

COOPER FARMS MAKES DONATION TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS



Far too many area families go without a hot meal on Easter. In an effort to change that, Cooper Farms donated over 1,200 of their pre-cooked turkey roasts to local food banks across Paulding, Van Wert, Defiance and Mercer counties.

Cooper Farms makes countless food donations throughout the year to different organizations, but being able to provide a meal to families in need around the holidays is something they are more than happy to do.

"We are extremely proud to be able to provide this donation and feed as many families in the area as possible," said COO Gary Cooper. "Being able to sit down and enjoy a hot meal with your family at

Easter can bring so much joy and we're happy to be able to make that happen."

Nearly 300 cases containing approximately 5,000 pounds of turkey are being distributed. Protein is the most sought after donation item food banks seek.

Pastor Tim Clutter, Executive Director of CALL Food Pantry in Celina, Ohio, is grateful for this donation and the benefits it will have for both the food pantry and the families that utilize it.

"Meat is always a much-needed commodity and it's very expensive," Clutter said. "Therefore, the donation from Cooper Farms is always a huge blessing to us and to all of our clients that go
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PHOSPHORUS RISK INDEX PROJECT

The Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District is looking for participants for the Phosphorus Risk Reduction Program. Grant funds provided to the SWCD from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management are available to participants in the project on a per acre basis.

If you have farm land in the Upper Maumee targeted watersheds Black Creek, Marsh Ditch, Six-Mile Creek, Trier Ditch, and Bottern Ditch, you may be eligible to participate in this project.

This pilot program is designed to help farmers keep phosphorus on their fields. The main factors that determine a farm's risk of losing phosphorus from their fields include soil type, how close or connected field is to a body of water, the slope and soil permeability of the field, soil Phosphorus test results, amount of fertilizer applied, time of fertilizer application, and fertilizer placement.

While some of these factors cannot be controlled by producers, those that can provide good opportunity to make small changes that could result in big improvements both for the bottom line, and for water quality.

Producers may be eligible for reimbursement payments for applied conservation practices such as cover crops, blind inlets, and more.

Please contact Kate Sanders or Greg Lake at the Allen County SWCD office at (260)484-5848 ext. 3, if you are interested in learning more about this exciting new program.

PAULDING COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE OGS

During the March 8th meeting Kim Sutton, former Paulding Chamber of Commerce Executive Director & current John Paulding Historical Society President discussed her book, Letters from the Civil War.

Our next meeting is April 12th at 6:30 p.m. & our speaker will be Journalist Jim Langham, he will be discussing some of his favorite Paulding County Stories.

Meetings are held at the Paulding County Carnegie Library in Paulding at 205 South Main Street.

If you'd like more info about the society please visit our website at www.paulding-countyogs.org.

FAMILY FORUM

The Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be hosting a free Family Forum on Thursday, April 20th, 2017, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. This event, open to the public, will provide information on the State of Ohio's STABLE Account, as well as Managed Care options

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AWARD WINNING AUTHORS NAMED AT WOODLAN ELEMENTARY



The third through fifth grade students at Woodlan Elementary School have worked very hard publishing picture books in anticipation of the Young Author Conference. The Indiana Reading Association will host the 2017 Young Author Conference that will be held at Wayne High School on Saturday, April 22nd. The conference will feature award-winning children's author, Judy Young. 14 student's books have been chosen to represent Woodlan

Elementary as award winning books at the conference. Woodlan Elementary would like to acknowledge the following outstanding authors.

3rd grade - Taylor Ann Minarik, Alexandria Beason, Katy Niles, Kolten Holliday, Cash Coronado, Kira Elwood

4th grade - Alyssa Harvey, Tanner Foust, Emma Waters, Austin Crozier, Autumn Dager, Dylan Fiedler

5th grade - Aubrey Anderson, Jada Eubank, Ava McAlexander, Ryan Hubbard

WARRIORS CHANGING IHSAA CLASSES

As part of the two-year cycle for the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Woodlan is one of several schools that will be changing classification in high school boys basketball next season as the Warriors move up to Class 3A from Class 2A.

Woodlan missed staying in Class 2A by five students as the Warriors currently have

534 and the break to stay in Class 2A was 529.

