

PREPARATION FOR JAIL IS NEARING COMPLETION; EARLY OPENING DATE PLANNED



Paulding County Sheriff Jason Landers invited the press to the swearing in of the Peace Officers hired to work in the soon to be opened county jail, after being passed by Paulding County Voters last fall. The orientation took place on March 22 at the Paulding County building, previously the home of Job and Family Services.

The Peace Officers began the 3-day orientation that will prepare them for the three and a half week training at CCO (Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio) in Stryker.

One of the aspects of the jail opening is creating jobs here in Paulding County rather than transporting inmates back and forth from Putnam County and paying that county for housing prisoners which is now the current location.

Landers stated, "We had an incredible turnout in job applications." 40 applicants

sent in their interest for hire. Out of the original amount, 20 were male and 20 were female. Fulfilling the promise when it was presented to county residents, 8 of the 10 hires are county residents. The new Peace Officers sworn in are the following: Brett Belew, Colin Krick, Karisa Long, Kara Sherry, Ryan Shinaberry, Sarah Wilson, Chris Robinson, Nate Trausch, Vanessa Frick, and Penny Bauer. Sheriff Landers voiced, "We are on track to open the facility early. We are now looking at the first week of June to bring the jail into operation." All the preparations have gone better than expected and moved up from the original opening date of the first week of September.

The prisoners will be brought back gradually from Putnam County instead of bringing them back all at once, making the transition easier for the new officers and

administration.

Colin Krick told the West Bend News, "The Paulding County Sheriff's Office has always been involved in the community. I find it an honor to come back and be a part of the community." All of the sworn in officers are training now until the day of opening.

Watch the newspaper for upcoming information on the Jail Open House scheduled for early June.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP'S COMPOST SITE TO RE-OPEN APRIL 1ST, 2017 - REGULATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED

The Village of Antwerp's compost site was closed by Ohio EPA in 2016 due to the site not being registered and due to the site being used as a dumping ground for toilets, garbage, concrete, etc. The process of cleaning up the site and preparing a new site has been arduous and expensive on behalf of the Village.

The area for the new composting site, located at the Village's Sanitary Sewer Plant on Harrmann Road, will be lo-

WOODLAN FFA COMPETES IN DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP CONVENTION



Pictured top row (l-r) Zoe Lowden, Kaylee Smith, Tori Miller, Allissa Hubbard, Sydny Klopfenstein, Tyler Miller, and Nicky Gerber. Middle row: Evy Spieth, Henry Wyss, Cheyenne Cook, Taylor Sarrazine, Hayley Oldfield, Ellie Spieth. Front row: Maddie Werling, Jaedyn Davis and Augustus Wyss.

The Woodlan FFA Chapter recently competed in the District 3 FFA Leadership Convention held at Eastside High School located in Butler, Indiana.

Allison Knepp, District 3 Vice President and a mem-

ber of the Woodlan FFA Chapter helped preside over this major event. Woodlan FFA members competed in 21 different Leadership Categories placing in every event. Woodlan FFA placed 3rd overall with 14

FFA chapters and over 300 students competing in this District 3 FFA competition.

Thirty five Woodlan FFA members participated in the District 3 Leadership Convention.

cated on the north side of the buildings. Signage has been placed to direct where leaves and limbs and brush are to be deposited. Leaves are NOT to be in plastic or paper bags. They must be dumped loose and the bags taken off of the site. No construction materials, cardboard, paper, or anything other than vegetation is to be placed at the compost site and the leaves and limbs

are not to be mixed.

Cameras have been positioned at the site and movement is recorded. Anyone who violates the compost site rules will be prosecuted and

banned from the site. The site is for Village residents only. If it suspected that someone dropping off at the site is not a village resident,

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HICKSVILLE, OHIO
Dr. Daniel L. Underwood, 62, died Tuesday March 21, 2017 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Born on June 8, 1954 in Hicksville, Dan was the son of George and the late Marjorie (Hobeck) Underwood.

Dan was a 1972 graduate of Antwerp High School. He graduated from Otterbein College with a Bachelor of Science degree and continued his medical studies at the Medical College of Toledo, becoming a well respected physician in the Hicksville community.

On August 23, 1975, Dan was united in marriage to Jaci Panico and she survives.

Dan loved being a part of the Hicksville community. He passionately served as a physician at Community Memorial Hospital for 35 years, where he also volunteered to serve on the Board of Governors. He was involved in Hicksville sports year round, both as a coach and as the team physician. Daniel loved being outdoors, landscaping and gardening. Spending time with his family and reading to his grandchildren were his favorite things to do.

Dan is also survived by his children, Jesse (Sara) Underwood, Laura (Clint) Keifer, Tessa Underwood; grandchildren, Aiden, Willa and Bennett; a brother, Royce Underwood and a sister, Connie Sampson.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, Stan Underwood.

Funeral services for Dan will be Saturday at 11:00 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday from 2:00 to 8:00 at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

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

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 3/29 - 4/4

3/29 - Pork cutlet, baked potato, creamed peas, peaches, w.w. bread, rainbow yogurt, milk

3/30 - Cheeseburger, oven potatoes, buttered Lima beans, orange juice, rice krispie treat, milk

3/31 - Fish sandwich, cheesy potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, fruit cocktail, granola bar, milk

4/3 - Cheeseburger, baked beans, Spanish green beans, blushing pears, raisins, milk

4/4 - Baked ham, roasted potatoes, winter blend, Trop-

ical fruit, cornbread, cookie, milk

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 3/29 - 4/4

3/29 - Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

3/30 - Bingo w/Gardens of Paulding at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

3/31 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

4/3 - "Shedding pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo w/Country Inn at 12:00 p.m.

4/4 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

STATEMENT FROM AGRICULTURE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY MICHAEL L. YOUNG ON NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

Acting Agriculture Deputy Secretary Michael L. Young released the following statement:

"Today is National Agriculture Day, set aside to pay tribute to the farmers and ranchers of our nation. The work of American producers and growers ensures consumers in our country have plenty of safe food and a wide variety at a cost lower than much of the world.

"Through their efficiency, they are able to produce more food and fiber than is demanded in our country, generating a trade surplus in agricultural products for the United States. As President Trump noted in the Presidential Proclamation declaring today National Agriculture Day, 'American agriculture is the largest positive contributor to our Nation's net trade balance, providing 10 percent of our exports and millions of jobs.'

"Farmers and ranchers also play a role in helping sustain rural communities in the face of shifting populations and economic challenges. In these and many other ways, agriculture is a key part of the American economy.

"So today, the employees of USDA thank our farmers and ranchers for all they do to feed our nation and the world, for their work conserving and preserving the land, and for being actively engaged in their local communities."

SENATE APPROVES LEGISLATION INVESTING IN TRAINING FOR LOCAL POLICE CHIEFS

State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) announced the Senate's passage of legislation providing additional training opportunities, helping equip Ohio's local police chiefs as leaders in their departments

and communities.

Sponsored by Senator Hite, the legislation would establish a 40-hour police chief training program designed for newly appointed local police chiefs. Course content would include diversity training with an emphasis on historical perspectives and community-police relations.

"This training program helps prepare local police chiefs to become effective and dynamic leaders in the communities they serve," said Senator Hite.

In 2015, Ada Police Chief Michael Harnishfeger approached Senator Hite with the idea of establishing the training program. Senate Bill 37 is the result of extensive collaboration between the Ohio Attorney General's office and the Ohio Police Chiefs Association.

If signed into law, newly appointed police chiefs would be required to attend the training program, provided by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, beginning in January 2018.

Senate Bill 37 now goes to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST ZIKA VIRUS DURING SPRING BREAK TRAVEL

Spring Break is under way, and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is reminding Ohioans to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites if you are traveling to areas with active Zika virus transmission. Zika has spread to about 62 countries and territories that include popular Spring Break destinations such as Mexico, the Bahamas and Puerto Rico. For the latest list of the current CDC travel advisories click here.

"Zika virus is primarily spread through the bite of an infected mosquito, and if you are traveling to an area with active transmission, make sure you take appropriate steps to avoid mosquito bites," said Sietske de Fijter, ODH State Epidemiologist and Bureau Chief of Infectious Diseases. "Pregnant women should not travel to Zika-affected areas because a Zika infection during pregnancy can cause certain birth defects."

There have been 5,139 travel-associated Zika virus cases across the United States since January 2015. Ohio had 94 confirmed travel-associated Zika cases and 1 sexual transmission Zika case in 2016 and 2 cases so far in 2017. The primary mosquito that transmits Zika virus is found in the tropics and southern U.S., but it is not known to be established in Ohio. A relative of this mosquito is established in Ohio and may potentially transmit the Zika virus.

Zika virus can be passed through sexual transmission, even if the infected person does not have symptoms. Men who have traveled to an area of active Zika virus transmission should use a condom every time during sex or abstain from sexual activity if their partner is pregnant. Women who have had possible exposure to Zika virus should wait at least eight weeks before having unprotected sex.

"As a precaution, be on the lookout for Zika virus symptoms after you get home from traveling to a Zika-affected

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge."
Psalm 62:7 NIV

PATRICK TROYER VISITS ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 21st CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



The 21st Century After School Program students at Antwerp Elementary were recently visited by Patrick Troyer from the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District. The students learned that vermicomposting is the process of using worms ("vermin" is Latin for worm") to process organic food waste into nutrient-rich soil. This after school program combines homework help, tutoring, and hands-on learning activities Monday-Thursday each week. If you would like additional information please contact Ashley Shepherd, Program Coordinator at 419-399-4711 or Pat Ross/Tim Manz, Site Coordinators at 419-258-5421.

area, and contact your health-care provider if you believe that you are having Zika-like symptoms," de Fijter said.

Take these steps to avoid mosquito bites when traveling to Zika-affected areas:

- Use EPA-registered insect repellent and use it per the product label.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Use air conditioning or window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.

There is no indication that the Zika virus can

spread from person to person through casual contact. Of people infected with the Zika virus, 80 percent do not have any symptoms. When symptoms occur, they are often mild, lasting from several days to a week, and include fever, rash, joint and muscle pain, conjunctivitis (red eyes), and headache. Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon.

Go to the ODH website at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/zika> for more information about Zika virus.

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proof will be requested. The site is only for residents and not commercial business.

A gate has been placed on the drive back to the sanitary sewer plant and if the gate is closed, the site is closed. No one is to drive around the gate to get back to the plant. A sign placed close to Harrmann Road will show whether or not the site is open.

It is proposed that the site will be opened starting April 1, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays the

site will be open during normal work hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The site will not be open winter months with the exception to accept Christmas trees and in the event of ice or wind storms to accept limbs and branches. Again this site is regulated by EPA and will be inspected annually. If during an inspection they find that the site is being used for a dump, the site will be permanently closed. Please respect the site so this doesn't occur. If you have questions on what is acceptable at the site or when it will be open, please call the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371.

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OAKWOOD STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT SCIENCE



Students shown building an arch are: Taegan Manz, Katrina Ford, and Trinity Cohan

Oakwood Elementary students had an opportunity to learn about Science in an amazing way when Mobile Ed Productions visited the school and presented activities for the students to experiment and learn from. The

presentation was called "The Steam Machine" and it was provided by the 21st Century Grant program.



Students working with a small robot are: Zachery VanScoder and Parker Mapes



Students shown with a model plane and a car are: Owen Logan and Adam Stahl.

NEW ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION REPORT SHOWS GROWING COST AND IMPACT OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ON NATION'S FAMILIES AND ECONOMY

For the first time, total payments for caring for individuals living with Alzheimer's or other dementias exceeded a quarter trillion dollars (\$259 billion), according to findings from the 2017 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report. The report was released by the Alzheimer's Association.

The report also discusses the disease's impact on caregivers, such as family members. According to Cheryl Conley, Program Director for the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, the number of individuals who have Alzheimer's and their families who need to learn to live with Alzheimer's and related dementias is forecast to grow significantly over the next two decades.

There are 597,000 Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers in Ohio providing 680 million hours of unpaid care, a value of \$8.59 billion. Nationwide, more than 15 million Americans provide unpaid care, such as physical, emotional, and financial support, for the estimated 5.5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's dementia. In 2016, Alzheimer's caregivers provided an estimated 18.2 billion hours of unpaid care, which the report valued at \$230.1 billion.

These contributions disproportionately come from women, who make up two-thirds of Alzheimer's caregivers. New findings highlighted in the report show that of all dementia caregivers who provided care for more than 40 hours a week, 69 percent are women. Of those providing care to someone with dementia for more than 5 years, 63 percent are women and 37 percent are men.

The Facts and Figures report also found that the strain of caregiving produces serious physical and mental health consequences. For instance, more than one out of three (35 percent) caregivers for people with Alzheimer's or another dementia report that their health has gotten worse due to care responsibilities,

compared to one out of five (19 percent) caregivers for older people without dementia. Also, depression and anxiety are more common among dementia caregivers than among people providing care for individuals with certain other conditions.

Ohio Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers have higher health costs of \$421 million. According to Conley, "We find that caregivers of persons who have dementia are dedicated and can provide care for many years. Families can show great strength; but at the same time, as the symptoms worsen and the amount of care increases, caregivers report stress, anxiety, and health problems."

Soaring Cost, Prevalence and Mortality

The Facts and Figures report provides an in-depth look at the latest national statistics and information on Alzheimer's prevalence, incidence, use and costs of care, caregiving and mortality.

Findings in the report show that, for the first time, total annual payments for health care, long-term care and hospice care for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias have surpassed a quarter of a trillion dollars (\$259 billion). Additionally, despite support from Medicare, Medicaid, and other sources of financial assistance, individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias still incur high out-of-pocket costs. The average per-person out-of-pocket costs for seniors with Alzheimer's and other dementias are almost five times higher than average per-person payments for seniors without these conditions (\$10,315 versus \$2,232).

Although deaths from other major causes have decreased, new data from the report shows that deaths from Alzheimer's disease have increased significantly. Between 2000 and 2014, deaths from heart disease decreased 14 percent, while deaths from Alzheimer's disease have increased 89 percent.

Alzheimer's By the Numbers: Additional Findings on Prevalence, Incidence and Mortality

- There are an estimated 5.5 million Americans with Alzheimer's dementia in 2017, including 210,000 in Ohio.

- Barring the development of medical breakthroughs, the number of people age 65 and older with Alzheimer's dementia may nearly triple from 5.3 million to 13.8 million by 2050.

- Every 66 seconds, someone in the U.S. develops Alzheimer's dementia. By mid-century, someone in the U.S. will develop the disease every 33 seconds.

- Approximately 480,000 people—almost half a million—age 65 or older will develop Alzheimer's dementia in the U.S. in 2017.

- Two-thirds of Americans over age 65 with Alzheimer's dementia (3.3 million) are women.

- Alzheimer's is the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S. and the fifth-leading cause of death for those ages 65 and older. In Ohio, 4,083 died with Alzheimer's in 2014, the most recent figure available.

- Alzheimer's remains the only disease among the top 10 causes of death in America that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed.

Cost of Paid and Unpaid

Care

- Total national cost of caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias is estimated at \$259 billion (excludes unpaid caregiving), of which \$175 billion is the cost to Medicare and Medicaid alone.

- Total payments for health care, long-term care and hospice for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias are projected to increase to more than \$1.1 trillion in 2050 (in 2017 dollars).

- In Ohio, the report estimated total Medicaid costs for Americans with dementia age 65 and older at \$2.24 billion for 2017. In the next eight years, that figure is expected to increase 27.2% to \$2.85 billion.

The Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter offers a wide variety of programs and services specifically designed for individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's and other dementias as well as families, caregivers, professionals, and the community as a whole. Included are a 24/7 toll-free helpline, early stage programs, care consultation, caregiver support groups, family caregiver education, speaker's bureau programs, and professional training.

Full text of the Alzheimer's Association 2017 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report can be viewed at alz.org. The report will also appear in the April 2017 issue of Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association.

About 2017 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures

The Alzheimer's Association 2017 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report is a comprehensive compilation of national statistics and information on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The report conveys the impact of Alzheimer's on individuals, families, government and the nation's health care system. Since its 2007 inaugural release, the report has become the preeminent source covering the broad spectrum of Alzheimer's issues. The Facts and Figures report is an official publication of the Alzheimer's Association.

