – Meet at the Nature Center for a 5-mile guided hike on Sunday, March 19, from 1-4 p.m. See Pioneer Village, the swinging bridge, Horseshoe Falls and a rock gorge during the hike. For more information call the nature center at 513-897-2437.

Ohio Botanical Symposium at Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center – The flora of Great Lakes alvars; geology and flora of a meteorite crater in southwest Ohio; the status of our eastern deciduous forest; medicinal plants; lady-slipper orchids; lichens; and best plant discoveries will be highlighted at the 2017 Ohio Botanical Symposium in Columbus on Friday, March 24. The event also features displays from a number of private and public conservation organizations,

as well as vendors offering conservation-related items for purchase. More than 400 botanical enthusiasts attend this event offered every other year. Registration is required. More information is available at naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov/obs.

Spring Clean Up at Shawnee State Park – The Spring Clean Up at Shawnee State Park will be held the week of March 27-31. People are invited to show their appreciation for the big woods by volunteering to clean up waterways, trails, roadsides and more during this weeklong clean up. People should register their group at the park office by calling 740-858-6652. Bags, buckets and litter tongs will be available for pick up at the park during orientation and sign in.

Paw Patrol at Lake Hope State Park – People are invited to bring their friendly, furry four-legged companion along a paved 2-mile hike at Lake Hope State Park on Friday, March 31, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Pets must be on a leash. Remember to bring the clean-up bags, and meet at the nature center. For more information, call 740-596-3030.

Return of the Bobcat at Burr Oak State Park – After a 150-year absence, the bobcat has returned to Ohio. Cheryl Mollohon, a wildlife biologist, will be sharing a presentation about when and where bobcat females den and raise their kittens in southeast Ohio on Friday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m. The program will be held at Burr Oak State Park in the Lodge Chickadee Room, and it will also provide current information about Ohio's other native wild cat, the mountain lion or cougar. For more information, call 740-767-3570.

To learn more about family-friendly events at Ohio State Parks, go to parks.ohiodnr.gov/calendar.

Getting outdoors is an ideal way to relieve stress and boost mood levels. The new Explore Ohio initiative is aimed at encouraging people to exercise outdoors and become healthier in the process. Participants can log their miles, share their photos and create friends groups on the Explore Ohio website at ExploreOh.com. Whether people are running, hiking, biking, climbing, walking or paddling, Ohioans can keep track of their progress at ExploreOh.com and share their adventures on social media using #ExploreOhio. After reaching 100 combined miles of activity on the site, each registered user will receive an email with a certificate good for 15 percent off camping at any Ohio State Park.

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WBESC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES 3/8/17

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its regular monthly Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Paulding County ESC office. Board President Mr. Billy Poe III welcomed Board members and school personnel to the meeting. Treasurer Kim Jones reviewed the current financial reports, investments and the monthly expenditures with the Board.

The Western Buckeye ESC Board was updated on Legislative Issues, Personnel items, and ESC activities. The Board accepted the resignation of Peg Schilb as Director of Curriculum and Instruction. "Peg has been a model Director for Curriculum and Instruction at Antwerp and formerly Wayne Trace Local Schools the past eleven

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS AND EACS BOARD RECOGNIZE 30 UNDER 30 TEACHERS



Three of East Allen County School teachers were selected as one of 30 rising literacy leaders for the Northeast Literacy Council's first annual 30 Under 30 list! This list recognizes the literacy leaders of tomorrow—the innovators, the visionaries and motivators—who are changing the face of literacy across the globe.

As a tireless literacy and education advocate, whether their job is in the classroom or in the community, the commitment and efforts of Alixandria Doran, Melanie

Hinrichsen and Paul Conroy have been noticed.

Alixandria Doran, Melanie Hinrichsen and Paul Conroy were recently recognized at a reception at the University of Saint Francis and at an EACS Board meeting for their hard work and dedication to education.

Ms. Doran is a teacher at New Haven Primary, Ms. Hinrichsen is a teacher at Southwick Elementary and Mr. Conroy a teacher at New Haven High! (Ms. Doran is not in photo)

years. Peg Schilb's dedication to curriculum and instruction is unmatched. She brought insight to the position like no other. Western Buckeye ESC will miss her."

Consent Items – WBESC

A. Motion to approve holding a public hearing during the April 12, 2017 Governing Board meeting on the retirement/rehiring of Carol Williman after 2016-2017 school year.