Other local schools in Class 3A include New Haven (996), Wawasee (945), Angola (876), Leo (872), Concordia (781), Norwell (769), West Noble (723), Belmont (691), Bishop Luers (617), Heritage (596) and Garrett (590).

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Thank You

The family of Dustin Shuherk would like to thank everyone who donated and came out and supported Dustin's Fight Benefit on March 4, 2017. Words cannot express how grateful we are for the huge turn out and generous support and encouragement from family, friends, new friends and our wonderful community for Dustin and his family. We would also like to say a special Thank you to Darlene and Dave Jordan and their army of crusaders for making this event possible.

Antwerp Conservation Club Easter Egg Hunt

17814 Township Road 53 - Antwerp, OH

April 8th at 1 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

PAYNE, OH
Joseph Daniel Lyvers, 78 of Payne passed away March 30, 2017. Dooley Funeral Home 5761 SR 500, Payne, assisted his family with arrangements.
 ANTWERP, OH
Richard Leroy Carr, 78 of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp Ohio 45813.



PAYNE, OH
Angel Flores, 75 of Antwerp, formerly of Payne passed away at home on April 2, 2017.

He was born in Grand Saline, TX on Aug. 2, 1941 a son of the late Guadalupe & Petra (Guerrero) Flores.

Angel started Original Red Angel Pizza on July 4, 1974. He loved drag racing, motocross and raising livestock. He was a friend to everyone he knew.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Sharon, whom he married Dec 5, 1965; daughter, Kari Kipker; special family friend, Kim Mansfield; siblings, Lola Larson, Lucy Rivera, Gracie Alcalan, Sue Coonrod, Jackie Sanchez, Tulip Santos & Lupe, grandchildren, Ashley, Justin, Cassandra, Josh, Zach & Nick & great grandchildren, Ethan, Kaylena, Eli & Xander

He was also preceded in death by his son, Kevin and siblings, Pauline, Margie, Janie & Joe.

Service is Thursday, 11 am with viewing from 9 - 11 am at Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

He will be laid to rest in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne. Memorials are to Community Health Professionals.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 4/5 - 4/11

4/5 - Roasted chicken, redskin potatoes, creamed peas, oranges & pineapple, fruit & grain bar, dinner roll, milk
 4/6 - Beef stew, Betty sal-

ad, banana, chocolate pudding, biscuit, milk

4/7 - Vegetable lasagna, brussel sprouts, orange juice, cheesy garlic bread, milk

4/10 - BBQ rib sandwich, butter beans, spinach, tropical fruit, fruit snacks, milk

4/11 - Pot roast, red potatoes, Scandanavian vegetables, apricots, cookie, dinner roll, milk

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 4/5 - 4/11

4/5 - PERI meeting at 10:00 a.m.; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

4/6 - Blood pressure & toe nail clinic at 9:00 a.m.; Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Penny Pitch with Meadows of Kalida at 12:00 p.m.; Turn up at 12:15 p.m.

4/7 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

4/10 - "Shedding pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Site council at 10:30 a.m.

4/11 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

OHIO ARTS COUNCIL CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELDERS TO THRIVE THROUGH ARTS

Aging well isn't just about eating right, exercising and maintaining social connections, though all of these are important. Doing things that make you feel good and that help you continue to grow emotionally and spiritually can be just as important. Research suggests that active participation in the arts and learning results in improved physical health, improved quality of life for those who are ill, better community and social engagement, and reduced risk factors that can lead to the need for long-term care.

The Ohio Department of Aging is proud to support the Ohio Arts Council and its Creative Aging Ohio Initiative. Since 2013, the council has been part of the National Center for Creative Aging to promote community programming in the arts, health and aging. The Creative Aging Ohio Initiative works with a variety of state and local partners to support creative, participatory arts experiences based on best practices for adult learners.

The council is seeking partners for the Creative Aging Ohio Initiative. Specifically, they are looking for teams who are implementing or would like to begin programs that support healthy aging through the arts, help caregivers and add to the growing field of research about the arts and aging. Project ideas include engaging older adults as artistic mentors to youth,

LATTA HONORED BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS



Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) was presented with the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence at an event held Friday morning in Findlay. The honor was provided based on Latta's voting record supporting manufacturing from the past Congress. The event was held at Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, one of the largest manufacturers in Latta's district.