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the

risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's. For more information, visit the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or call the 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900.

USDA ANNOUNCES \$6 MILLION TO AID FIRE-AFFECTED FARMERS AND RANCHERS IN MIDWEST

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the availability of more than \$6 million in funding to implement practices that will help private farmers, ranchers and forest landowners affected by the wildfires blazing in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

"We have seen the devastating effects of these wildfires on agricultural operations and the funding announced today can help communities of farmers and ranchers start the process of recovery," said Acting Deputy Agriculture Secretary Michael Young. "USDA is here to offer assistance, and I encourage producers who experienced losses to take full advantage of our financial and technical assistance to aid in their recovery efforts and alleviate part of the financial burden caused by these tragic events."

The funding, made available by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), will assist local producers as they begin to restore scorched grazing land, rebuild fencing, protect damaged watersheds, and implement various conservation measures to mitigate losses.

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to help plan and implement conservation practices that address priority local and state resource concerns. Producers must submit a complete program application, establish "farm records", and other documentation to support eligibility to be considered for financial assistance through EQIP. Step-by-step assistance can be found at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getstarted>.

States will begin accepting applications in the near future. Producers in the affected counties are encouraged to check with their local NRCS service centers for additional information.



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CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL RECOGNIZES MICHAEL MACKIN



Central Lutheran School is proud to announce that 6th grader Michael Mackin was named one of the semi-finalists eligible to compete in the 2017 Indiana National Geographic State Bee. The contest will be held at Indiana University, Purdue University in Indianapolis on Friday, March 31, 2017.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 29th year. School Bees were held in schools with 4th through 8th grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the State Bees. With this invitation to the state competition, this places Michael in the top 1% in geographic literacy among the nation's

4th through 8th graders! Each state champion will receive \$100, the National Geographic Concise Atlas of the World, 4th Edition and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 14-17, 2017. The national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and an all expenses paid expedition to the Galápagos Islands aboard the new National Geographic Endeavour II.

Best of luck, Michael, at the state competition. We are so proud of you!

Michael is one of 400 students attending Central Lutheran School. Central Lutheran has been a part of the New Haven community since 1952 and offers classes for students in 3-year-old preschool through 8th grade. For additional information about enrolling your child, go to www.cluth.org or call us at 260-493-2502.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT @ SOUTH SCIPIO CHURCH

South Scipio Church invites you to join them on Friday, March 31, as they will be showing the movie *BEN-HUR* at the church.

Bring a comfortable lawn chair, beanbag, or cushion(s), along with a snack to share. We will provide drinks and meet in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m. South Scipio Church is located at 24990 Antwerp Road outside of Harlan, Indiana.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood church of Christ

- 1st John 5:1: Those who believe that Jesus is the son of God is _____?
- 1st John 5:1: Does everybody love Jesus? Yes or no?
- 1st John 5:2: Who are the children of God?
- 1st John 5:2: As you and I Love God, what are we to keep?
- 1st John 5:3: What is the love of God?
- 1st John 5:3: How burdensome are God's commandments?
- 1st John 5:4: How do we overcome the world?
- 1st John 5:4: What is the victory that has overcome the world?
- 1st John 5:5: Those who believe Jesus is the son of God, does what?
- 1st John 5:6: Who came by water and blood?

Questions, comment or need some assistance in your studies let Lonnie and I know. James Potter 419-393-475, or jsp1941@yahoo.com also Lonnie Lambert 419-399-5022. Jesus loves you and so does the churches of Christ.

Answers to today's question:

1. Born of God; 2. No; 3. Those who love God; 4. Those who keep God's commandments; 5. Keeping God's commandments; 6. They are not; 7. Having salvation, being born again; 8. Our faith, by becoming Christians; 9. Overcome the world; 10. Jesus.

Loved ones please continue to study the Bible, especially the New Testament, for this Christ's law and His law will get us to heaven if we obey it. "Love you!"

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,

In I Thessalonians 5:18 it says, "In every thing give thanks..." How can you give thanks when truly bad things happen to you?

Though it seems hard, it doesn't have to be. It is a matter of FAITH in the good character and promises of our sovereign God. He tells us to trust in Him with all our hearts and to lean not to our own understanding, but in all our ways acknowledge Him (Proverbs 3:5-6). My son, Jack, preaches a message in which he has teens eat each raw ingredient in chocolate chip cookies. Some ingredients though necessary, are rather gross—such as raw eggs, flour and baking soda, but the finished product tastes very good.

Paul and Silas rejoiced over being falsely accused, beaten and imprisoned (Acts 16:19- 25). However, God later used that to bring people to Christ, start a strong church, provide a great example, strengthen faith and store up for them treasure in heaven.

Job lost about everything dear to him yet in faith he responded, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." As a result, God eventually gave him twice what he had before, and is still, over three thousand years later, using his testimony to strengthen millions.

When bad happens to you, go ahead in faith and give thanks. God will show you the good He planned to bring through it later. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

MT. CALVARY CONTINUES LENTEN SERIES

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Antwerp is continuing its Lenten Series based on the Book of Job: "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord." The next two Lenten services will be held on March 29 and April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the church located at 3497 County Rd. 424. Topics will be "Understanding How it Works Together" and "God Speaks in the Storm". A light meal and fellowship begins at 6:00p.m. hosted by the youth of the congregation.

A Palm Sunday service is at 10:15 a.m. on April 9 when four young people will publicly confirm their faith.

Maundy Thursday will be observed at the church on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. entitled "On Earth is Not His Equal!"

Good Friday services at 7:00 p.m. will be combined with Zion/Bull Rapids congregation at the Zion facility. Theme is "Tearing Down the Spite House" with combined choirs in cantata.

Easter service at Mt. Calvary will be April 16 at 10:15.

During this Lenten and Easter time we receive gifts from the book of Job. Job states in Chapter 19:25, "I know that my redeemer lives." Christ is alive! He has conquered death and the grave. His Word is sufficient. His Grace is enough. His love brings comfort and healing.

Please join your friends and family of Mt. Calvary for any and all of these special services.

STRANGER DANGER AT HARLAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Pictured is Officer Joyce from the FWPD with Logan Johnston and Allison Keim teaching them about Stranger Danger.

The purpose of the Fort Wayne Police Department Safety Education Bureau is to: maintain a positive relationship with a diverse community population through Safety Education workshops, distribution of literature and presentations.

The objective is to plan, implement and educate students, parents and the community about issues of self-protection, knowledge of pedestrian rules, stranger awareness situations and

bicycle safety rules and the importance of recognizing dangers. All can be practiced in a simulated real-like environment, Safety Village.

During the school year, the pedestrian safety program is presented to Kindergarten classes from middle of August to November and the end of March to June at the Safety Village. The stranger awareness program is presented at the schools from November to March. All programs are scheduled.

true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.' The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.' Then Jesus declared, 'I who speak to you am he.' John 4:10-14, 23-26 (NIV).

We take water for granted, but we couldn't survive without it. We drink it, bathe in it, swim in it and we nurture our plants with it. Most of us have no trouble obtaining it. Not so for the Samaritan woman. She had to walk all the way to a well to get it. She did not go to the well to gain insight about herself and about worship. She did not intend to become part of shar-

ing God's message. She went to get water for drinking and household needs. She thought she would simply draw the water, fill her jar and then go back home.

Beyond the gender and religious issues, the two people at the well shared some things. They shared thirst, weariness and a common humanity. They both looked to the books of Moses for insight into God. Although her people considered his people outsiders and vice versa, they had some common ground.

Jesus, after engaging the woman in conversation, identifies himself to the woman and clarifies true worship. True worship occurs in the heart. True worship is in spirit and in truth. Worship flows from the heart in gratitude

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WATER FOR HEALING

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.' 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?' Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' ...Yet a time is coming and has now come when the

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wonder if other people are having the same trouble with Spectrum internet as myself and many people I've talked to are? Ever since they took over from Time Warner Cable it's been junk, freezes up, nothing comes up and it's terribly slow. I had just bought a new computer with twice the speed as my other one, it was working fine but after their takeover it's as bad as it was with the first company it was with before switching to Time Warner Cable. My neighbor called to complain and was told it was because lots of people were using it certain times of the day. Same people were using it with Time Warner and we never had this problem. Then she was told it was her equipment, had it checked and it was fine but she wasn't getting the power that was supposed to be coming in to it. It's not just bad at certain times but almost all the time now no matter what time of day. I've also heard they have lost a large percentage of customers and have an approval rating of only one star, and that might be lower, but one star is the lowest you can give. Of course they keep offering packages to make it better for outrageous sums of money. This is typical of businesses that get too big to take care of their customers or are just greedy for money so they cut services to make you pay more for what they

say they have! Ridiculous, we were happy with what we had, it worked well and had no problems. Now it's a joke trying to do anything on these as its so frustrating waiting for it to load, respond, or switch to what you are trying to get. Of course they don't have an email to contact them and you can't get anyone at the Defiance office to talk to and if you do get through they pass you from site to site blaming everything but their poor service and you will probably spend over an hour trying to get someone like my neighbor did. I'm just going to send a letter of complaint along with my next bill to see if I get a response, I've got more important things to do than spend my time on a phone getting the run a round. They obviously better improve their service or find they will lose lots of business, it's too bad we don't have any decent internet companies around here to switch too. I'm to the point that I wouldn't even miss it into didn't have it which could happen if they raise my rates for this ridiculous service. They need to put people before money and give the service we had been paying for. I'm sure none of them are starving on what they are making. Just because they have this service doesn't mean we have to buy it. They need to wake up to this before reality hits them in a way they understand and don't like!!!

—Gregg Gorman, Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

March 24, 2017, a date that will live in infamy! Does any of that statement have a familiar ring to it? December 7th, 1941, this was a time in history that took us to war with the Japanese. It was a time that brought our country together, it was a time that produced the greatest generation in our country's history. Those gallant men and women who fought and died in the pacific and European theaters became the Apex of Patriotism in the United States. But with that statement, I do not mean to take anything away from the Korean War and the Vietnam War vets. They too were patriots.

The only conflict that divided the country was the Vietnam War. I lived through that time as a young man. The division we witnessed in the 1960's is not unlike what we are experiencing today. Politics has played a very big

part then and now. The Vietnam conflict was started by the democrats and stopped by a republicans. The wars today were started by a republican and carried on by the democrats. But I digress, we are in this country today on the verge of a civil war in my estimation. The country is split along many lines and only fools would say it's not.

The problem in our country certainly comes from the top down. The causation? The wrong person got elected president! Plain and simple. The only groups that were in the streets protesting were Black Lives Matter, now look around. You have violent protesters many dressed in their ninja suits hurting people and destroying property and what happens? Slaps on the wrist! I have a solution, bring back the hippie generation! They were too high or stoned to be violent. They talked about love, you dig it man?

I remember Michelle Obama saying that this was the first time she had been proud of her country. She was making well over \$300,000 for an office job in Chicago. Well Michelle, this is the first time in my life I've been ashamed of part, I say part of my country. We couldn't trust your husband's words, nor his vice president, nor his secretary of state, nor his senate, nor his house. That mistrust has been carried over even under a new administration. The so called justice department under Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch was a complete farce, the national security advisors especially Valerie Jarett, who just so happened to move in with the Obamas' in Washington D.C.! Who does that? Oh well, she had been instructing him for the last 8-10 years, no sense getting rid of her now. And don't let me forget the intell departments, they were just as culpable as was the supreme court and the executive branch. The thing that makes me not only sad, but sick, is the obstructionist democrats in the house and senate. They are nothing but shameful.

Gloating over the new healthcare bill not making it to the floor as if they had just knocked out Muhammed Ali in the first round. They should remember, what goes around, comes around.

Lastly, I want to write about Judge Neil Gorsuch who has been nominated to the supreme court. I have met some very interesting and some very intelligent people in my life. One I will mention was the speech writer for President Eisenhower, Dr. Kevin McCann. I had lunch and spent about two hours with him. A brilliant mind. But I have never seen a man or woman as intelligent as Judge Gorsuch. He took every question, remembered every case that was brought before him. Every senator on the left tried their very best to get him to show his colors. He remained steadfast. He seems a very amiable man, well respected, well educated and wise. The only thing that surprised me was that no one on the left called him a racist, a homophobe, a xenophobe, an islamophobe or a sexist. If anyone watched him being quizzed, you would have to agree he would make a great justice on our supreme court, wouldn't you?

—Kenny Barnes Paulding, Ohio

PAULDING STUDENTS WIN AWARDS AT SCIENCE FAIR



Front L-R: Cade McGarvey, Baylee March, Jalynn Parrett, Preston Ingol, Jordyn Merriman, Kaylee Tressler and Hailey Wwidenhamer. Back L-R: Hunter Kauser, Sadie Estle, Preston Johanns and advisors, Mrs. Favorito and Mrs. Johnson. Missing from the photo is Molly Adams.

These Paulding Middle School and High School students won an award for the

school with the most Superior ratings at the District Science Fair! Those receiving a supe-

rior rating will be competing at the state level on May 13.

THE HEALING POWER OF MUSIC EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

The power of music to affect our moods, enhance our mental state, and aid in our physical wellbeing will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, March 30th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Unlocking the Mystery of Music: New Findings on How Music Heals and Relieves," features a filmed interview with Sarah Johnson, a neurologic music therapist.

"The power of music does come on many different levels, and it's probably different for every person," Johnson says. "It grabs our attention and is a very motivating stimulus to listen to."

During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss how music can help them accomplish personal goals.

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

2017 WILDLIFE LEGACY STAMP NOW AVAILABLE

The photo of a green heron, submitted by wildlife enthusiast Matthew Schmalz of New Albany, was the winner in the annual Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp Photo Contest. The first place photo appears on the 2017 Wildlife Legacy Stamp, which is now on sale, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

"I was thrilled to see my work published," said Schmalz, who took the winning photo in Big Walnut Creek, where he was enjoying the view when the heron landed 30 feet from him. This is the first year Schmalz has entered pictures in the Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp Photo contest.

The first runner-up photo of a black-crowned night heron was taken and submitted by Dean Davis of Troy. Graytown resident Sharon Cummings was selected as the second runner-up with her picture of a great blue heron.

The contest was open to Ohio residents, with 21 individuals submitting 58 native Ohio heron photos. The idea for the Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp began as a grassroots effort to inform the public about the need to fund wildlife conservation. Offering the stamp to the public has continued with the positive support of individuals and conservation groups throughout the state.

Fourteen dollars of every \$15 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp sold are invested in the state's Wildlife Diversity Fund. This fund supports habitat restoration, wildlife and habitat research projects, creation of wildlife educational materials, as well as efforts that restore and conserve endangered and threatened species. No state tax dollars are contributed to this fund. For people who purchase the Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp, they can show their stamp at eight Ohio State Park lodges to earn a 25 percent discount on lodge rooms for week-day stays. The stamp holder must be present to receive this discount.

The contest was judged at the Fountain Inn in Lakeside during the annual Wildlife Diversity Partners Conference in September 2016. The judges of the photo contest were representatives from statewide conservation organizations, metro parks, science and education centers, as well as wildlife biologists, naturalists and outdoor writers. The photos were judged on originality, technical excellence, composition and overall impact.

The subject for next year's event, the ninth Ohio

Wildlife Legacy Stamp Photo Contest, is a native Ohio snake. Here in Ohio, snakes can be found in a variety of sizes, patterns and colors, making snakes a deserving choice to be showcased on the 2018 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp. People can learn more about Ohio native snake species by visiting wildohio.gov. Entries will be accepted Aug. 1-18, and the winner will receive \$500. The selection of the winning photo will be made in September. The contest is open to all Ohioans age 18 and older. Visit wildohio.gov for complete contest rules. Entries must be submitted in a horizontal format only.

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.

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to God. We should focus on what happens within us. Does worship flow from within us? How does worship feed our spirits? How does worship connect us to God? Worship in spirit and in truth can take place with traditional or contemporary music. Worship in spirit and in truth can take place in any location.

May we open ourselves to true worship. May we open ourselves to those who seek healing, experienced hurtful relationships, and to those who come to worship for no other reason than that they feel thirsty, even if they are not quite sure what they are thirsty for. This Lenten season let us all drink of the living water provided only by Jesus Christ.