B. Motion to approve holding a public hearing during the April 12, 2017 Governing Board meeting on the retirement/rehiring of Susan Carr after the 2016-2017 school year.

C. Motion to approve a 2% base salary schedule increase for the 2017-2018 school year for all certified employees on approved salary schedules.

D. Motion to approve a 2% base salary schedule increase for the 2017-2018 school year for all non-certified employees on approved salary schedules.

E. Motion to approve 2% base salary schedule increase for the 2017-2018 school year for all employees who do not have a salary schedule.

F. Motion to approve following contacts, effective at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year:

- Administrative:
- Jill Welch-5 year limited
- George Dougal-1 year Part-Time Limited
- Christine Feichter-1 year Part-Time Limited
- Sandra Freeman-1 year Part-Time Limited

G. Motion to approve the Thomas Edison Early Childhood 2017-2018 School Calendar

H. Motion to approve the Western Buckeye Resource Center 2017-2018 School Calendar.

I. Motion to approve the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center 2017-2018 School Calendar.

J. Motion to accept the resignation of Margaret Schilb, Curriculum Director, at Antwerp Local Schools effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year. It is with much appreciation that we offer our sincere thanks to Margaret for her years of service and dedication.

K. Motion to accept the resignation of Carol Williman, Administrative Assistant, at Thomas Edison Early Childhood, effective May 31, 2017. It is with much appreciation that we offer our sincere thanks to Carol for her years of service and dedication.

L. Motion to accept the resignation of Susan Carr, Paraprofessional, at Thomas Edison Early Childhood, effective May 31, 2017. It is with much appreciation that we offer our sincere thanks to Susan for her years of service and dedication.

M. Motion to accept the resignation of Warren Fauver, 21st Grant Evaluator, effective May 31, 2017. It is with much appreciation that we offer our sincere thanks to Warren and his years of service and dedication.

N. Motion to approve Western Buckeye ESC continuation as administrative agent for the Paulding County Family and Children First Council, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

IX. Action Items:

A. Motion to authorize Superintendent to draw up a contract to allow WBESC to absorb the Life Links Community School into the Resource Center effective the 2017-2018 school year.

The March 8, 2017 Board meeting adjourned with no additional Board action. The next regular Governing Board meeting of the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center will be on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Wert ESC office.



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VANTAGE MARCH BOARD MEETING HELD 3/2/17

The Vantage Board of Education held the March Board meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017 in the District Conference room. Minutes from the February 2, 2017 regular Board meeting, as well as February 9, 2017 Special Board meeting, were approved along with financial statements for the month of January, 2017. Guests attending the meeting were VTO representative and welding instructor Brent Wright and Rick Turner, who was appointed superintendent effective August 1.

Superintendent Staci Kaufman updated the Board on the status of the donation check for the Advanced Energy Academy in the Ohio Technical Center, from EDP Renewables in compliance with Senate Bill 232, for the development of the Amazon Wind Farm in Paulding County. EDP is making a large donation to the Vantage energy program for the purchase of a nacelle trainer for teaching wind turbine technology skills. Additionally, \$5000 per year for 25 years will be awarded for scholarships. The Paulding County Area Foundation will

invest the funds. EDP Renewables donation and scholarship funds are in addition to existing scholarship funds donated for Paulding Wind Farm II. Superintendent Kaufman gave details on the March 29 Employer Connections event, which will give 8th through 12 graders and parents in the Van Wert County schools and Vantage students another opportunity to discuss career options with area employers. She also updated the Board on the progress of the LPN credential program, being created to fill the void left by the closure of the nursing program operated by Northwest State Community College. The program is slated to begin enrolling students soon, and will start by July or September. High School Director Tony Unverferth reported celebrating FFA week February 20-24. The students, led by Mr. Mike Miller, took the events very seriously and have not only raised money for their cause, but also positive awareness of what FFA's values and standards mean to everyone around them. Director Unverferth also reported that there are currently seven Trade and Industrial students out on early career placement, 35 students who are eligible to compete at the state Business Professionals in America competition in Columbus, and that the online application process for next school year is currently open, with the priority deadline set on March 8th. Ohio Technical Center Director Pete Prichard reported that the retention rates are up for both the Medical Assistant Program and Police Academy, while the assessment center's foot traffic has increased 120% since January, 2016. Director Prichard also reported receiving a Truck Driving School license from the Ohio Department of Public and Safety for 2017. An application has been submitted to ACCSC for program funding. In new business, the Board:

- Employed the following as needed as scheduled; Darrell Miller, Attendance/Disci-

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Sudoku solution from page 13

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Ohio for FFA State Outdoor Power from April 24-25, to Columbus, Ohio for State FFA CLA from April 26-28, 2017; to Columbus, Ohio for State FFA Convention from May 3-5, 2017;

End of Superintendent's Consent Agenda Items
Outside Consent Agenda Items

• Appointed Rick Turner as Vantage Career Center Superintendent for a period of three (3) years, effective August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2020, per the contract terms.

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

Adjournment - at the call of the President and at the pleasure of the Vantage Career Center Board of Education

Next meeting - Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in District Conference Room

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Professional nurse, who, plans, directs, and coordinates all activities concerning the patient's care. Collaborates with the physician and all members of the healthcare team in developing an individualized plan of care. RN's operate on 12 hour shifts, every 3rd weekend.

Minimum Qualifications

1. Current State of Ohio Registered Nurse Licensure
 2. Current BLS Certification
 3. Current ACLS/PALS Certification (or achieved within 1st 6 months)
- Opening: Full and Part Time, varying shifts available

• **Phlebotomist**

Collects blood samples from inpatients and outpatients. Prepares specimens for transport. Handles phone calls and other assorted clerical duties.

1. Prior phlebotomy experience in a laboratory setting
2. Prefer a registered phlebotomist with certification, or one who has completed an accredited phlebotomist course.

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LEAGUE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES RECOGNIZE SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING WINNERS



The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards features the Gold and Silver Key winning students in grades 7-12 from Northern Indiana and North-west Ohio. It has grown into what is now a model program for the rest of the country, exhibiting the best student artwork and writing of the region.

The FWMoA Program is one of only 26 Scholastic Programs in the country to offer the full Art and Writing Program and our region has grown to include 52 counties in Indiana and Ohio. Year after year, the winning students in our program go on to win numerous national awards.

Scholastic Writing Winners:

Grayson Spaw silver key in Poetry and Gold key for her writing portfolio, Emma Shade honorable mention in poetry, Taylor Stahl honorable mention in the novel category, Madi Turpin Gold key in science fiction/fantasy. These are all Leo Jr. Sr. High students, Dr. Neal Brown, principal. Emily Powers Gold key for poetry, East Allen University, principal Mr. Doug Hicks.

Scholastic Art Winners:
Lindsey Marriott Gold key for sculpture, Ella Hoffman Silver key for painting, Emily Ibhohm Silver key for drawing and illustration, Bailianna Sholl Gold and Silver key for photography, also Leo Jr. Sr. High students.

BENEFIT DINNER FOR SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES

Saturday March 18th, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m., Safe Haven Baby Boxes (SHBB) will be having their 1st annual benefit dinner to raise funds for more Safe Haven Baby Boxes to be installed throughout Indiana and Ohio. The work that SHBB does is a vital role to women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy. Currently SHBB crisis hotline has received over 900 calls and assisted in over 130 crisis pregnancy referrals, 4 adoption referrals and 6 babies safely surrendered through the safe haven law. Safe Haven Baby Boxes is a non-profit organization based out of Woodburn Indiana and is home of the 1st Safe Haven Baby Box.

The Benefit Dinner starts at 6pm on March 18th which is followed by our keynote speaker Mrs. International formally Mrs. Wyoming. Mrs. International is SHBB international spokesperson as she is working diligently to bring Safe Haven Baby Boxes to other countries that continue to find abandoned babies dumped in their streets. Following Mrs. International is a live auction where dinner with the Mayor, dinner with a Woodburn Police Officer and dinner with a Woodburn Firefighter will be auctioned to the highest bidder. A custom-made grandfather clock was also donated to SHBB to be auctioned off this evening at our live auction.

We are also having a silent auction with items such as a pampered chef basket, birdhouses, certificate from clip and tan for a cut and color, certificates for dinner at many restaurants and many more items.

Please consider attending and supporting this local ministry that is saving abandoned babies and saving their mothers from a lifetime of guilt and regret.

For more information visit City Hall with Mayor Kelsey or call Monica at 260-750-3668.