"I'm honored to receive this award from the National Association of Manufacturers because it confirms the commitment I've made to support policies that strengthen our manufacturing sector," said Latta. "In my district, with more than 60,000 people working in the manufactur-

ing field, the success of our regional economy relies on manufacturers that can innovate, grow, and create jobs. I'm proud to stand with the hardworking men and women making the products that keep America running."

"Manufacturers in Ohio and across the country are changing lives for the better—through the jobs we create and the products we make. Manufacturing is about improving the human condition, one innovation at a time," said NAM President and CEO Jay Timmons. "Rep. Latta is helping to make our success possible by standing with manufacturers when it matters and casting the right votes.

physical fitness programs that use creative movement or dance, creative writing or theatrical activities, musical performance, painting, sculpture and more.

Grants range from \$1,500 to \$15,000 and require a 1:1 cash match. The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, May 1, 2017, at 5 p.m. Learn more and find out how to apply.

We are very excited about the potential that the Creative Aging Ohio Initiative holds for improving the overall health and wellness of our older Ohioans and encourage all interested organizations to apply for this great opportunity.

BENEFIT AUCTION TO HELD APRIL 22nd

A get Sold on St. Jude Kids event benefiting St. Jude Children's Hospital will be held at Buckler & Sheild Auction (formerly Porter's) on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Buckler & Sheild is located at 19326 Rd 60, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849.

By participating in or attending the event, you will help raise funds for children of the work who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS, and sickle cell anemia. These funds will help St. Jude in it's ongoing fight against childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, TN. St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with the scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fund raising organization, through such events as Get Sold on St. Jude Kids.

We need your help once again to make this auction a

success! Please contact us if you or your business will donate some items or goods. Gift certificates are always good if your business is a service.

This will be our 21st annual auction benefiting St. Jude's. Over the last 20 years we have raised over \$123,000.00 with a lot of help from each of you.

RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN FOR "FARCE OF NATURE"

Off Stage Productions concludes its 2016-2017 season with "Farce of Nature", a Jones Hope Wooten comedy. This two-act comical farce will be directed by Mandy Fifer. Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of our seven performances, opening Saturday, April 22nd. Additional show dates are Sunday April 23rd*, Friday, Saturday & Sunday April 28th-30th*, and Friday & Saturday May 5th & 6th. Doors open at 6:30 pm on Friday and Saturday, *12:30 p.m. for Sunday matinees, at the Van Wert County Senior Center (220 Fox Road, Van Wert, OH). A buffet style meal provided by Romer's Catering will be served starting at 7:00 p.m. and the show will begin at 8:00 pm (*1:00 p.m. meal and 2:00 p.m. show on the Sunday matinees).

THE STORY: The non-stop hilarity of this Southern-fried farce highlights one day in the life of the Wilburn family of Mayhew, Arkansas. Meet D. Gene Wilburn, the owner and proprietor of the Reel 'Em Inn, the finest little fishing lodge in the Ozarks. Well, it used to be, but lately business is down, tourists are few, and the lone guest who's just checked in—an extremely jittery Carmine DeLuca from Chicago—is only there due to a location shift in the Witness Protection Program. Doesn't anybody just want to fish anymore? Certainly not D. Gene's frustrated wife, Wanelle, who's fed up with their lackluster romantic life. She's taken drastic steps to improve it through hypnotic suggestion and, for the life of him, D. Gene cannot understand why his pants keep falling down. D. Gene's feisty

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

Romans 5:1 NIV

sister Maxie has her own problems, chief among them battling ageism to resume her career in law enforcement. She's determined to prove her worth by keeping Carmine DeLuca alive through the weekend—a task that's going to prove to be much harder than she bargained for since she keeps losing both her gun and the bullets. And she never anticipated the gangster Carmine's been dodging for the last five years, Sonny Barbosa, is about to walk through the door, in hot pursuit of his sexy wife, Lola. Seems the headstrong Lola has driven hundreds of miles to the lodge to follow her boy toy, D. Gene and Wanelle's son Ty. But Lola meets her match in Ty's seemingly innocent girlfriend, Jenna, whose patience has reached the breaking point after months of waiting for Ty to come home. In the deliciously funny romp that ensues, they all hide, lie, disguise themselves, cross-dress, and slam doors chasing one another, while trying to figure out the source of an increasingly awful stench. By then it's too late and the lodge is surrounded by vicious critters and hungry varmints that have followed the odor down from the hills. Yet by the delightfully chaotic climax of this one outrageous day, love blossoms, truths are revealed, and the lives of all—family, guests and gangsters alike—change in incredible and surprising ways.