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SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 26: GARDENING

By: Stan Jordan

Sam and Callie were sitting outside in the shade of the store. It is about the first part of April 1853 with a nice spring day! Along toward the middle of the afternoon, Rooster, the runner from Fort Kearney, rode in on his horse "Rocket".

They talked awhile about all the news in both places and the weather. Rooster said, "The General wants a report on when to start the gardening work, and how much are we planning on doing?" Rooster is to return to the fort tomorrow with all of the answers.

Well, we talked all evening about what we need from the Fort. We need his new plow, and any extra seeds they can spare, and the tools we need. The Farmer knows all what we need. I understand all four of those soldiers will be with us all summer.

Rooster left this morning and he will be at the fort by night fall. He pushes his horse "Rocket", but he takes care of him too.

The boys from the fort arrived late yesterday, Rooster on his horse, and the other three boys on a wagon load of supplies.

We sat around and had supper that Callie fixed up. The boys took care of the animals and then set up the 12 man tent. With only four soldiers in that tent, each boy will have extra space than normal for themselves.

The Farmer went right out and plowed up all the garden area. The Hunter took his rifle out to get fresh meat. Slim looked after the wood for the store and Rooster was getting the seed potatoes ready for planting.

The boys have been here for a few days and we are all finished with our gardening here. The weather has really been nice for planting early.

We sat out by the fire and made plans to go to White Elk's camp. Actually, we let Farmer make all the plans

since he is in charge of the entire trip.

We left at sun up and traveled all the way to the Loop River and down beside it until we came to our fording place. We made camp there for the night.

We had an early start this morning so we could get to the Indian Village by the middle of the afternoon. The days are longer now and we got there in good time.

A lot of natives came out to see us and made us welcome. Limping Buffalo was there to greet us and we shook-and-howdied all around.

I asked him about his father, White Elk. He shook his head and said, "He is leaving soon on his journey to the Great Hunting Grounds." He says he is ready and wants to go.

Half Moon, the tribe's gardener, came down to the bonfire and was happy to see us. He said he was ready for Farmer to plow up the whole garden area.

Farmer said, "It is not going to rain, so we will plow it all tomorrow."

Next week: Planting Tomorrow
See ya!

THE ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK

By: Stan Jordan

Established in 1893 by A.P. Murphy and it was incorporated in September 1898.

Up until the time they had a bank, banking was done by B.J. White, who was a paymaster for the Antwerp Star Co. and L.S. Gordan who was a paymaster for the Hub & Spoke Co. Both of them men were very prominent in the progress of Antwerp.

As early as I can remember, the bank was in the 100 block of South Main St, where the Antwerp Pharmacy is now. Then north of the bank was W.C. Pate Drug store, the J.H. Adcock clothing store then the Kroger store and then the Doering and Long Department store.

After WWII, I started doing business with the Antwerp Exchange Bank, at that time H. K. Harris was cashier and Mary Moore was asst. cashier. When Mr. Harris retired, Ralph Carr became cashier.

The bank has always been a successful venture and they needed more room, so the moved to their present location in 1978. Ron Eshbach is the President of the bank and John Kobbie is the chief finance officer. There are 25 employees.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank offers a number of services, such as loans and 24 hour ATM, they have a branch in Payne and they offer the same services. They also have a loan branch office in Harlan and it will become a full service bank in 2018.

The Antwerp Exchange Bank is right in the middle of Antwerp's progress. They help whenever they can. If you talk about success and growth over the years, the bank has gone from two employees to 25. I am proud to say it is my bank.

See ya!



IF I HAD MY DRUTHERS

By: Stan Jordan

This is Saint Patrick's Day of 2017 and it is snowing like mad! It is 9:20 a.m. and the snow is piling up in a hurry, the man on t.v. said it will turn to rain pretty soon. I sure hope so, I can handle rain better than snow! But when I was younger, like every other youngster, I liked snow, even when I was a mailman I didn't care if it snowed.

But as I sit here at my desk and look out over Main & River Street, I would rather it didn't snow. There is about an inch of snow on the ground and the snow has now turned to sleet. I'd druther it would not do that. Sleet or freezing rain are both very bad for old folks.

See ya!

PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING

The PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5th, 2017.

Speaker will be Amy Carles from Office of Ohio Consumer Counsel.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sara Slane and Damien Smith welcomed Coralyn Sue Smith into the world Saturday, March 18th. Coralyn was 5 lbs 9 oz and was 18.3 inches long. She has three siblings: Markailah, Ethan and Arianna.

Grandparents are: Rick & Cindy Slane, West Unity; Larry & Diane Smith, Antwerp; Pat & Sue Molitor, Antwerp. Great grandparents: Floyd & Darlene Slane, Paulding.

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ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL HOOPS FOR HEART



Sixth grader Ethan Lichty and eighth grader Brady Shull compete in a three-on-three game.

Antwerp Local School held its annual Hoops for Heart event on Wednesday, March 22. In order for students to participate or attend the event, they had to donate at least \$10 for the American Heart Association. The total for the day came to \$4,484. Antwerp Local School's total contribution to the American Heart Association since 1997 is \$72,929.82. Winners for the day were as follows:

Middle School Free Throw: Austin Lichty

Middle School 3 Point: Austin Lichty
High School Free Throw: Dylan Peters
High School 3 Point: Josh Poulson
Middle School 3 on 3 Team: Jagger Landers, Luke Krouse, and Nathan Dunstan
High School 3 on 3 Team: Matt Jonoes, Hunter Noel, and Mike Taylor
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3.32-3.0 - Landyn Reyes, Owen Sheedy, Alana Zech

SEVENTH GRADE:

4.0-3.67 - *Mia Altimus, *Lydia Brewer, Nathan Dunstan, *Kate Farr, Summer Franklin, Breanna Fulk, Jaidis Getrost, Luke Krouse, Jagger Landers, *Emerson Litzenberg, *Gauge McMichael, *Faith Nestleroad, Megan O'Donnell, Leslie Pollock, Kaden Recker, *Kennadi Recker, *Allison Reinhart, Kiera Reyes, Grace Schuette, Emma Shuherk, *Kennedy Trabel, Trinity Wieland

3.669-3.33 - Hailey Grant, Brady Hatlevig, Mark Jordan, Nicholas Jones, Alexandra Lehman, Jared Phillips

3.32-3.0 - Reece Buerkle, Astianna Coppes, Grace Jones, Morgan Kniceley,

Landon Lee, Shaelin McCrea, Ilse Zijlstra

SIXTH GRADE:

4.0-3.67 - *Gavin Clevinger, *Zachery Devall, *Katryna Fish, *Shaylee Garrett, *Isabelle Graham, Brooke Hounshell, *Hayleigh Jewell, *Lydia Krouse, *Makenna Lawson, *Ross Lee, Kyliegh Logan, *Madelyn O'Donnell, Michael McCreey, Levi Miller, Parker Moore, Keersten Peters, Elijah Reinhart, *Rayni Rister, Ethan Sanders, *Aerial Snyder, Autumn Zuber

3.669-3.33 - Taylor Carr, Natalie Corson, Ethan Lichty, McCartney Lucas, Lyndsey Miller, Ratana Owen, Lyndin Poor, Hope Roebel, Laura Wolf

3.32-3.0 - Owen Brinneman, Becca Hathaway, Melanie Mills, Kearslyn Pierce, Rachelle Maag, Lance McKeever, Michael Reed, Zoey Shelton, Makenna Smith

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

**Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285**

Antwerp Conservation Club
Upcoming Events

- April 8th- Easter Egg Hunt. Starts at 1pm.
- April 13th- Monthly Meeting- Starts at 7pm
- April 15th-Deadline for ACC Scholarship Forms. Pick up forms at your Guidance Counselors office.
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Leo High School Winners: Gold Winners: Casandra Stith, Arielle Kinsey, Maria Isaacson, Angela Lee, Derron Allred, Alexa Allen, Callista Rager, Marissa Myers, Jonathon Robison, The Prosser Vocal Ensemble from Jazz Choir also received a Gold for performing "Salmo 150" group piece. The ensemble consisted of the following: Cassandra Stith, Arielle Kinsey, Jessica Frederick, Cassidy Strickler, Celeste Kanka, Audrey Kanka, Josiah Schumacher, Spencer Mollema, Evan Snauffer, Kelsey Erexson, Tea Smith, Bella Hadley, Brooklyn Prosser, Brooke Bolinger and Anna Neubauer and Silver rating: Aerin Goldman



Heritage High School Winners: Gold winners: Justin Brown and Jonathon Closson



New Haven High School Winner: Claire Moon - Gold winner



New Haven Middle School Winner: Isaac Franco - Silver winner

"The mission of the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA), Inc. is to provide educationally evaluated music performance activities for the students of the State of Indiana, to assist in the development of performance oriented assessment

of state and national musical academic standards, and to offer educational support to fulfill this mission." Several East Allen students have excelled in this area. For the recent State Competition the following students excelled in this area.

NORTHWEST STATE OFFERS FREE, COMMUNITY-WIDE JOB FAIR APRIL 11

Area job seekers have an opportunity to network with 80 employers at a community-wide Job Fair on Tuesday, April 11 from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Atrium at Northwest State Community College and is sponsored by NSCC, Ohio Means Jobs and iHeartMedia. The Job Fair is free and open to the public.

"Companies are in tremendous need of full-time, part-time and seasonal positions, as well as internships. This event is a great opportunity for community members and NSCC's students to connect with those compa-

nies," said Mike Jacobs, career services coordinator at NSCC. "Preparation is key for any job seeker, especially at an event like this. Attendees should bring several copies of their resume, dress in professional attire and be prepared with a brief 'sales pitch' covering their skills and experience."

Industries that will be represented at the 2017 Job Fair include healthcare, manufacturing, human services, financial, business and more. The entire list of employers scheduled to be on-hand is available at NorthwestState.edu/2017-job-fair/. For more information call NSCC Career Services at 419.267.1330 or email careerservices@NorthwestState.edu.

WAYNE TRACE PAYNE ELEMENTARY 3RD NINE WKS HONOR ROLL 2016/17

FIRST GRADE:

All A's - Brinna Collins, Adalynn Franklin, Lilly Holbrook, Demirian Goings, Jenna Kipfer, Maliik Hardin, Reece Morehead, Jerrick Johnson, Isabella Schafer, Brock Knowles, Lilly Shepherd, Kahne Mansfield, Owen Welch, Savannah Sinn, Nora Wenninger, Aleena Wheeler

A's and B's

- Devon Huckabaa, Jada Gross, Khloe Merriam, Forrest Font, Cayla Noggle, Ayden Florence, Conner Reuille, Connor Burriss, Josiah Stoller, Knox Mills, Brooke Wells, Hannah Ross, Columbia Dempsey

SECOND GRADE:

All A's - Ella Crosby
All A's & B's - Katelynn Bauer, Blake Noggle, Madeline Coressel, Lizbeth Wenninger, Destiny Endicott, Olivia Zartman, Kenzie Johnson

All B's - Christopher Dilling, Monica Williams

THIRD GRADE:

All A's - Hunter Lyons, Clay Stoller, Emma Stouffer, Ryan Parker, Octavia Stoller, Mylie Wittwer

All A's & B's - Nichole Kennedy, Stella Laukhuf, Justin Lyons, Jaylynn Price, Amber Stoller, Caroline Winans, Mya Endicott, Tanner Laukhuf, Raegan McGarvey, Chase Pack, Kaden Wilcox

All B's - Marquan Hardin, Eric Reinhart, Careen Winans

FOURTH GRADE:

All A's - Adelae Collins, Luke Stouffer

All A's & B's - Serenity Helms, Cole Morehead, Keegan Rager, Isabella Knowles, Braden Miller, Cheyenne Goings, Jordan Banks, Christian Bohland, Makena Johnson, Allison Noggle, Ty Riebeschl, Tyson Gerber, Dyson Scott

All B's - Brooklin Creighton

FIFTH GRADE:

ALL A's - Emma Laukhuf, Meara Rager

All A's & B's - Breven Anderson, Melanie Dunham, Timmy Dysinger, Kyren Karhoff, Adrian Laukhuf, Emma Lyons, Brenna Parker, Victoria Stoller, Meg Thompson, Cale Winans, Ava Zartman

SIXTH GRADE:

ALL A's - Kiara Bahena, Zerika Burkley, Chase Schaefer, Jared Pierce

All A's & B's: Martin Alejo, Lilli Anderson, Cadence Baker, Madison Bash, Emily Cotterman, Evan Crosby, Elizabeth Mohr, Mallory Moore, Lane Morehead, Gracie Shepherd, Nyle Stoller, Laura Stoller, Skylar Zuber

All B's - Samuel Moore

PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL 3RD NINE WK HONOR ROLL 2016-17

GRADE 6:

All A's - Ethan Foltz, Ashlyn Goings, Ashton Manz, Carter Manz, Haley Manz, Carmen Reno

All A's & B's - Peyton Adams, Eternity Bassler, Katelyn Beckman, Mason Doster, Karli Gamble, Zane Gribble, Paige Hull, Shirlyn Hunter, Miranda Iler, Carlea Kuckuck, Dawson Lamb, Jacob Lipps, Nicholas Manz, Jacob Martinez, Sheridan Matty, Emily Mazariegos, Brayden McNeely, Dako-

ta Ousley, Wyatt Pessefall, Olivia Porter, Braxton Ricker, Nash Saylor, Charity Schnepp, Mikayla Shough, Makayla Sufel, Sydney Trahin, Larkin Yates

GRADE 7:

All A's - Samuel Adams, Alivya Bakle, Mark Butler, Gabriella Casper, Ella Cook, Erika Dobbelaere, Taelyn Etzler, Brody Fisher, Zachary Gorrell, Paige Jones, Jaylyn McCloud, Lily Roehrig, Claire Schweller, Caleb Thompson, Samuel Woods

All A's & B's - Rhees Andrews, Brooke-Lyn Ankeney, Christian Bauer, Wyatt Beckman, Brianna Bennett, Orion Elick, Kalyn Goshia, Ember Helms-Keezer, Reid Johanns, Kyle Kelly, Dylan Kuckuck, Brianna Minck, Janae Pease, Alivia Perl, Carsen Perl, Karli Phlipot, Kennedy Salinas, Noah Seibert, Makayla Sherry, Cierra Singer, Connor Smith, Olivia Sprouse, Hayley Stocker, Logan Tope, Alex Tressler, Zoraya Valle, Grady Vogel

GRADE 8:

All A's - Molly Adams, Jonathan Clapsaddle, Megan Dearth, Adelae Foltz, Fernando Garcia, Quintin Gonzales, Megan Harpel, Caleb Manz, Elyse Manz, Maggie Manz, Baylee March, Luke McCullough, Jalynn Parrett, Gillian Porter, Dayton Price, Sydney Reineck, Faith Rose, Lynelle Schneider, Gabrielle Stallbaum, Rebecca Starner, Benjamin Weible, Jasmine Wong, Selena Yates

All A's & B's - Payton Beckman, Haley Burtin, Kaeli Bustos, Kaylyn Cox, Leigha Egnor, Sadie Estle, Chastity Gribble, Hailey Hartzell, Ethan Hill, Preston Hull, Hailee Huner, Morgan Iler, Cynthia Jones-Schlegel, Hunter Kauser, Hannah Ladd, Kayla Lane, Isabelle Lantz, Adrian Manz, Blake McGarvey, Trace McKinley, Morgan Mobley, Gunner Phlipot, Quincy Porter, Marquise Seibert, Kaitlyn Shaffer, Isaac Smalley, Courtney Smith, Grace Tuttle, Hailey Weidenhamer, Raine Winkler

WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH 3RD NINE WKS HONOR ROLL 2016-17

MERIT HONOR ROLL 4.0 GPA:

7th Grade - Malia Wittwer, Faith Meraz, Claudia Sinn, Kate Laukhuf, Anastasia Gonzales, Christina Graham

8th Grade - Jacob Stouffer, Tiffany Sinn, Katrina Stoller

9th Grade - Andrew Sinn, Reid Miller, Miriam Sinn, Breanna Huffine, Catherine Strable, Nathan Wilhelm, Nathan Gerber