BASEBALL CLINIC SET AT WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL

The Payne Ball Association and Wayne Trace baseball program will be presenting two baseball clinics on Saturday, March 25, at Wayne Trace High School.

Grades four and under will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. that day while grades five and up will be from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. that afternoon.

Both clinics will focus on the fundamentals of baseball in all aspects of the game.

For more information, please contact Kevin Wannemacher at 419-399-7243 or wannie8@frontier.com.

CONSTRUCTION ON LEFT TURN LANES AT S.R. 930 AND GREEN STREET SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MARCH 13

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a tentative timeline for construction of left turn lanes from S.R. 930 to Green Street in the City of New Haven. Work is scheduled to begin on or after Monday, March 13, weather permitting.

Motorists can expect a slight traffic shift on S.R. 930 between College Avenue and Koehlinger Drive. Both eastbound and westbound lanes will be shifted north to facilitate the installation of a new storm water system on the south side of S.R. 930, as well as the paving of the eastbound shoulder.

Once the storm water system is installed, traffic will be shifted south onto the eastbound lane and newly paved shoulder. At this time, Green Street will be closed to through-traffic for up to 65 days. This will accommodate the construction of the new westbound shoulder, a new storm retention structure and a new modular block retaining wall.

For the duration of the project, sidewalks along Green Street, crossing S.R. 930, will be closed to pedestrians. Pedestrian detour

signs will be posted.

The completed project will result in new sidewalks and dedicated left turn lanes for eastbound and westbound S.R. 930 to Green Street, as well as new curb and gutter, new curb ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and new signal heads, among other additions.

INDOT reminds drivers to use caution when traveling through any active construction zone.

The project, aimed at improving safety and traffic flow, is scheduled to be completed in early November, weather permitting. The contract was awarded to INDOT contractor Phend & Brown, Inc., for \$1.7 million.

STATE TROOPERS REMOVE ILLEGAL DRUGS AND WEAPONS FROM LOCAL ROADWAYS

The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol completed a three day enforcement initiative aimed at removing illegal drugs and criminal activity from our local communities. The enforcement effort was part of the 6 State Trooper Project and was conducted between March 2nd- March 4th.

During the initiative, Van Wert Post Troopers conducted 301 traffic stops resulting in 22 criminal charges being filed. Troopers made 10 arrest for illegal drug possession, 8 arrest for possessing drug paraphernalia, and 2 arrest for illegal weapon violations. Additionally, troopers removed 8 impaired drivers from local roadways.

"It is important for the Van Wert community to understand that we are not only dedicated to keeping our roadways safe, but we are also committed to removing criminal activity from our local communities" said Sergeant Joe Sisco, Van Wert Post Assistant Commander. "When illegal activity is eradicated from our communities, it is a win for the entire community and improves the quality of life for its members." Sisco said.

The Van Wert Post received positive comments from members of the community for the effort to remove drugs and impaired drivers. Motorists commented that they noticed the increased presence of State Highway Patrol vehicles in and around the area over the weekend. When explained as to the focus of the detail, motorists positively commented

to the concentrated effort to remove harmful drugs and impaired drivers.

The 6 State Trooper Project is a collaborative effort between the Indiana State Police, Michigan State Police, Kentucky State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, West Virginia State Police, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The public is encouraged to call #677 to report impaired drivers, drug activity, and stranded motorists.

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOL JOB FAIR

East Allen County Schools Job Information Fair Wednesday, March 22 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Park Hill Learning Center, 1000 Prospect Ave, New Haven, IN 46774 Staff Development Room We are looking for bright, talented individuals with fresh ideas, who love to work and have a passion to succeed. We offer competitive compensation and benefit programs, safe schools with a history of strong community support, and outstanding programs for our students. This is an opportunity to meet with Human Resources, Principals, Special Education, Health Services, Transportation, Facilities and Maintenance, and Food Service to discuss what types of jobs may be available in each department. Resumes will be accepted and there will be information on the application process.

DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUN DAY



On March 2nd, Paulding Elementary preschool students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a Family Fun Day. The preschool parents were invited to join the class to read a favorite Dr. Seuss story. Tucker's mom and dad, Christy and Matt Stoller read about how many feet you meet in preschool.

Let WBN announce your engagement, wedding or anniversary. Only \$6/column for the photo and the news is FREE!

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