This side-splittingly funny Jones Hope Wooten comedy is guaranteed to win your audiences over—hook, line, and sinker

Join our cast and creative team and you will be sure to laugh out loud as you watch all of this action play out at the Reel 'Em Inn lodge.

Wanelle Wilburn - Jewell Kurtz; D. Gene Wilburn - Dan Bulau; Jenna Sealy - Kelly Smith; Maxie Wilburn Suggs - Terri Stevens; Car-

mine DeLuca - Matt Krol; Ty Wilburn - Jonathan Dennie; Lola Barbosa - Mary Yackey; Sonny Barbosa - Travis Nihiser; Roxanne Thorne - Staci Kaufman.

Reservations for members open at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 3rd and on Wednesday, April 5th for the general public and are open daily. Reservations close at 6:00 p.m. each day, and can be made by calling 419-605-6708. Reservations must be secured with a credit card, and any cancellations must be made by the Wednesday prior to show date (for full refund). Off Stage Productions can be found online at <http://www.offstagetheatre.com> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OffStageProductions>

Find out more about us. Contact one of our members or call (419) 605-6708.

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through CALL Ministries."

CALL Food Pantry is just one of the several food pantries receiving turkey roast donations, but Clutter addressed his appreciation for all Cooper Farms does for them throughout the year.

"Last year, Cooper Farms donated just over 32,000 pounds of meat to us," he said. "We serve over 800 families every month so it goes such a long way in helping all those in need."

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- 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

Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by St. James Lutheran Church & Van Crest Assisted Living

Saturday, April 8th

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

WHERE: VAN CREST ASSISTED LIVING STATE ROUTE 49 • PAYNE, OHIO

ASK THE AUDIOLOGIST

By: Kimberly Molitor, Au.D.



What effects does having hearing loss have on quality of life?

Hearing loss often starts slowly and subtly, often starting with slight difficulties hearing in backgrounds of noise. Individuals often wait, an average of six years of increasing silence, before having an evaluation. Often unaware of how much they are missing, they are silently suffering from sensory loss. This loss increases the chance for isolation, depression, anxiety, and increases susceptibility to dementia and cog-



Dr. Kimberly Molitor is Board Certified in Audiology and a Doctor of Audiology with exceptional experience as a professional in the field of hearing for people of all ages.

nitive decline. They may struggle to stay connected to family and friends and may not enjoy doing what they once did. So what now? The first step is a hearing evaluation. You get one set of ears. At the present time, there is no replacement for the inner ear where sounds are sent by nerve impulses to the brain to be processed. Hearing should not be taken for granted. Hearing should be tested and noise limited (even non-occupational noise like lawn mowers and weed eaters). Start with prevention then if hearing loss does exist, determine what options would be good for you. Some insurances have benefits for amplification. Call our office to make an appointment. If you don't hear it the first time, you may never hear it again!

Call Buckeye Hearing Health at 419-399-1719 to schedule Good through April 20 Ask for special #Free Demo!

(continued from page 1) for Medicaid recipients. The event will be held at the Parc Lane Center, 900 Fairground Dr., in Paulding, and will include food and door prizes. Tanya Hartman, from the State of Ohio's Treasurer's Office will provide information on Ohio's STABLE Account, which allows individuals with disabilities to save and invest without losing government benefits, such as Medic-

aid or SSI. The definition of "disabilities" is much broader than eligibility for count board services, so it's important for individuals to find out if they qualify for a STABLE account. This is a tax free savings plan for disability related expenses. Ohio's 5 Managed Care Providers will be on hand to present information to those individuals that currently receive Medicaid and now have

the option to select a Managed Care Providers. These providers are Paramount, Molina Healthcare, Buckeye Health Plan, United Healthcare, and CareSource. Managed Care providers offer many optional benefits that are not available with traditional Medicaid. In some instances, if an individual does not select a Managed Care Provider, a provider will be selected for you. This information will allow you to make an informed choice.