10th Grade - Clark Laukhuf, Julianne Roop, Alli Hefner, Sadie Sinn, Ellie Stoller, Carissa Laukhuf, Derek Myers, Madison Coyne, Trae Sinn, Austin Reed

11th Grade - Kalin Gerber, Gracie Gudakunst, Joel Johnson, Erica Mohr, Sara Sinn, Megan Moore, Leah Maassel, Adam Stoller, Connor Baumle, Lily Sinn

12th Grade - Sarah Dyson, Emil Stoller, Gabrielle Gudakunst, Brady Stabler
FIRST HONORS 3.999-3.67 GPA:

7th Grade - Rachel Stoller, Haylee Finfrock, Abbie Stoller, Christo-

pher D'Ambrosia, Carson Laukhuf, Jarrett Hornish

8th Grade - Julie Sinn, Gage Tinlin, Carlee Mead, Cara Davis, Braelynn Spear, Natalie Schultz, Chloe Parker, Katie Stoller

9th Grade - Sydney Coyne, Tyce Homier, Max Laukhuf, Krista Markley, Alexis Gibson

10th Grade - Emily Williams, Hannah Wilhelm, Aubree Sproles, Sara Edwards, Gracie Laukhuf, Evan Mohr, Matthew Stouffer, Reece Thompson, Grant Baumle, Kaitlyn Doster, Anne Eklund

11th Grade - Jacob Kuhn, Alexandra Fast

12th Grade - Blaine Jerome, Brooke Lelonek, Ethan Linder, Danae Myers, Madison Zartman, Korene Shelton, Joseph Schmidt

2ND HONORS 3.3-3.666 GPA:

7th Grade - Nathan Sinn, Molli Shepherd, Jordan Williams, Jacob Howell, Brandy Miller, Alexa Campbell, Elijah Spinner, Allen Minck, Alexander Kohart, Jeremiah Molitor, Joel Reinhart, Kierstynn Baker, Brayson Parrish, Cameron Sinn, Trevor Sinn, Tatum Tigner, Therin Coyne, Brookelynn Lee, Hunter Long, Madison Farquhar, Karlie Simindinger

8th Grade - Allison Dyson, Lauren Barnett, Isaiah Rittenhouse, Natalie Bostelman, Samuel Rager, Gabrielle Donis, Maria Stoller, Ryan Wenninger, Wyatt Shelton, Joseph Munger, Tyler Costilla

9th Grade - Lily Baksa, Kelsey Guyton, Kylie Pfeiffer, Chloe Thompson

10th Grade Kaylee Shepherd, Meagan Speice, Wyatt Stabler, Chloe Stabler, Rachel Ringle, Madilyn Brigner, Brooke Greulach, Olivia Klinker, Josiah Linder, Daniel Ramey, Noah Hasch

11th Grade - Elias Sinn, Weston Sinn, Quinton Stabler, Gabe Sinn, Brooke Sinn, Joshua Kuhn

12th Grade - Ethan Dunham, Noah Waggoner, Brooke Ramey, Kolyn Hilkey, Kacey Reinhart, Lindsay Rivera, Meg Crosby

3RD HONORS 3.0-3.2999 GPA:

7th Grade - Alivia Miller, Tyler Sinn, Tianna Cooper, Cameron Graham, Rylee Troth, Carly Blankenship, Isaiah Pirani, Ethan Noggle

8th Grade - Alena Denney, Emma Crosby, Gregory Lammers, Lydia Whitman, Ethan Moore, Waylon Smallwood, Emily Zamarripa, Bailey Kamphaus, Kara McDonald, Cameron Cox, Garrett Williamson, Serenity Gurtner

9th Grade - Madison Elston, Morgahn Butler, Claire Sinn, Adaira Etzler, Cale Crosby, Taylor Long, Amanda Wharry, Ashlynn Parrish, Thomas Holmes, Nathaniel Showalter, Nathan Crosby

10th Grade - Olivia Egnor, Bryan Hofmann, Preston Moore, Emily Dyson,

Haleigh Stoller, Ellie Moore, Natasha Torman, Alex Dunham, Korbin Slade, Hayden Williamson, Brant Heck, Adynn Elston, Noah Reel, Caden Bland, Alec Anderson, Nicholas Barnett, Mox Price

11th Grade - Jordan Saylor, Owen Brigner, Chelsea Sinn, Trisha Strickler

12th Grade - Seth Yenser, Evan Baughman, Gage Pfeiffer, Colin Doerr, Jayden Sherry, Brooke Long, Natalie Kuhn, Breia Eutsler, Seth Saylor, Justin Mobley

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ANTWERP HONORS WINTER SPORTS ATHLETES



The pictured players receiving awards are: Peyton Short, Emma Butzin, Hanna Richey, Becca Johanns, Rachel Williamson, Hope Smith, Maggie Wilson, Emilee Phillips, Aiden McAlexander, Matt Jones, Hunter Noel, Matt Dooley, Jake Ryan, Trey Mills, and Logan Shaner

On Tuesday, March 21 the Antwerp Winter Sports coaches congratulated the teams, players, and others

who made the season a great and who did a great job. The season can be long but the players were worked hard

were certainly honored this night for their time and effort.

ANTWERP WRESTLES AT WAYNE TRACE

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently had 9 wrestlers compete at the Wayne Trace tournament on March 25, 2017. Of those 9 wrestlers, 3 of them were able to place in the top 3 of their respective weight classes. Taking home 3rd place with 2 pins on the day was Michael Rohrs. Earning a 2nd place finish with 1 pin was AJ Eaton. The Archers were able to crown 1 champion on Saturday as well. Eathan Karam was undefeated on the day with 3 wins and 2 pins. Unlike most tournaments where you earn a medal or a trophy for placing, this tournament gives away a bicycle to every champion which always makes it a tough outing. This not only marks Karam's first time winning a bicycle, but it is also the first time he has won a tournament this season. Congratulations to all of the wrestlers for their hard work this past weekend.

The wrestling club would also like to let everyone know that Antwerp will be hosting their annual tournament this coming Saturday, April 1. This will mark the 9th year of the Archer Open. We hope you can make it out the high school to see our wrestlers in action. Wrestling starts at 10:00 a.m. Good luck and Go Archers!!

LADY PANTHERS START SEASON OUT STRONG

The Continental Lady Pirates traveled to Panther territory on Saturday, March 25 for early spring softball action. Both teams began well with back and forth runs in the first three innings. In the fourth inning, Paulding ramped up the energy and their defense went on high. The Lady Panthers prevented the Pirates from scores for the duration of the rest of the game. This match ended with a Panther win on home turf - 11-5.

Score by the Inning:
Continental - 1 2 2 0 0 0

0=5; 11H, 3E, 7L
Paulding - 2 0 3 2 1 3 x=11; 19H, 1E, 9L
Stats of the Game:
LOB - Continental 7, Paulding 9; ERR - R Fenter, A Logan, Daleigh Davis; 2B - R Fenter, A Logan, Karissa Lucas, Haylee Dominique, Ashlynn Rice, Audrey Manz (2), Daleigh Davis; HBP - J Zachrich, Karissa Lucas; SB - R Fenter, A Homier, Leona Aldred, Karissa Lucas, Haylee Dominique (2), Kamdyn Etzler, Asia Arellano, Ashlynn Rice (2), Bailey Pieper
Pitching:
Continental - A Logan (L) 5.33IP, 19H, 11R, 10ER, 1BB, 3SO, 0HR; A Mansfield 0.67IP, 0H, 0R, 0ER, 0BB, 0SO, 0HR
Paulding - Audrey Manz (W) - 7.00IP, 9H, 5R, 2ER, 4BB, 10SO, 0HR
PB - K Hiltner (3); SO - J Stauffer (2), A Homier, M Rayle (2), A Mansfield (2), K Quigley (2), J Zachrich, Jen Stahl, Asia Arellano, Daleigh Davis; BB - R Fenter, A Homier (3), Jen Stahl

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3RD NINE WKS 2016-17

*Denotes all "A's"
Mrs. Arend 1A: Kendyl Akers, Zaine Bidlack, Alex Brown, Pheniox Clements, Case Harris, Triston Schilt, Kalan Burns*, Max Burns*, Jackson Carnahan*, Sophie Colon*, Kyler Foor*, Nicole Gerschutz*, Addy Gribble*, Gabe Nichols*, Ava Leatherman*, Gannon Landers*
Mrs. Holtsberry 1B: Norman Ashworth, Kinzley Colvard, Emily Hartzell, Haiden Hunter, Mareena Krauskopf, Lyndi Lamond, Olivia Miles, Lilley Reyes, Bell Scott, Zachary Barton*, Sal Biliti*, Sophia Booher*, Rylee Cox*, Trevor Durham*, Tripp Foor*, Jenna Wayne-Deatrick*, Dylan Weible*, Xandy Yoh*
Miss March 2A: Trenton Bail, Jolene Branham, Autumn Caudill, Marcello Rohda, Brice Spear, Makayla Spears, Janee Tousley, Quinton Burns*, Mackenzie Leatherman*

Mrs. Carter 2B: Domanick Bullinger, Avery Cooper, Dexter Finnegan, Hunter Philpot, Blake Spear, Joey Kipp*, Sam Brown*, Maylie Hopkins*, Spencer Manz*
Maizy Ripke*, Cadence Schwab*, Tori Schlatter*
Mrs. Thornell 3A: Sayge Belcher, Adrieana Biliti, Abby Elkins, Bailey Hunter, Makenna Keller, Braxton Schilt
Mrs. Schroeder 3B: Grady Barton Gerald Hartzell Brooklyn King Layla Kremer Lillian Lamond, Emma McCray, Chase Riley, Braydon Salinas, Hunter Harwell*, Addy Hunt*

Mrs. Hohlbein 4A: Abbie Bail, Hayden Elston, Jericho Guyton, Kayla Hunter, Curtis Langsdorf, Victoria Quiroz, Brooklyn Schlatter, Ethan Warner, Alexis Wharry, Libby Dotterer*, Ashley Rickels*
Mrs. Bockrath 4B: Matthew Bail, Allison Carnahan, Emma Elkins, Brooke Kilgore, Riley Leatherman, Bryce Manz, Max Stork, Kadence Thomas, Jack Woods*
Mrs. Pier 5B: Kobe Foor, Kylie McCray, Tyler Schlatter, Jesse Shaffer, Marc Sheaks, Charity Switzer, Elli Barton*, Kacy Hornish*

Miss Brimmer 5C: Kurtis Bauer, Royce Cooper, Emma Dotterer, Nathan Guyton, Layla Logan, Rhaegan Marshall, Jocelynn Parrett, Conner Axson*, Jamy Hunt*, Aiden Miller*
Mrs. Shea 6A: Bridget Gribble, Gage Lloyd, Olivia Logan, Benji Parks, Mason Schlatter, Logan Seibert, Tyler Sherry, Joe Estle*, Cassie Weller*
Mrs. J. Miller 6B: Ashleigh Densmore, Shelby Ford, Gavin King, Hannah Leaman, JB Rickels, Ariana Sheaks, Chandler White, Emma McClure*, Hayden Mullen*, Caydence Rue*

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY 3RD NINE WKS HONOR ROLL 2016-17

All "A's"
6A: Anna Miller, Elise Miller, Kameron Shellenberger, Joshus Shelton, Kara Stoller, Laura Thornell
6B: Hannah Maenle, Rylee Miller, Sydnee Sinn, Blake Stoller
5A: Libby Meraz
5B: Kyle Stoller, Laryssa Whitman
4A: Morgan Elliott, Corbin Kimmel, Eli Martinez, Kathleen Stoller, Natalie Stoller, Trent Thornell, Tori Young
4B: Brady Miller, Gage Ogle, Lorie Sinn, Nicholas

Sinn, Ana Stoller
3A: Riley Manz, Torree Sinn, Addison Stoller
All "A's & B's"

6A: Chloe Beining, Macy Doster, Madi Egnor, Alyssa Greathouse, Abby Moore, Eli Rickard
6B: Kaden Colley, Ava Dougal, Cole Fisher, Ezra Sinn

5A: Mary Lands, Logan Miller, Ally Stephey, Zach Wobler

5B: Harley Halliwill, Allison Schilt

4A: Blake Osborn, Pres-tyn Schnepf, randon Shoup, Mackenzie Silance, Amos Sinn, Tianna Sinn

4B: Ryan Bostelman, Melanie Buschor, Anna Clemens, Ciarra Cotterman, Jarrett Jewell, Anna Meraz

3A: Lily Boyd, Audrey Dougal, Paige Smith

3B: Gabby Carman, Izzy Foust, Jordan Hale, Ryann Jay, Ian Jewell, Gauge Landwehr, Caitlyn Mead, Natalie Richie, Micah Sinn, Lance Whitman
All "B's"

5A: Tucker Antoine, Kyla Hurd

5B: Kaden Landwehr, Kas-sidy Lewis

4A: Elana Bilack
4B: Nevaeh Jackson

3A: Ethan Fisher, Myleigh Sheets, Caden Sinn, Zander Warren

3B: Zanden Wineland

MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 3/6/17

The public hearing began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamell, Ben Adams with Commonwealth, Jeff Rowe with Umbaugh, as well as Councilmen Watts, Voirol, Gerig, Renner, and Martin were in attendance.

The mayor began the preliminary engineering report public hearing, as presented by Commonwealth, with questions and/or comments from the public. Ben Adams explained to the public where the city has been regarding our sewer, what options were available going forward, and why the final recommendation by Commonwealth was a mechanical plant. After no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

The regularly scheduled City Council meeting then began at 7:05 p.m. After hearing comments presented at the public hearing, Councilman Renner moved to read Resolution 17-216 (PER Approval) in its entirety, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 17-216, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to waive the second reading of Resolution 17-216, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to approve Resolution 17-216 as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to read Resolution 17-217 (mayor authorized for SRF) in its entirety, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 17-217, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to waive the second reading of Resolution 17-217, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to approve Resolution 17-217 as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor.

Councilman Watts moved to read Ordinance 17-1352 (Amend Sewer Rates) in its entirety, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 17-1352, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Jeff Rowe explained to the public how these figures were derived and what to expect going forward. This rate modification is considered phase I and corresponds to a 54% increase, based on current sewer rates, to all non-wholesale customers. On our website, www.cityofwoodburn.org, you will be able to find our current sewer rates, Ordinance 17-1352, and by request, the rate study as prepared by Umbaugh. A public hearing will take place on the April 3rd council meeting, and assuming passage of Ordinance 17-1352 on the same date, the April billing

PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC BRINGS ENERGY EXPERIENCE TO LEARN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Students in LEARN Resource Center's after school programs at New Haven Intermediate and Heritage Elementary recently received a visit from Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative. Peter Niagu, Energy Advisor for Paulding Putnam, came to both schools and students competed against each other in an energy trivia game. They were asked questions about renewable and non-renewable energy and identified different types of energy based on a given description. The competition ended in a tie, and both schools will receive a cookie party compliments of Paulding Putnam.

Students also had the opportunity to ride an energy bike. By riding the energy bike, the kids powered three

different kinds of light bulbs: incandescent, fluorescent, and LED. This demonstration helped show students which kind of light bulbs are most energy efficient as the light bulbs required different amounts of peddling.

LEARN Resource Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving east Allen County that works to enrich the learning and well-being of children and their families by promoting personal, social and educational development for a lifetime. The organization operates two before school programs and three after school programs. LEARN Resource Center is currently taking registration for its summer program which will run June 5 - August 4. For more information,

cycle will implement these changes and first arrive to the user in May after the bills are generated. Depending on future financial opportunities to be provided to the city, there may be a phase II rate modification to be revealed and implemented before the end of 2017.

Chief's Report: The reserves logged 68 hours of service in February. The Woodburn Police Department worked 101 incidents in the same month. The new squad is in service, the graphics will be added soon.

Mayor's Report: The owner of a local business wants to have the 5 minute parking signs removed from in front of his business. After discussion, the council decided to leave these signs in place for now. The mayor met with Kristi Sturtz and discussed CIB funding and it was determined that the possible funding was no longer available for the city, but a discussion occurred about TIF funding and what exactly those monies can be spent on. Regarding zoning within the city, it was determined that it would cost about \$7,000-\$10,000 to update our zoning and this is something that ideally needs to occur. Councilman Martin moved to go forward with the zoning update, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The mayor discussed the community crossings grant and the potential changes that may occur with that program in the coming year.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the meeting on February

28th. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on February 28th as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor.