Because we are providing food, we are requesting that you RSVP by contacting our offices at 419-399-4800 or email secretary@pauldingdd.com

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

- 1st John 5:6: What does water symbolize in this verse?
- 1st John 5:6: What does blood symbolize in this verse?
- 1st John 5:6: When did Jesus ministry begin?
- 1st John 5:6: Who testifies of Jesus birth, His life and death?
- 1st John 5:6: The Holy Spirit _____?
- 1st John 5:7-8: Name the three that bears witness of Jesus?
- 1st John 5:8: What are these in agreement to?
- 1st John 5:9: Which is greater man's testimony or God's?
- 1st John 5:9: Who has God testified of?
- 1st John 5:10: Those who believe in Jesus has what?

Questions or comments call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also Lonnie Lambert can be reached at 419-399-5022. Loved ones Je-

sus loves you, and so does the churches of Christ.

Answers to today's questionst:

1. Baptism; 2. Jesus death on the cross; 3. At Jesus baptism and ended at His death on the cross; 4. The Holy Spirit; 5. Truth; 6. The Spirit, the water, and the blood; 7. That Jesus is who He says He was; 8. God; 9. His son; 10. We have the testimony within as Christians.

Loved ones bye for now, and hoping to meet you in the next lesson, Love You!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST YOUTH USING TINCAPS TICKETS FOR FUNDRAISER

The First United Methodist Youth have tickets for the Thursday, June 1, 7:05 p.m. Fort Wayne TinCaps ballgame. TinCaps games are always family friendly with lots to do. The seats are along the third base line, there are fireworks and children can "Run the Bases" after the game. First Church is taking a local group to the game to support their youth member, Miah Katalenas. Miah is a Junior at Lincolnview High School and she will be singing the National Anthem for the game. "We are very fortunate to have a minor league baseball team so close to us and this is a great opportunity for Miah," stated Teresa Shaffer, Youth leader. Miah is a member of the Lincolnview and First Church Choirs and enjoys singing in special youth Sunday Services as well. A portion is being donated to the Youth Group. "We are excited for this trip and we hope that our local community will get behind Miah and support her. We also thought, what better way to raise funds for our mission work" says youth leader, Demond Johnson. First Church Youth group will be doing some local mission work in Van Wert and will be taking a mission trip somewhere in the state of Ohio this summer. This will help with their expenses. Tickets are at the church office and the deadline to order tickets is Sunday, May 14. In combination with the TinCaps game, the Sunday School kids at first church are having a competition called "Food for Lent." For every canned good brought in they receive a ticket for a drawing. One lucky kid will be drawn and will be able to throw out the "first pitch" at the TinCaps game. For more information about the outing to benefit the FUMC Youth Group, contact Teresa Shaffer at 419/238-0631 ext 307.

EASTER SERVICES AT TWIN OAKS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, E. Harmon Street, Oakwood, Ohio: Good Friday service 6:00 p.m. Sunrise service Sunday 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship 9:30 a.m.

COPING AFTER A SUICIDE EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

How to heal in the wake of a loved one's suicide will be discussed at Lifetree Café on April 6, 2017 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. The program, titled "Liv-

STEAM NIGHT AT GROVER HILL



Family Steam Night at Grover Hill Elementary. The term "STEAM" comes from combining the subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. During this evening student and their parents discovered the fun of STEAM through hands-on activities for the whole family. Pictured here: L-R Chloe Beining, Laura Thornell, Kara Stoller and Macy Doster making a Water Bottle Wind Spiral.

ing After a Suicide: Finding Hope After Loved Ones Take Their Own Lives," explores the difficult aftermath that friends and family experience after a suicide.

"It's one of those things that if you've never had it in your life, you probably don't think about it," says Maxine Brandt, a grief outreach coordinator. "You hear about it in the news or read about it, but it doesn't seem like a real thing."

During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss how suicide has impacted their own lives.

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

sional Art Competition. All artwork will be displayed at the Marathon Center for Performing Arts in April. The winning piece of art will be displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., and three honorable mention pieces will be announced and displayed in Congressman Latta's district offices.

"Every year, students in Ohio's Fifth District amaze me with the creativity, ingenuity, and talent they display with their artwork," said Latta. "I encourage all high school students to participate in this year's competition and look forward to seeing the pieces that are submitted."

The deadline for the 2017 competition is Monday, April 10 and submissions can be dropped off at any three of Congressman Latta's district offices: Bowling Green - 1045 N. Main Street, Suite 6, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402 Defiance - 101 Clinton Street, Suite 1200, Defiance,

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LATTA HOSTS 2017 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has announced that high school students in Ohio's 5th Congressional District can now submit original artwork as part of the 2017 Congress-

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HANDS OF HOPE - GREAT NIGHT AT THE SPAGHETTI DINNER!



Hands of Hope hosted around 300 people for supper and entertainment on March 23. Melinda Stoller, executive director of Hands of Hope stated, "We are so thankful for how successful our first annual spaghetti supper was! It has been our biggest fundraiser yet, and we are hoping to continue to have large gatherings."

For the entertainment, a Paulding Jr. High girls and boys group and the WTHS Barbershop Club sang several songs as well as some boys from WT's recent musical "The Music Man". To end the evening on a spiritual note, the Manz Strings performed several gospel songs.

The spaghetti supper was delicious too! There was lots of positive feedback so they are already making plans for next year's supper!

This past year, Hands of Hope have helped 37 women/families, with the goal being to keep increasing this number and to continue serving more pregnant teenagers in the coming years. Statistics in the recent year show there was 18 pregnant teenagers in Paulding County. Less than 10% of clients are teenagers, and Hands of Hope feel they have a lot to offer pregnant

teenagers. "I want to get the word out there that even if pregnant teenagers are being supported by their family, we would love for their families to encourage the teen to earn at least their crib and stroller/car seat combo through us," commented Stoller. "The benefit being, they are earning their supplies, not being given it. Also, they are coming in contact with wonderful Christian mentors, and learning some great education about their pregnancy and babies that will benefit them," continued Stoller. Hands of Hope has talked to over 200 school kids in the past year about abstinence and parenting decisions, and there are plans to attend Antwerp school soon to talk to roughly 60 students.

Hands of Hope hosts two big fundraisers each year, a 5K race and then a large annual fundraiser, this year being the spaghetti supper. The earnings from these two fundraisers typically brings in about 25% of annual needs.

Thank you to all the volunteers, family, and friends who helped to get all the work done for this successful spaghetti supper, and for all the support.



PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**

Dear Parson,

In John 14:12, Jesus said to His disciples that they would do greater works than His. How can that be?

Jesus was explaining to them why He had to ascend to His Father. He would pray to His Spirit to indwell each believer (v.16-17). That was the same source of power through which Christ did His works. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

Greater can mean in quality or quantity. Certainly the quality of Christ's works was not exceeded, but the quantity of His works was.

Christ's physical ministry was limited to a small part of the world. However, through the Holy Spirit working in the conglomerate ministry of Christ's followers, the whole world could be reached. That is truly a greater work.

Don't miss out on being a part of that greater work! Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES AT WOODBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There will be many opportunities for worship during Holy Week at Woodburn United Methodist Church.

The Holy Week services begin with a Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a traditional worship service including Communion. Communion at Woodburn Methodist is open to any who wish to come to the Lord's Table.

On Friday, April 14, there will be a Community Good Friday service at 1:00 p.m. at Westwood Fellowship Church. This will be a Traditional Service.