Superintendent's Report: There was a massive amount of water that caused issues with discharging after the recent rains. The utility department discovered a location that was contributing to these issues and they believe that it is now resolved.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin wanted to ask any interested parties to participate in the Community Association meeting this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

Audience: A resident acknowledged the city for its consideration going forward regarding the sewer rates.

Councilman Renner moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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ATTRACTING POLLINATORS TO YOUR GARDEN



Pollinators such as the Monarch Butterfly are facing environmental stresses but there are simple ways you can attract these pollinators to your backyard.

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

Spring is officially here and the gardening season is not far behind. While you are actively planning your gardens this season, have you thought about pollinators? You rely on these creatures more than you realize for a successful garden!

Let's put things in perspective. Did you know that 75% of the food crops we raise are reliant on pollinators? Did you also know that these pollinators such as monarch butterflies that we rely on are experiencing population declines? Fear not, as there is much that can still be done to save these important creatures we so greatly rely upon to help us grow the vegetables we have in our gardens.

Bees and other insect pollinators are facing some environmental challenges that are providing some difficulty to their survival. Issues such as habitat loss, fragmentation, pollution, pesticides, and climate change are becoming a common issue. Air pollution is a problem due to the fact that bees and other pollinators rely on scent to find their flowers and when air pollution is present, re-lying on scent is even more difficult. According to Peter Berthelsen of Pheasants Forever, if we do not address the environmental issues that pollinators face, there is a 60% chance of them becoming extinct in the next 20 years. If we lose pollinators, many of the foods we have come to enjoy will become much harder to find and thus become more expensive.

There is some good news in the midst of all this. There are efforts nationwide and here in Ohio that are currently being undertaken in hopes to revitalize habitats for pollinators. With these efforts, you too can contribute to the cause right in your very own garden.

Gardeners can help by adding more flowers including milkweed plants to their gardens, landscape beds, or container plantings. Why milkweed you ask? Milkweed is one of the most important plants in the lifecycle of the monarch butterfly, especially as it is laying eggs. Common milkweed and swamp milkweeds are both suitable for

this purpose.

Monarch butterflies will lay their eggs on the leaf of the milkweed plant, which makes it an important species to have in your garden if you want to have butterflies come to your garden. Once the caterpillar has transformed into a butterfly, it then becomes important to provide a source of nectar. Nectar is basically sugar water that pollinators are after when they visit a flower. The pollen attaches to the pollinator such as the butterfly and is transferred once the pollinator reaches its next destination.

You might have noticed my focus on monarchs more than other species, so what is the importance? The monarch butterfly is the only butterfly in the United States with a long migration which totals 1,000 miles to Mexico each fall. It is very important that they have food (nectar) in flowering plants as they make their journey to Mexico or to the United States to provide them with energy that is desperately needed for flight, according to Michigan State Extension. Nonetheless, other pollinators such as birds, bees, and other animals are a very important link in the process that provides us with many of the foods we have come to enjoy.

Michigan State Extension writes that the following are great plants to include in your garden or landscaping to attract pollinators: wild cherry, lilac, red clover, goldenrod, marigolds, asters, sunflowers, and of course milkweed. The key concept to keep in mind is planting a wide variety of species which will offer blooms throughout the season from May through October so pollinators will have a steady food source during this time.

Whether you believe it or not, the efforts you put forth to help establish habitat for pollinators will most certainly help once we look at the bigger picture. Our efforts will surely be appreciated by the pollinators who rely on these plants for their habitat. Next time you are enjoying a pizza (tomato sauce, veggie toppings) or any other vegetable, be sure to thank a pollinator!

LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER: WEED PREVENTION

In spring, you can prevent those hard-to-kill grassy weeds from coming into your lawn later in the growing season. Crabgrass is the most common known annual grassy weed, but others include Goosegrass, Barnyardgrass, Dallisgrass, Quackgrass, and Bermudagrass. Annual weeds that sprout from seeds, such as those just mentioned, grow into mature plants throughout the growing season, and then drop their own seeds before dying. This provides an-

other unwanted and invasive crop for the following year.

So how do you keep these weeds out of your lawn? By using a pre-emergent weed control, you will create a "protective barrier" on the lawn. The active ingredients are distributed throughout the lawn in spring and lie in wait for the annual weed seeds to sprout. As germination begins, the young seedlings come in contact with your lawn's protective barrier, and succumb to its controlling action.

There are two different pre-emergent weed controls - Pendimethalin and Dimethalin. Pendimethalin is most commonly combined with fertilizer products and has been around for a number of years. Pendimethalin can also be applied without fertilizer in a granular form. It must be applied before the annual weed seeds germinate in order to be effective. As a guide for all areas, the application of Pendimethalin should be made before dandelions are in the puffball stage, before lilacs bloom, or before forsythia drop. The newer pre-emergent is called Dimethalin and it can be applied later in the spring because it is still effective on the young grassy weeds up to the three leaf stage. The advantage that Dimension has is that it can be effective throughout most of the grassy weeds' growing season even when applied later in spring. Both of these pre-emergents must be watered in order for the controls to become beneficial (it just needs to rain sometime after application to the lawn). These pre-emergent controls last for approximately four months; however, a second application in late spring/early summer may be necessary to prevent later germinating varieties of grassy weeds.

Because these pre-emergent controls are designed to create a protective barrier and inhibit seed germination, there are a few instances in which you should consider not using them or using alternatives. If you are planning on thatching this spring, do not apply any pre-emergent controls before you have thatched. Thatching or raking will break the barrier that a pre-emergent control provides and will make it useless. These protective barriers also prevent any good grass seed from germinating. This means that if you are planning on seeding or overseeding any part of your lawn, do not use a pre-emergent control unless the new grass has been mowed at least once, or it is a control that specifies you can seed.

- Jim Gerig
Jonathan Green Lawn Care Consultant; Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

USDA ON TAINTED BRAZILIAN MEAT: NONE HAS ENTERED U.S., 100 PERCENT RE-INSPECTION INSTITUTED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced additional steps to keep the food supply safe for American families in light of the recent investigations of Brazil's meat industry.

While none of the slaughter or processing facilities implicated in the Brazilian scandal have shipped meat

products to the United States, FSIS immediately instituted additional pathogen testing of all shipments of raw beef and ready-to-eat products from Brazil upon hearing reports of the Brazilian investigation. FSIS has also increased its examination of all these products at ports-of-entry across the country. The agency will indefinitely maintain its 100% re-inspection and pathogen testing of all lots of FSIS-regulated products imported from Brazil.

"Keeping food safe for American families is our top priority," said Mike Young, Acting Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "FSIS has strengthened the existing safeguards that protect the American food supply as a precaution and is monitoring the Brazilian government's investigation closely."

The FSIS import inspection system (including equivalence determinations, in-country audits, and re-inspection processes) is designed to ensure that imported meat, poultry, and processed egg products are safe and wholesome. FSIS works closely with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to ensure that these products are safe before they enter the country.

"FSIS will take any additional actions necessary to protect public health," said Al Almanza, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety. "It is our mission to keep the food on American dinner tables safe."

Although none of the establishments implicated in the Brazil scandal have shipped meat products to the United States, effective March 18, FSIS instituted 100% point-of-entry re-inspection of all Brazilian beef imported into the United States, including conducting product examination on 100% of the lots. This re-inspection includes 100% testing of beef trimmings from Brazil for Salmonella, E. coli O157:H7, and non-O157 shiga-toxin producing E. coli (STEC). The 100% re-inspection also includes 100% testing of ready-to-eat products from Brazil for Salmonella and Listeria monocytogenes. FSIS will take immediate action to refuse entry of product into the United States if there are findings of food safety concern.

"LEARNING IS AN ART" NIGHT AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY

Oakwood Elementary is celebrating the wonderful successes happening in our building on Thursday, April 6th, from 6:30 to 8:00. We invite all of our family, friends, neighbors, and community supporters to join us for our "Learning Is An Art" open house. This special evening is an opportunity for us to showcase some really great things going on at Oakwood Elementary. We invite you to come tour our building and to enjoy special events taking place in the classrooms and hallways. You can walk through a science fair, see some student engineering, watch a live musical performance or two, take a look at several different art projects, and much more. Please stop in for a visit on April 6th!

LADY ARCHERS STEAL SEASON OPENER AT HOME



In a surprising turn of quick events, 3rd baseman Becca Johanns catches the ball after it fumbles out of her glove and bounces around on her arm, grabbing it with her hand. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Saturday March 25th was opening day for the Antwerp Lady Archers. The sun was shining and the bats were swinging. The Lady Bombers managed to get in 2 runs for the game, but the Lady Archers topped them with a total of 8 runs claiming victory on their new season.

Score:
Antwerp 8, Edon 2
Winning Pitcher:
C. Hanes - 7innings, 12ks, 5bb, 3hits
Losing Pitcher:
S.Marson - 6 innings, 2ks, 1bb, 14hits
Hitters of the Game:
Antwerp - Hope Smith (single, double), Carlie

Hanes (2 singles, double), Rachel Williamson (single, double), Emilee Phillips (2 singles), Lindsey Bok (2 singles), Karsyn Brumett (2 singles), Chelsea Johanns (double)

Edon - A. Maier (2 singles), R. Blair (double)

Coach Ordway had this to say about the opening of the 2017 season, "I thought the girls looked good for our first game. Our bats were alive today and it was good to see, we do have a few things to improve on but overall great day. Carlie did a great job pitching, got us out of some tough situations."

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FIVE PAULDING STUDENTS ADVANCE TO STATE SCIENCE FAIR



Pictured L-R: Sadie Estle, Molly Adams, Bailey March, Jalyann Parrett and Hunter Kauser

Five Paulding Middle School students received Superior ratings at the District Science Fair held at ONU on March 18 and will move on to the state Science Fair compe-

tion in May. Hunter Kauser also won the Naval Science Award and Jalyann Parrett won the Audubon Award and Environmental Science Award.

LATTA AUTHORS BILL TO PROTECT CONSUMERS AND STRENGTHEN ENERGY STAR PROGRAM

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) introduced bipartisan legislation, the Energy Star Program Integrity Act, to strengthen the popular ENERGY STAR program and protect consumers. The legislation fixes a gap in federal law that threatens the voluntary participation of manufacturers in the program, which ultimately harms consumers seeking energy-efficient products. ENERGY STAR is a voluntary program run by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE) that allows manufacturers to obtain ENERGY STAR labeling for products if specific energy saving guidelines are met.

The program currently allows DOE to perform "off the shelf" testing of products to ensure that they meet the established standards. If the product fails, it is disqualified and the EPA works to resolve issues and determine if compensation is warranted for consumers. Despite the effectiveness of the current system, a gap in the law has recently emerged which would allow the pursuit of private litigation against manufac-

turers if a product falls out of compliance. This threat may cause manufacturers to rethink their participation in ENERGY STAR, undermining the successful program. The legislation introduced by Congressman Latta would codify the consumer protections in place within the EPA oversight process, while clarifying that manufactures are not subject to private claims filed after a product is disqualified.

"The ENERGY STAR program is a classic win-win that benefits consumers, manufacturers, and the environment," said Latta. "For more than two decades, ENERGY STAR has worked because manufacturers choose to meet these standards and robust consumer protections are in place to ensure their compliance. Unfortunately, this successful program is threatened by actions that could remove the incentive for producers of energy-efficient products to participate. The bipartisan Energy Star Program Integrity Act fixes this gap in law so that the program will continue as designed."

LATTA REINTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has re-

introduced legislation, the Drinking Water Affordability Act, to help public water systems improve infrastructure and ensure safer drinking water. The legislation provides increased flexibility to state and local governments to meet their specific needs, develops cost-efficient ways to protect drinking water, and ensures funds are utilized efficiently and effectively.

"It's important that we develop a long-term approach to improving our nation's drinking water needs that empowers communities to fix and improve water infrastructure," said Latta. "This legislation improves the ability for states and local governments to proceed with drinking water projects by removing duplicative federal requirements and providing more flexibility for repayment of federal funds. Overall, the bill better protects ratepayers in Ohio and across the country from increasing costs while supporting the needed efforts to provide safer drinking water for local communities."

The Drinking Water Affordability Act would:

- Provide increased flexibility for the repayment of federal loans for states and local communities that use the funds to finance clean drinking water infrastructure projects
- Cut burdensome red tape by removing duplicative reporting and paperwork requirements when state standards are equally stringent — or more so — than federal standards
- Helps disadvantaged communities better finance their infrastructure through the use of federal funding
- Encourages the development of a long-term strategy to addressing drinking water issues and the economic barriers that make it difficult for communities to rehabilitate and replace their drinking water infrastructure

Congressman Latta serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee which has jurisdiction over drinking water policy and has previously authored legislation, the Drinking Water Protection Act, to create a strategic plan to address algal toxins in drinking water. That legislation was signed into law last Congress.

INDOT SEEKS INPUT ON SELECTION OF FUTURE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

INDOT staff will host six regional open houses from March 28 to April 13.

The Indiana Department of Transportation is inviting its customers and the public to provide input on the selection of future construction projects.

INDOT will publish for public review a draft of its four-year plan known as the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The document lists construction projects planned from July 2017 through June 2021 and the funds available for transportation modes including highways, transit, bicycles and pedestrians.

INDOT will be collecting public input on project selection through an online form and open houses hosted by INDOT's regional district staff. The open houses offer an informal setting for the public to ask questions and

discuss a variety of transportation programs including planning, multimodal, public involvement, Title VI and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The open houses will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern time at the dates and locations listed below.

Tuesday, March 28, 2017: INDOT Seymour District, 185 Agricola Lane, Seymour, IN 47274

Wednesday, March 29, 2017: INDOT Sub-District Office, 3650 S. U.S. 41, Vincennes, IN 47591

Thursday, March 30, 2017: Crawfordsville Public Library, 205 S. Washington St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Tuesday, April 11, 2017: INDOT District Office, 315 E. Boyd Blvd., LaPorte, IN 46350

Wednesday, April 12, 2017: INDOT District Office, 5333 Hatfield Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Thursday, April 13, 2017: INDOT Traffic Management Center, 8620 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219

Please note that INDOT's LaPorte District office is located in the Central time zone, where local time for the open house is 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

With advance notice, special accommodations will be made for individuals needing auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Anyone with such needs should contact Rickie Clark with INDOT's Office of Public Involvement at 317-232-6601 or rclark@indot.in.gov.

ODNR ANNOUNCES SEASONAL APV AREAS TO OPEN APRIL 1

Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy the spring weather at one of the state's designated All-Purpose Vehicle (APV) areas, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The APV areas are located on four state forest properties—Maumee in northwest Ohio, Pike in south-central, Richland Furnace in the southeastern part of the state and Perry in east-central.

Pike, Richland Furnace and Perry state forests will open their APV areas on Saturday, April 1, for APV trail use, and they will close in the fall following the last day of regular deer-gun season. Riders should know that the Pike State Forest APV Area opens April 1-2, then will be closed through April 9 to allow for the Thunder in the Hills Turkey Hunt for disabled hunters, before reopening the morning of Monday, April 10.

The APV area at Maumee State Forest is open year-round, and snowmobile use is allowed when conditions permit. The APV areas are maintained by the ODNR Division of Forestry.

Funds from each APV registration are deposited into the State Recreational

Vehicle Fund and are used by the ODNR Division of Forestry for projects that directly support the state's APV areas. Recent and upcoming improvements include:

The ODNR Division of Forestry has completed 3.5 miles of new trail, developed an obstacle course and a rider skills development area as well as improved the parking lot at the Pike State Forest APV Area. New trails are currently planned for the recently acquired 144-acres adjacent to the Pike State Forest APV Area.

Perry State Forest's APV trail improvement continues on a recently acquired 140-acre property, purchased in 2015. In addition to this work, six new picnic tables on concrete pads were added.

A new shelter house has been completed at the Maumee State Forest APV area, and a new ¾-mile single-track trail was developed.

Trail users must have a valid APV registration obtained through the BMV. Riders must wear the required safety gear, which includes helmets, gloves and eye protection. A recent rule change now allows APVs, including utility vehicles (UTVs), up to 62" in width as long as valid title and registration have been acquired through the BMV. People should know there is a requirement for an out-of-state registration for visitors from states without similar registration laws. Additionally, there are new requirements for a spark arrestor and a muffler to be compliant with industry-standard sound limitations.

The ODNR Division of Forestry works to promote the wise use and sustainable management of Ohio's public and private woodlands. To learn more about Ohio's woodlands, visit forestry.ohiodnr.gov.

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 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/13/17

This 13th day of March, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 231677 through 231805 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST
Tony Zartman, Executive Council Meeting (MVPO), Defiance OH - March 13, 2017

Claudia Fickel, District meeting, Wauseon OH - March 24, 2017
Marsha Yeutter, YA Spring Conference, Columbus OH - March 28 & 29, 2017

Ellen Bidlack, Title Seminar, Columbus OH - April 18, 2017

Vicki Lamerson, Two Days in May Conference, Columbus OH - May 14-16, 2017

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 094)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Payroll Deductions Fund (Fund 094), to-wit: 094-001-00005/Payroll Deductions/Misc Deductions AMOUNT: \$45.97

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING

THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 136)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2017 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the County Court Probation Services Fund (Fund 136); to-wit: 136-001-00002/County Court Probation Services/Probation Payroll AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL/QUOTE TO MAINTAIN THE ASPHALT AT THE JACOB EATON CHILDREN'S HOME

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept the proposal/quote submitted by Sprol Landscaping and Asphalt Maintenance LLC to clean, prepare, cut out and repair areas in need, prime, apply seal/master crack fill, and professionally apply sealer at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home located on St. Rt. 127, north of Paulding in the amount of \$3,663.00.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 280)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2017 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Sewage Permit Fund (Fund 280), to-wit: FROM: 280-001-00001/Sewage Permit/Sewage-Salaries TO: 280-001-00002/Sewage Permit/Sewage - Fringes TOTAL: \$300.00

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PAULDING COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO ACCEPT BIDS ON EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §307.12, when the county has personal property, including motor vehicle, road machinery, equipment, tools, or supplies, that is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired, and when the value of the property to be sold exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars, the board may sell the property by a sealed bid to the highest bidder; and

WHEREAS, Deb Hubbard, Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District, has the following vehicle that has exceeded its useful life for the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District's office operation; to-wit: 2000 GMC Pickup Truck, VIN #: 1GTEK-14T1YE298793, Miles: 133,450

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section §307.12, does hereby authorize the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District to sell the above-listed property by a sealed bid to the highest bidder.

Meeting Notes of Appointments
Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel and the Commissioners discussed a request for new line items in the General Fund to track restitution and court services in the Probate/Juvenile Court.

Ed Bohn, EMA - Mr. Bohn reported the federal government is planning to pull the river gauge at 613 and 500 this April. He noted this gauge gives him a true reading of the water flow into Paulding County and he does not want the gauge removed. The river gauge costs the federal government about \$5,200.00 a year to operate. Mr. Bohn requested a letter be sent to discourage the removal of the gauge. He agreed to assist in penning the letter. In other business, Mr. Bohn noted the Senior Center was without power last week. He emphasized the importance of having a suitable, more efficient generator at the Senior Center. Mr. Bohn provided a weather report, stating we had 63 MPH winds last week. He noted there were periods of 'brown-out' and some of the turbines shut down. Mr. Bohn reminded the Commissioners of the weather spotter class at the OSU extension hall. He was happy to report there are 58 people pre-registered, which is 30 more than the last training. Mr. Bohn recently attended a fire-fighter school at Bowling Green. He commented Paulding County was very well represented. Mr. Bohn then requested purchasing three-in-one jackets for three EMA volunteers. He asked the generator at the Health Department is in place.

The Commissioners and clerk conducted a 'drive-by' which included 13 of the 22 County-wide demolition projects applied for through Maumee Valley Planning Organization. The remaining sites will be viewed Monday, March 20.

IN THE MATTER OF URGING STATE LEGISLATORS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AS PART OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGET PROCESS TO PROTECT COUNTIES AND TRANSIT AUTHORITIES AGAINST THE LOSS OF MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION (MCO) SALES TAX REVENUE

WHEREAS, Paulding County has been delegated a wide array of critical services to perform on behalf of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a series of state policy decisions and economic conditions have led to a period of ongoing fiscal challenges for Paulding County; and

WHEREAS, Paulding County has experienced a growing reliance on sales tax revenue as a result; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Paulding County received \$220,272.00 in sales tax revenue attributed to the 2015 Medicaid managed care sales generated in Paulding County; and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2018-2019 Executive State Budget proposes disparate treatment for the state and counties by recommending to fully replace forgone

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PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding High School announce their House Students of the Month for March. From left to right: Palmarium-Cade McGarvey, Excellentia-Brooke Weidenhamer, Vinco Vici Vic-tum-Jordan Weidenhamer, & Stupendum-Preston Johanns

WNZR'S LIFELINE 2017 COMING SOON

WNZR 90.9 FM, a broadcast ministry of Mount Vernon Nazarene University, is preparing for Lifeline 2017. This annual fundraising effort is an opportunity for listeners to pledge their support to WNZR.

This year's goal is \$62,000, and the theme is "Let It Be Love," based on the song from Family Force 5. The theme verses for Lifeline 2017 are John 13:34-35. Over these last few months, the WNZR staff has been moved and challenged by this song and these verses.

"The lyrics of the song "Let It Be Love" are a powerful reminder to follow the challenge that Jesus gives us

in John 13 — to love one another," said Marcy Rinehart, WNZR Station Manager and co-host of The Morning Thing. "We are committed as a staff to first accept God's incredible, unconditional love and then reflect that to others through our music, programming and service to our listeners and community."

Lifeline 2017 will start on Wednesday, March 29 and run through Saturday, April 1 with a wrap-up day on Monday, April 3.

"Our desire for WNZR's broadcast ministry is to extend a vision that began 30 years ago," said Joe Rinehart, Director of Broadcasting and co-host of WNZR's Afternoon Drive.

"We hope to broadcast an uplifting message that en-

courages listeners and families on a daily basis. Your gift allows us to continue that effort. Your partnership is also an investment in our students to develop their communication skills while discovering purpose in their lives."

"Being a staff member at WNZR has had a big impact on my life," said Jenna Potts, a senior journalism and media production/public relations double major from Springfield, Ohio.

"I have been able to use concepts learned in the classroom and apply them to a real radio station working actively in the community. I have been blessed to work at local events and get to know Knox County and our listeners. The experience I've had with WNZR is invaluable to my future."

Regarding the theme of Lifeline 2017, Hannah Radlike, freshman communication studies major from Medina, Ohio, said, "The only way to combat the darkness in our world is with the love and light of Christ. Letting it be love means we love so authentically that people stop and see Jesus in us."

Cameron Davidson, a senior computer science major from Mount Vernon, Ohio, adds, "A positive attitude and love are the only ways to overcome the problems that weigh on us."

Wednesday, March 29, is WNZR's annual "Day of Prayer and Praise." From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., the staff will focus on how God has provided for WNZR over the past 30 years. Listeners are encouraged to call the station throughout the day to share personal testimonies, prayer requests and praise reports.

Fundraising for Lifeline 2017 begins on March 30, continues through April 3, and will emphasize WNZR's growth through listener support.

Lifeline 2017 appreciation gifts will be given for donations at designated levels. Everyone making a donation will receive a Lifeline 2017 refrigerator magnet. Donors giving \$10 per month will receive an official Lifeline 2017 light bulb keychain featuring the "Let It Be Love" theme, plus WNZR's 30th Anniversary microfiber cloth. The official Lifeline 2017 T-shirt will be given for gifts of \$25 per month. Many challenges and special events will be held during Lifeline 2017:

The Lifeline Challenge encourages families to support WNZR's ministry and asks for a monthly donation of \$25 over the next 12 months.

The Lifeline Choice Challenge is scheduled for Thursday, March 30, from 4-7 p.m. Papa John's Pizza, R.M.'s Southside Diner and Tim Hortons have partnered with the station to offer gift certificates to donors.

Matching Challenge Day is Friday, March 31. From 6

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state sales tax and Medicaid mating dollars for the next biennium while providing counties/transit authorities with a one-time allocation that ranges from approximately three (3) months to a year or more of the forgone revenue; and

WHEREAS, the solution put forth in the executive budget treats the state and counties disparately and that what is needed is an equitable solution; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Paulding County Commissioners herby urge the Ohio General Assembly to take immediate action against the potential loss of approximately 8.2% of sales tax revenues associated with the Medicaid MCO sales tax by adopting an equitable solution that addresses the funding needs of the state and counties on a continuing basis.

a.m. to 6 p.m., listeners will have a chance to have their pledge money doubled.

Lifeline On The Road is Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Lifeline crew is going on the road to reach out to the community. A team of WNZR DJs will be volunteering at Joy of Living Camp in Brinkhaven, Ohio. The team will be cleaning the campgrounds to prepare for hundreds of kids that will visit camp this summer.

More details on these challenges and events can be found on the station's website, www.wnzs.fm .

WNZR 90.9 FM is celebrating 30 years as Knox County's hometown Christian radio station. WNZR broadcasts contemporary Christian music, family-oriented programs, sports, news and weather 24 hours a day. All who wish to support Lifeline 2017 or who would like more information, please visit www.wnzs.fm , or call WNZR at 740-392-9090 during the March 29 through April 3 fundraiser.

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.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 2/8/17

This 8th day of February, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Warrants documented as 230917 through 231002 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

The Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on February 6, 2017, Warrants numbered 230847 through 230906 in the amount of \$19,253.00; and, it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were

EACS SCHOOLS TEAM UP TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES



East Allen University, Leo Jr. Sr. High and New Haven High combined efforts again this year for the fourth year in a row to raise money for Special Olympics and Special Olympics Athletes. The annual events asks plungers to 'freeze for a reason' with the Polar Plunge. Team EACS took the award for the largest team in attendance with 28 plungers. The team raised nearly \$2,332 for Special Olympics! Way to go EACS Plungers!

available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these purchases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

Now, therefore the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAUMEE RIVER WATER TRAIL AS A DESIGNATED WATER TRAIL BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

The Toledo Metroparks and Defiance County Soil & Water Conservation District have proposed the establishment of the Maumee River Water Trail as a means to encourage tourism, eco-friendly, educational, historical, cultural and recreational activities on the Maumee River; and said Water Trail designations must meet the criteria and guidelines for approval by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Now, therefore the Paulding County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare its support for the establishment of the Maumee River Water Trail as a means to encourage tourism, eco-friendly, educational, historical, cultural and recreational activities on the Maumee River; and it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF ALLOWING THE PAULDING COUNTY PARK DISTRICT TO UTILIZE A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A CANOE/BOAT LAUNCH SITE AS PART OF THE MAUMEE RIVER WATER TRAIL:

The Paulding County Park District has requested permission to utilize the right-of-way off of the Cecil Bridge on County Road 105 for the purpose of developing a canoe/boat launch site to be a part of the Maumee River Water Trail; and the site borders County Road 105 and also parcels 13-115-002-01 and 13-025-013-02 in Crane Township, Paulding County, State of Ohio; and the Board of County Commissioners agree the area would be appropriate for a canoe/boat launch site.

Now, therefore the Board of County Commissioners do hereby grant permission for the Paulding County Park District to utilize and maintain the right-of-way off of the Cecil Bridge on County Road 105 for the purpose of developing a canoe/boat launch site to be a part of the Maumee River Water Trail.

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING AND OPENING BIDS FOR THE CDBG PY 2015 - CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE VILLAGE OF GROVER HILL STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:

BIDDER: Tom's Construction, Inc., BID AMOUNT: \$754,268.00, BOND: yes
BIDDER: Bryan Excavating, LLC, BID AMOUNT: \$824,407.50, BOND: yes
BIDDER: Gerken Paving, BID, AMOUNT: \$894,861.55, BOND: yes
BIDDER: VTF Excavation, LLC, BID AMOUNT: \$852,108.84 BOND: yes
BIDDER: All Purpose Contracting, Inc., BID AMOUNT: \$921,196.00, BOND: yes

BIDDER: Miller Contracting Group, Inc., BID AMOUNT: \$888,388.15; BOND: yes

BIDDER: Vernon Nagel, Inc.; BID AMOUNT: \$847,127.25, BOND: yes

BIDDER: Brenneman Excavating, Inc., BID AMOUNT: \$747,709.33, BOND: yes

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jason Landers, Paulding County Sheriff - Sheriff Landers presented January reports for the Commissioners' review. He reported the restrooms in the jail are being re-opened in anticipation of its opening later this year. He also noted he continues to negotiate with the Paulding County Hospital regarding nursing services for the jail. Sheriff Landers stated the hiring/training of corrections' officers is on track for the jail. The first day of the corrections' academy is March 27 and it runs through April 17. The academy is held at CCMO. The Sheriff anticipates ten

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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
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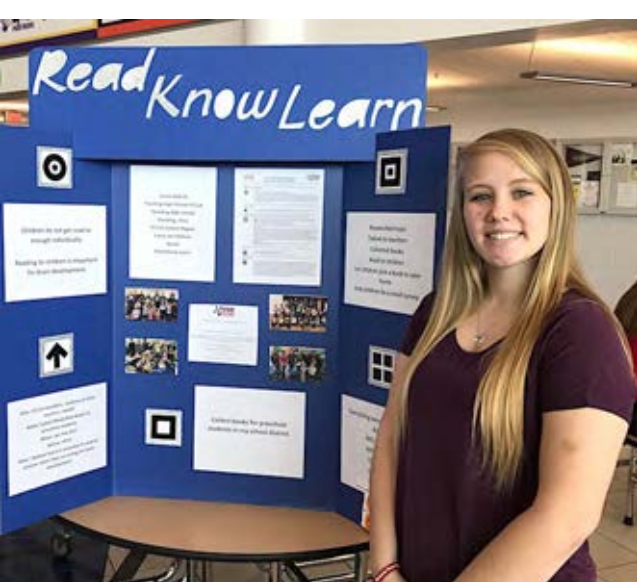
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PAULDING FCCLA MEMBERS COMPETE AT REGIONAL STAR EVENT COMPETITION



Paulding High School FCCLA members recently competed at the Regional Star Event Competition at Penta Career Center. Competing in the Chapter Service Project Display event were Lonna Saylor and Haleigh Stallbaum. They held a coin war at Paulding Elementary to raise money that they used to purchase supplies that they needed to prepare Thanksgiving meal for forty people at The Ronald McDonald House in Toledo. With money left over they purchased needed supplies for The Ronald McDonald House. They received a silver medal.



Leona Aldred competed in the Focus on Children Star Event. She collected gently used children's books that FCCLA members read to preschoolers at Paulding Elementary. Preschoolers were then able to pick a book to take home. She received a silver medal for this event.

2018. Each attendee received a PY 2017 Application-Competitive for the CDBG Critical Infrastructure Program. Open cycle Communities may apply starting June 16, 2017 and ending when all PY 2017 fund are awarded. The hand-out packets also included Low to Moderate Income (LMI) percentages for census tracts and block groups in Paulding County and also LMI percentages for municipalities and townships. Ms. Kessler also pointed out the CDBG Project Needs Form that must be completed and returned to MVPO no later than March 1, 2017. She also encouraged those in attendance to call her at her office with any questions pertaining to the application process and whether or not a project would qualify. A second hearing will be held at a date to be announced.

Deb Guilford, PCBDD - Ms. Guilford reported the rental of their gymnasium has stopped due to insufficient staff to maintain security. She noted the liability issues that come into play, not to mention the sensitive information on site. She explained the Parc Lane Training Center's contracted services with NOAC is primarily to assist with Medicaid waiver administration. NOAC serves a seven-county area in northwest Ohio. Each Board of DD superintendent sits on the NOAC board. Ms. Guilford was pleased to announce the Board of DD received an excellent accreditation from the Ohio Department of Development Disabilities. She then said that March is development disability awareness month. The theme this year is 'Always There', relating to the services being rendered are from birth to death. Ms. Guilford presented a sample of 'snapshot' postcard she would like to send to each household in the county, outlining the services PCBDD offers. She also noted the three new board members, being, Tim Sinn, Joe Cramer, and Kevin Albright, have begun their terms. She thanked the Commissioners for their board appointments.

Jerry Zielke, PCBDD - Mr. Zielke reported a couple of abandoned gas stations are being renovated. He also said the elevator conversion into an organic feed mill is coming along nicely. Mr. Zielke noted that so much of economic development work is confidential. He plans to place news releases when appropriate. Mr. Zielke also said the Paulding County Vision group's by-laws are in process.

Craig Mescher, Access Engineering Solutions - Mr. Mescher opened bids for the CDBG PY 2015 - Critical Infrastructure Village of Grover Hill Street Improvements Project (see resolution above).

Tim Franklin, Steve Sprow, Doug Dunakin, Mark Greenwood, Glenn Troth, and Linda Hodges (Paulding County Park District) - The Commissioners presented PC Park District members with a letter, explaining their rationale for not approving their request to develop a canoe/boat launch site at the Eaton Farm. Commissioner Klopfenstein commented that after reviewing the will and farm lease for the Eaton Farm, it was decided to be not in the best interest to open the area to additional traffic. He also noted the challenges the Commissioners, the tenant, and the Sheriff's Office encounter in trying to monitor the vandalism and destruction of property that occurs on the Eaton Farm. Mr. Franklin voiced his concerns of not being able to 'present their case', thinking the meeting would be a continuation of previous discussion. He emphasized the project would only consume 1/10 of an acre. He also noted he had invited the farm tenant and descendants of those buried in the cemetery to this meeting, but neither could attend. Mr. Franklin commented that developing the scenic river is very important. He agrees that cemeteries deserve respect. Mr. Franklin also believes that if some investment in the site is shown, vandalism may lessen. He asked that the Commissioners reconsider. Mr. Troth commented that it would be politically correct to consider the heirs' wishes. He also reminded the Commissioners the current farm tenants are not Paulding County residents. Mr. Troth concurred with Mr. Franklin in thinking if people are watching other, the vandalism may decrease. Commissioner Klopfenstein noted two issues swayed their decision, being; 1) cemetery preservation, and 2) other options for the canoe/boat launch site. Mr. Troth interjected the Eaton Farm location could be tried and if it fails, it can be closed down and relocated. He stated if we don't try it, we won't know if it would have worked. Commissioner Holtsberry emphasized the importance of cemetery preservation. He noted several descendants of those buried in the Eaton Cemetery have expressed concern and would like the grounds respected in honor of their family member. He would be in favor of defining the cemetery property lines and securing the area to ensure its integrity. Mr. Dunkakin stated he believes it is a matter of development versus vandalism. If there is a drive and parking lot, people won't go through the field and cemetery. The Commissioners assured Mr. Dunakin there is currently an area designated for parking for hunters and those who wish to fish. However, it is typically those who are not there to hunt or fish who ignore the signs and go out into the field and cemetery causing damage. Mr. Troth spoke up and said that although he was hoping to further discuss the Eaton Farm option, the decision had already been made. He directed the discussion toward an alternative location for the launch site. He was concerned the Cecil Bridge location could not be secured by the due date to Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Zartman commented the timing was not good to request the Eaton Farm location. He noted a lot of hard work by the Sheriff's Office and the farm tenant has been done to try and prevent the misuse of the ground and he would hate to see the progress lost. Mr. Dunakin and Mr. Franklin expressed the Park District's desire to work on the cemetery project. Commissioner Klopfenstein asked for a time-line for starting and completing a project to secure the cemetery. Maps of the Cecil Bridge site were reviewed. Although there were some cons to that site, it was decided to allow the PC Park District access to the right-of-way to develop canoe/boat launch site at the Cecil Bridge on County Road 105 (see resolution above).

ELECTED OFFICIALS' LUNCHEON:

The following were present at an elected officials' luncheon: Ann Pease, Carol Temple, Claudia Fickel, Tiffany Beckman, Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter. Several topics were discussed. Judge Beckman announced another murder trial will begin next week. She doesn't anticipate the courtroom to be nearly as full with general public compared to the previous trial. Ann Pease reported the title office is running smoothly since the new software was installed. She also noted the legal office is slow due to a lull in grand jury activity. Claudia Fickel commented her office has been busy with tax due date being today. She also said that dog tag sales were about the same as 2016.

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) announced that the Ohio House has passed legislation to help protect Ohio's seniors and other unsuspecting populations against deceptive marketing practices. House Bill 52 makes several reforms to regulate the solicitation of real property deeds.

REPRESENTATIVE RIEDEL ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO PROTECT OHIO'S VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

House Bill 52, sponsored by Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton), comes in response to deed solicitation scams plaguing many Ohioans, whereby companies outside of Ohio will send official looking notifications to homeowners informing them that they need a copy of their property deed. Further, the notices will request up to \$90 for the deed, preying on individuals who are unaware that they can receive a copy of their deed from the county recorder's office for a minimal fee.

"House Bill 52 is smart legislation that will allow the state to prosecute those who take advantage of Ohio's most vulnerable population," said Rep. Riedel. "The purpose of this bill is to provide consumers with better information when they are deciding to purchase their property deeds." The provisions under the legislation require that specific disclosures be made to consumers when they are solicited a fee for real property deeds, including the cost to obtain the deed from the county recorder, the contact information for the county recorder, and the name and address of the person soliciting the fee. Other reforms prohibit the charging of a fee more than four times the cost to obtain a copy of a deed from the county recorder. A violation of these requirements falls under the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act and may result in a fine.

House Bill 52 is a part of the Buckeye Pathway, the policy platform of the Ohio House Republican Caucus, as it seeks to protect our vulnerable populations and strengthen families and communities. The bill now awaits consideration in the Ohio Senate.

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP 3/20/17

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council Persons Present: Keith West, Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Larry Ryan and Council President Jan Reeb. Steve Derck was absent. Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Village Administrator Sara Keeran and EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougall. Media present: Jacob Sweet of the Paulding Progress and Peter Greer of the Crescent News. Visitors: Floyd Ramsier, Antwerp Rotary; Mary Crall and Frank Kohstall, State Treasurer's Office; and high school government students.

Motion made by West, seconded by Ryan, to excuse Steve Derck from the March regular council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Minutes from the regular council meeting held February 21, 2017, were reviewed. Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to accept the minutes from the February 21, 2017, regular council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Minutes from the special council meeting held March 2, 2017, were reviewed. Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the minutes from the March 2, 2017, special council meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. The February disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses. Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to approve the February reconciliation report. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

POLICE REPORT
Police Chief George Clemens provided a written report showing 49 calls for service for the month of February with 10 offenses. Golf cart inspection fees discussed and to allocate such funds to the general fund under the general miscellaneous line item.

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PAULDING ELEMENTARY SPRING DANCE



Mrs. Pat Ross, the Paulding Elementary Principal, is shown leading a group of students in the "Locomotion" at the Spring Dance held on Friday evening, March 24th.

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VISITORS
Floyd Ramsier discussed with council the status of the tennis court project and if there would be any objection by the village to Antwerp Rotary adding a pedestal and plaque at the tennis court at the expense of the rotary. No objection was made. Rotary will hold a dedication ceremony in the near future.

Mary Crall and Frank Kohstall were in attendance on behalf of the treasurer of state's office to give a presentation on ohiocheckbook.com. Ohiocheckbook.com is used by the state of Ohio to hold the state accountable for spending and in 2015 the state decided to offer the same service to local governments on a free and volunteer basis. This would give residents transparency on local government financials. There are currently over 1,000 local governments that have joined at this time. Council members will discuss further at april council meeting.

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FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT
First reading of resolution no. 2017-04: A resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the electors of the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation (Ohio revised code sections 5705.19, 5705.191, 5705.25, and 5705.26). This resolution is in regard to placing a renewal levy on the general election ballot for fire protection and emergency medical services.

Emergency reading of resolution no. 2017-05: A resolution strongly opposing the state of Ohio governor's proposed 2017-2018 budget, which proposes centralized collection of net profit tax returns and other provisions related to the municipal income tax, which will cause a substantial loss of revenue needed to support the health, safety, welfare and economic development efforts of ohio municipalities, and declaring an emergency. Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2017-05. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2017-05. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of resolution no. 2017-06: A resolution amending resolution no. 2006-01 and resolution no. 2009-03 to appoint the village administrator as the purchasing agent for the department of purchase, construction and repair; and declaring the same an emergency. Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2017-06. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rudie Reeb, to accept resolution no. 2017-06. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. First reading of ordinance no. 2017-08: An ordinance allowing inspections of golf carts and other under-speed vehicles by the police department of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio. This ordinance is in regard to the Antwerp Police Department conducting golf cart inspections at the police department for a \$25.00 inspection fee. Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-09: An ordinance adopting amendments to the personnel manual for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, specifically to address medical marijuana and the new statutory provision for concealed carry handgun licensees, to clarify sick leave benefits, and declaring the same an emergency. Motion made by Jan Reeb, seconded by West, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-09. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2017-09. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-10: An ordinance amending section 2 of ordinance no. 2016-36. To establish time and place of regular meetings of the council for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio, for calendar year 2017, and declaring the same an emergency. Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-10. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2017-10. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Planning commission met and recommended an amendment to the zoning ordinance to prohibit any cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of medical marijuana in the village. Sara will set a public hearing as required by zoning ordinance. EPA has approved compost site. Compost site will open April 1, and be open weekly Monday and Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Compost site will be closed during the winter months with the exception of Christmas trees in which village employees will pick up trees from residents. Cameras have been installed and violators will be forwarded to county court. Oswalt lots solicitation for bids will be advertised starting this week. Bids will be opened at noon on April 25, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Committee report on personnel manual discussed during fiscal officer's report, following reading of resolution no. 2017-09. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
Mayor's court brought in a total of \$2,851.00 in the month of February with \$2,159.00 going to the village, \$666.50 going to the state, and \$25.50 going to the county. Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jan Reeb, to adjourn the meeting. 5 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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corrections' officers will be necessary to operate the jail. Repeaters in the deputies' vehicles was discussed. Sandy Kessler, Community Development Planner (MVPO); Emma Kirkpatrick and Dennis Miller (MVPO) - Ms. Kessler conducted the first public hearing for the FY 2017 CDBG Allocation and Competitive Programs. In attendance were: Dennis Sanderson and Bill Strahley (Jackson Township, John Keyes and Ronnie Coleman (Village of Oakwood); Joe Sukup (Crane Township); Robert Fisher

(Village of Paulding); Debra Guilford (Paulding County Board of DD); John Hall (Village of Payne); and Commissioners Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, and Mark Holtsberry. Ms. Kessler distributed a Programs Overview flyer. She then explained the various programs and the amounts she anticipates will be available for FY 2017. She also noted the state has changed the formula allocation to a two-year cycle. The grant dollar amount will remain the same per year; however, only four projects will be allowed every other year. Paulding County is not eligible for formula money in 2017, but will be in

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05** on March 20, 2017, entitled, "A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET, WHICH PROPOSES CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF NET PROFIT TAX RETURNS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, WHICH WILL CAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF OHIO MUNICIPALITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution sets forth the Council's position opposing the Ohio Governor's budget, specifically, the proposal to centralize tax collection for municipal income tax.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06** on March 20, 2017, entitled: "A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-01 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03 TO APPOINT THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AS THE PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASE, CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution amends the prior resolutions noted to allow consistency in the authority provided to the Village Administrator as the central purchasing agent as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 731.141, as may be amended from time to time.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-09** on March 20, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND THE NEW STATUTORY PROVISION FOR CONCEALED CARRY HANDGUN LICENSEES, TO CLARIFY SICK LEAVE BENEFITS, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance adopts amendments to the personnel manual to address changes in the law on medical marijuana and concealed carry as well as clarify the eligibility for sick leave benefits.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-10** on March 20, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-36 TO ESTABLISH TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance amends the prior ordinance noted to change the regular council meeting for April 2017 to April 10, 2017, at 7:45 a.m.

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

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
WRIGHT-PATT CREDIT UNION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JEFFREY J. SCHINDLER, ET AL.,
Defendants,
Case No. CI 16 148.
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 20th day of April, 2017 at 10:00, the real estate located at:

13095 Road 126,
Paulding, Ohio
Parcel Number: 20-18B-011-00 and
20-18B-010-00

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 Seventy-five Thousand and No/100 (\$75,000.00) 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 4th day of May, 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
Alexander A. Arestides, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
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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. CI 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

4-H CAMP PALMER ALL CAMP CLEAN UP APRIL 8



In order to open and improve the grounds at 4-H Camp Palmer, we need volunteer help. Does your club or organization need a service project? Youth ages 8-15 years of age, must be accompanied by an adult. All volunteers on April 8 will be provided a picnic lunch-12:30 p.m. Please be prepared to bring own rakes, work gloves and scrap rags. (camp will supply cleaning products)

The clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Please check in at the covered bridge entrance for work assignments. If individuals or groups can only help part of the day you are still encouraged to come.

Some of our main projects will include: leaf rak-

ing, cabin cleaning, cleaning flowerbeds and the general grounds. Anyone planning to help should contact Suzy Summers at 419-237-2247 or email at 4hcampalmer@gmail.com by April 3 so we can include you in the lunch count.

For those unable to make the April 8 work date, other times can be arranged. 4-H Camp Palmer will be fully opening camp for their 70th year of serving resident 4-H campers, school outdoor education programs, band camps, team building and challenge course leadership experiences, retreat groups, family reunions and more.

The camp is located at 26450 County Road MN, Fayette, Ohio right next to Harrison Lake State Park.

anapolis, IN; No o.l.; Guilty; Pay al fines and costs by 5/26/17 or will be sent to collections

Stacy M. Bartley, Defiance, OH; D.O.C. w/persi; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Complete Thinking For A Change program; Placed on standard probation; Shall have no contact with victim; Complete 20 hrs community service

Salvador Diaz, Defiance, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tori B. Singstock, Southgate, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Marcella C. Moreno, Hicksville, OH; Falsification; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 2 days jail; Shall maintain general good behavior; Shall pay for stay at Paulding County jail

Cynthia Thornton, Fort Wayne, IN; Driv under susp; Dismis; Case dismissed

Cynthia Thornton, Fort Wayne, IN; Fail control; Guilty; Defendant entered a plea of guilty; Defendant to pay \$195.00 today

David R. Smith, Sherwood, OH; Open container; Dismis; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

David R. Smith, Sherwood, OH; O.V.I./under inf.; Pled no cont., found guilty; Jail 3 days hard time; May attend the DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Shall pay \$100 per mo. commencing 4/28/17; POC date 11/17/17; Community Control Two; 25 hrs of community service; Restitution to the victim; 174 jail days reserved

David R. Smith, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no cont., found guilty; Shall pay \$100.00 per month commencing 4/28/17; Has a POC date of 11/17/17

wood, OH; Left of center; Pled no cont., found guilty; Shall pay \$100.00 per month commencing 4/28/17; Has a POC date of 11/17/17

David R. Smith, Sherwood, OH; O.V.I./under inf.; Merged; Ct A merged with 17-TRC-05

David R. Smith, Sherwood, OH; Impr backing; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 11/17/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$100.00 per month commencing 4/28/17

David R. Smith, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Merged; Ct C merged with 17-TRC-05

Dustin E. Gamble, Latty, OH; Domestic violen; Dismis; count A dismissed per state

Dustin E. Gamble, Latty, OH; Criminal damage; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall pay restitution in the amount of \$400.00; Shall repay ct. appt. counsel fees; Placed on standard probation; Complete 25 hrs of community service; No unlawful contact with victim; Evaluation

Dustin E. Gamble, Latty, OH; Criminal mischi; Dismis; Count C dismissed per state

Desirae Perry, Fort Wayne, IN; DUS-non FRA; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; Pay all reinstatement fees and make Indiana license valid; 90 jails days reserved

Christine M. Ramsey, Paulding, OH; F.R.A. susp.; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility not provided; Pay all fines and costs by 12/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Defendant shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 4/28/17; Secure a valid driver's license

Kimberly S. Taylor, Indianapolis, IN; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

Case was waived by defendant

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

Shereff D. Brown, Hazelwood, MO; Possession; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Shereff D. Brown, Hazelwood, MO; Paraphernalia; Dismis; Case dismissed per state; Cost to defendant

Shereff D. Brown, Hazelwood, MO; O.V.I./under inf.; Guilty; Proof of insurance provided; Pay all fines and costs by 12/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$25 per mo commencing 4/28/17; Warrant and warrant block recalled; 87 jail days reserved

Shereff D. Brown, Hazelwood, MO; O.V.I./under inf.; Guilty; Proof of insurance provided; Pay all fines and costs by 12/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$25 per mo commencing 4/28/17; Warrant and warrant block recalled; 87 jail days reserved

Cody Allen Fitch, Paulding, OH; Endanger child; Dismis; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Douglas C. Miller, Van Wert, OH; Open container; Dismis; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Amber L. Parker, Antwerp, OH; Dom violence; Dismis; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

Melissa D. Huey, Angola, IN; Possession; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Jacob Garza, Schereville, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all

finest and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Jacob Garza, Poss marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Rachel Burnett, Detroit, MI; Possession; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Cody A. Fitch, Paulding, OH; Reckless opp; Pled no cont., found guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail; DIP Program must be completed by 5/26/17; ALS terminated; Shall pay \$50 per mo commencing 4/28/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; 27 jail days reserved

Claire J. Ayala, LaFayette, IN; Following close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Douglas C. Miller, Van Wert, OH; Reckless Opp; Pled no cont., found guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail, complete by 5/26/17; ALS terminated; Pay all fines and costs today; 27 jail days reserved

Douglas C. Miller, Van Wert, OH; High beams; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Lacey M. Taylor, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Logan P. Shaner, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Jodi E. Wright, Woodburn, IN; O.V.I./under inf; Guilty; May attend the DIP program in lieu of jail; Proof of insurance provided; Shall pay \$100 per month commencing 3/31/17; Has a POC dated of 8/25/17; Community Control Two; 30 hrs of community service; Third Millennium; 87 jail days reserved

Jodi E. Wright, Woodburn, IN; Fail control; Dismis; Ct B is dismissed

Jodi E. Wright, Woodburn, IN; Driving/texting; Dismis; Ct C dismissed

Zachery Higginbotham, Sheridan, IN; Possession; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and shall be destroyed

or put to lawful use by arresting agency

Zachery Higginbotham, Sheridan, IN; Open container; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Cindy L. Kingery, Grove City, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kelly Jones, Defiance, OH; O.V.I./under inf; Bound over; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Kelly Jones, Defiance, OH; Driv under susp; Bound over; Bound over

Bonyta B. Wagner, Indianapolis, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/26/17 or will be sent to collections

Bonyta C. Wagner, Indi-



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PARCEL #1: (WEST) 80 acres in NW ¼ of Section 24;

PARCEL #1: (EAST) 80 acres in NW ¼ of Section 24:

(These side/side farms equal a quarter section)

PARCEL #3: 4 bedroom 2 ½ country 2 story w/2 acres - Decent home - 12420 Road 48 - Haviland - taken out of #2

PARCEL #4: 135 acres in SE ¼ of Section # 8

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TERMS: \$50K deposit on each parcel of farmland; \$5K on the home - possession upon closing; property taxes paid for 2016; title insurance cost split evenly between seller/buyer; seller to provide surveys; each parcel offered individually and then in any combination possible thereafter;

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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 Harrmann 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, New Press Box
303 S. Harrmann Rd
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 614-297-1200; 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

5/26/17 or will be sent to collections

Christopher B. Coil, Oakwood, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cole D. Pease, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert W. Shaffer, Sherwood, OH; Following close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

MONEY-BACK GUARANTEES ADD APPEAL TO SAFETY-CRITICAL AUTO REPAIRS

(NAPSI)—When your vehicle's brakes wear out, they probably "chirp" or grind. When your tires become worn, you can see the loss of tread depth.

Failed headlamp? Worn wiper blades? The evidence is right in front of you.

But how do you monitor the condition of safety critical parts that are largely "invisible" beneath your vehicle's chassis? Shock absorbers, for example, play critical roles in protecting your driving safety by keeping your tires planted firmly on the road, which in certain driving conditions can help you stop sooner, maintain more precise steering control and improve vehicle stability. That's why having your suspension inspected at least once a year is vitally important—you might not be aware that your shocks and other key safety components are no longer doing what they're designed to do.

Ask About a Guarantee

Some leading automotive parts manufacturers have established money-back guarantees to help demonstrate the importance of replacing worn components. The Monroe shocks and struts brand, for example, now promises consumers they will "Feel the Difference" in ride and handling performance following installation of select new Monroe shocks and/or struts or get their money back, plus labor and alignment (if applicable), during a risk-free 90-day or 1,000-mile trial period.

"Consumers have the right to expect a noticeable, positive difference in vehicle performance following a repair," said Mark Boyle, director of marketing for Tenneco, U.S.-based manufacturer of Monroe ride control products. "Our new Feel the Difference Guarantee is designed to offer the consumer assurance that they are making a wise investment in their vehicle. It also helps promote confidence and loyalty in their relationship with the repair

provider."

Because shocks and struts often wear out very gradually, the slow degradation of ride and handling precision can be difficult to detect—not unlike the gradual change in your eyesight. But, just as a new vision prescription can have surprising benefits, vehicle owners who replace worn shocks and struts or other undercar components can experience dramatically improved ride and handling. New ride control parts can also reduce chances of abnormal wear of other components, including tires.

"After a ride control repair, many consumers are amazed at the difference in their overall driving experience," Boyle said. "A guarantee like ours essentially is an investment in educating consumers about the 'invisible' parts that help keep them safe. And it helps ensure they get quality products from a supplier they can trust."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Antwerp Village:

3/20/17:
Virginia M. Lee; Lot 49, 0.2 acres; To: Karen R. Lee

GRSW Stewart Real Estate Trust; Lot 34, 0.2583 acres; To: Brett A. & Amy L. Stabler

Payne Village:

3/22/17:
Vincent L. & Carol S. Schaefer; Lot 13, 0.2652 acres; To: Quentin L. Vance

AuGlaize Twp.:

3/21/17:
Mary E. Taylor, trustee; Lot 14, Sec. 25, 0.276 acres; Lot 15, Sec. 25, 0.309 acres; To: Timothy L. Font, Jr & Julie A. Font

3/23/17:

Judy A. Shawver; Sec. 30, 0.353 acres; 8.381 acres; 4.936 acres; 0.68 acres; To: Richard Carl Shawver, Jr. & Daniel Joseph Shawver, Sr.

Brown Twp.:

3/23/17:
Richard R. Parrish, Lif Est@3; Sec. 24, 40 acres; To: Helen L. Parrish, LE

Crane Twp.:

3/21/17:
Donald R. Stoller, trustee, et al; Sec. 32, 4 acres; Sec. 35, 77.665 acres; To: Donald R. Stoller, trustee, et al

Emerald Twp.:

3/23/17:
Curtis Nicelley; Sec. 6, 11.442 acres; Sec. 24, 4.84 acres, 0.46 acres, 0.46 acres, 0.46 acres; To: Curtis A. Nicelley

PAULDING FFA COOPERATIVE EDUCATION TEAM 10TH IN STATE, FARR TOP INDIVIDUAL



Pictured left to right: Abbie McMichael, Courtney Luderman, Estee Miller, Chantal Monnier, Kalyn Strahley, Hannah Farr

The Paulding FFA members recently participated in a Career Development Event (CDE) learning about Cooperative Education. The Cooperative Education CDE is an educational activity designed to stimulate students to learn ways of doing business in America with emphasis on Agricultural Cooperatives. The event consisted of 65 multiple choice questions and 10 multiple choice problem solving questions relating to Agricultural Cooperatives.

After the results were tallied, the Paulding FFA Chap-

ter earned their spot as the 10th place team after a tie for 9th place with Edon-Northwest. After the tie-breaker, Paulding ended as the 10th place team. Individually, Hannah Farr, was the top scoring student in Ohio amongst 499 competitors. Farr will be honored for this award at the State FFA Convention in Columbus this May. Additionally, Chantal Monnier placed 13th individually. Other team members consisted of Estee Miller, Kalyn Strahley, Abbie McMichael and Courtney Luderman.

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**

(Continued from page 13)

defendant

Charles J. Johnson, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Derek E. Gerig, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Stone E. Miner, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Howard K. Proctor, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tyler J. Crump, Woodville, OH; No O.L.; Dismissed

Ct A dismissed at the states request

Christopher J. Schrader, Grover Hill, OH; F.R.A. susp; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 4/28/17 or will be sent to collection

Christopher J. Schrader, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 4/28/17 or will be sent to collection

Jeffery C. Budd, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Morgan Maxwell, Defiance, OH; Driv. lic (6 mo); Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by

Help Needed

REGISTERED NURSE (Home Health - FULL TIME - Monday - Friday)

Professional nurse, who, plans, directs, and coordinates all activities concerning the patient's care in the home. Collaborates with the physician and all members of the healthcare team in developing an individualized plan of care for the patient in the home. Home Health RNs operate on 8 hour shifts, typically Monday - Friday.

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 Time (0.9)

REGISTERED NURSE

(Pain Management - FULL TIME - Monday - Friday)

This position is responsible for the direct and indirect care of pain management patients on a day to day basis. Responsibilities include planning, organizing, and directing the specialty staff under their charge. Communicates pertinent information to provide optimum patient care.

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 Time, 1st shift hours

Paulding County Hospital offers a variety of benefits to include: Medical, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Fitness Center Members, Hospital discounts, and State of Ohio PERS Retirement. If interested, please apply online at www.pauldingcountyhospital.com, or in person at Paulding County Hospital, 1035 W. Wayne Street, Paulding, OH 45879.

Paulding County Hospital
1035 W. Wayne Street
Paulding, OH 45879



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Village of Antwerp

Wednesday, April 5th, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

The Village of Antwerp will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 5th, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to consider the recommendations of the Planning Commission, which recommendations are as follows:

Zoning amendment to prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries, and the cultivation and processing inside the corporation limits of the Village of Antwerp as outlined in House Bill 523 passed and effective on September 8th, 2016. Detailed information may be viewed at Antwerp Depot, 504 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, during normal business hours or by calling the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371.

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- Banners
- Signs
- Posters
- Magnets & More!

S.R. 1 IN DEKALB COUNTY SCHEDULED FOR RESURFACE ON APRIL 3

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces that S.R. 1 in DeKalb County is scheduled to be resurfaced on or after Monday, April 3, weather permitting. The resurface work will take place between C.R. 72 and S.R. 8, and will also include the update of curb ramps in Spencerville at Mill Street, Pearl Street and Auburn Street/C.R. 68/Churchview Street in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In addition to the resurface work, INDOT contractors plan to install three new pipe structures along S.R. 1. The installation will require two separate road closures, both between C.R. 64 and

C.R. 68. S.R. 1 is expected to close, between C.R. 64 and C.R. 68, on or after Saturday, April 8, weather permitting. The road will be closed for up to 30 days during this phase. All access will be maintained for residents. Later this spring, a second closure, between C.R. 52 and C.R. 56, is planned. That closure may last 20 days, with access maintained for area residents.

The official state detour for both closures is S.R. 1/ Dupont Road to I-69 to S.R. 8.

During the day, drivers are cautioned to watch for lane shifts, possible stopped traffic and flaggers in the construction zone. INDOT reminds drivers to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through any active work zone.

The project was awarded to INDOT contractor E&B Paving for \$3.5 million. The contract also includes work on S.R. 3, S.R. 120 and U.S. 33.

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LATTA VOTES TO IMPROVE SMALL BUSINESSES' ABILITY TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FOR EMPLOYEES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted to pass legislation allowing small businesses to join together to better negotiate with health insurers for quality health care coverage at lower costs. The legislation, H.R. 1101, the Small Business Health Fairness Act, would allow small businesses to band together through association health plans (AHP) to improve bargaining power and level the playing field with larger employers and unions. The bill would also reduce administrative costs and burdens for small businesses that are seeking to provide health insurance for their employees.

"Under Obamacare, small businesses are at a disadvantage because they can't band together to negotiate for better care and lower costs for their employees," said Latta. "The Small Business Health Fairness Act puts them on equal footing with larger companies, allowing them to more effectively negotiate with insurers. Instead of being burdened by top-down

Sudoku solution from page 13

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

mandates and regulations from Washington, legislation like H.R. 1101 empowers small businesses to improve the health care they provide to employees."

In addition, Congressman Latta also voted to pass H.R. 372, the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act. That bill removes an exemption that allows health insurers to not be subject to federal antitrust laws. Repealing the exemption is the first step at restoring competition in the face of rapid market consolidation in the health insurance industry. That bill passed the House by a vote of 416-7.

These pieces of legislation would be part of a later phase of Obamacare repeal and replace. The bills, H.R. 372 and H.R. 1101, are not allowed as part of the budget reconciliation process and could not be included in the American Health Care Act. They would be subject to a 60-vote threshold in the U.S. Senate.

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OVER 500 ATTEND PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC CO-OP ANNUAL MEETING



Pictured L to R-The 2017 Board: Tim Derck, Ken Niese Dr. Ronald Black, Joseph Kohnen, Bill Dowler, George Carter (CEO), Jay Dangler, Dr. John Saxton, Steve McMichael, and Doug Fortman

Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op held its 80th Annual meeting on Saturday, March 18. It was a momentous event, where both Board Chairman Dr. John Saxton and President and CEO George Carter reflected on the co-op's rich history.

"In 1936, the original membership fee to bring electricity out to rural America was \$10.00. That may not sound like much, but that was the equivalent of \$175.00 today," stated Carter.

At the time, investor owned utilities didn't want to take the chance on electrifying rural America. They

felt rural America wouldn't use enough electricity to justify the means. "The investor owned utilities didn't have the vision, but our original board of directors did, and it had a profound effect on rural America, and has made us what we are today," added Carter.

Besides hitting the milestone of holding 80 Annual Meetings, PPEC Board Chairman Dr. John Saxton, pointed out several highlights for the year 2016. Again, in 2016 the cooperative did not increase its charges to the membership. "Members will not see an in-

crease in 2017 either, but we may have to have an increase in 2018," stated Saxton. A cost of study will be completed in late summer to determine if a rate increase will be necessary in 2018.

During the meeting it was also noted that in October 2016, the employees achieved one full year without a lost time accident. "This is an unprecedented milestone. This doesn't happen without the dedication to a culture of safety embraced by all employees and supported by the Board of Trustees," said Carter.

In other business, attor-

eville, Indiana won a two way race to fill the seat which had been served more than 15 years by retiring board member Jerry Sorg. In District 6, Dr. John Saxton ran opposed and in District 9, Dr. Ronald Black ran against Incumbent Gary Hayden and won.

Several local high school students were also recognized during the meeting:

1ST PLACE: Maggie Wilson - Antwerp HS; Jordan Drummelsmith - Miller City HS

2nd PLACE: Katie Fuetter - Ottawa Glandorf HS; Troy Ricker - Fort Jennings HS

3rd PLACE: Claire Westrick - Miller City HS; Griffin Morman - Fort Jennings HS

At Large: Kelsey Miller - Continental HS

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Touchstone Achievement Award - Gabrielle Gudakunst - Wayne Trace HS

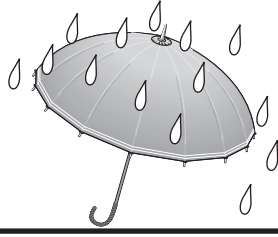
ney Norman Cook reported on the results of the trustee elections. In District 1, Joseph Kohnen from Monro-

Youth Tour winners: Chloe Lammers - Miller City HS; Abigail Schroeder - Miller City HS

ANTWERP HONOR ROLL CORRECTION

It was incorrectly submitted that the Antwerp Elementary 3rd nine weeks honor roll 3rd grade All A's was a Raelynne McMichael, it should have been Raelynne Zuber.

As sure as it's going to rain, the classifieds sell.



L to R: Troy Ricker - Fort Jennings HS (2nd place), Jordan Drummelsmith - Miller City HS (1st Place), Maggie Wilson - Antwerp HS (1st place), Claire Westrick - Miller City HS (3rd place), Kelsey Miller - Continental HS (At-large)

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