Then, on Good Friday evening (April 14) at 7:00 p.m., there will be a performance of the drama, The Final Exchange. "An incarcerated Barabbas is being attacked on three different sides: a Roman soldier set on avenging his brother's death, a crazy man he has to share a cell with, and his own memories of a life full of anger and doubt that has plagued him for as long as he can remember. The salvation of one man's soul appears to be the prize, but just as you think you know the price that must be paid, not everyone is who they appear to be." Follow with us in this play as Barabbas and others live through Good Friday and how it affects their lives. The play is written by Robert J. Hammett and produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Company. It is produced and directed by Dawn Patterson. Following is the cast of this play:

Barabbas-revolutionary and murderer-Dick Hall; Crazy Man-Another prisoner-Sean Patterson; Woman-Woman who cleans the cell-Mercedes Moncivais; Roman Soldier-Guard of the prisoners-Peter Greer; Sarah-Barabbas' helper in their cause-Brandy Patterson; Boy-Street Child-James Greer; Voice-Warden of the Prison-Terry McDon-

ald; Extras-Joey Greer, Cole Patterson, Lacy Patterson; Lights-Dawn Patterson, Cole Patterson, John Patterson; Sound- Dawn Patterson

There will be one 15-minute intermission and refreshments will be provided by the ladies of the church. There will be no charge for the play, but free will donations will be accepted to support the WUMC Thespians for future programs.

On Easter Sunday (April 16), there will be a Sunrise Easter Cantata at 7:00 a.m. The cantata is Lamb of God. This cantata was arranged and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin and under the direction of Dawn Patterson. The cantata begins with the rousing introductory song, "Praise the Lamb Medley" with "Alleluia! Alleluia!" and "Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb". Next we move to Palm Sunday and Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem with the infectious "I've Just Been with Jesus". We continue through Holy Week with the Passover meal and the theme song, "Lamb of God". "How can we ever really understand the grace poured out on the world when Jesus died?" This sentiment leads to the haunting "He Looked Beyond My Fault" with a solo by Lisa Dial. Finally, Easter Sunday arrives with the joyous "Resurrection Day Medley" with "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today", "Resurrection Day", and "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" The cantata concludes with the "Finale" with "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb" and "Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb", asking us to show how the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed our lives.

This song contains a duet by Tom Bergman and Annette Ruppert, and a solo by Dick Hall. There is no charge for the cantata, but free-will donations will be accepted to help purchase materials for future cantatas by the Woodburn Choir.

Members of the Woodburn Choir are: Soprano-Cheryl Coleman, Lisa Dial, Annette Ruppert, Patti Shuler; Alto-Ruth Corn, Lyda Cutchin, Diane Hall, Dawn James, Dawn Patterson, Karen Stir, LaVon Womack; Baritone-Tom Bergman, Dick Hall; Bass-Tom Cutchin, Dan Stir; Narrators-Dan Stir, Karen Stir; Sound Tech-Sean Patterson

The Cantata will be followed by an Easter Breakfast at 7:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall provided by the United Methodist Men and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. There will be a free-will donation for the breakfast.

The traditional Easter Service will be held at 9:00 a.m and will also have Communion that is open to all. There will be no Sunday School

class following the service, so that everyone attend family dinners.

Pastor Terry McDonald and all the members of Woodburn United Methodist Church would like to welcome all to participate in the Holy Week activities. Woodburn United Methodist Church is located on 4300 Becker Road behind the Woodburn Express Service Station in the middle of Woodburn.

THE MAN BORN BLIND

By: **Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church**

"As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind.' 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life...' Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, 'Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?' Some claimed that he was. Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' But he himself insisted, 'I am the man.' 'How then were your eyes opened?' they demanded. He replied, 'The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.'" John 9:1-3, 6-11 (NIV).

In the scripture reading the disciples were floundering about for causes for a congenital defect of the blind man as if this would somehow make a difference to them or to him. The neighbors of the man born blind were unable to recognize him because he is no longer sitting and begging by the side of the road. The Pharisees unable to believe that the man had been really healed despite the evidence of their eyes and their ears, and then being unable to believe that Jesus had a hand in the healing because they see him as a sinner rather than as prophet of the Living God.

The disciples had been taught that sin and hurt, in-

MULTIPLICATION FACT RACE CHAMPIONS



The students in Mrs. Salzbrenner and Miss Sullivan's 4th grade classroom participated in a double elimination bracket based multiplication fact tournament. The students competed in head to head competition using "T-Races" to fine tune their math fact families. Emily Beckman was crowned the "T-Race" champion on Thursday, March 9th. Olivia Robinson was the runner-up. The Sportsmanship Award was awarded to the entire class for their behavior during the tournament.

jury, and handicap are linked together; that human hurt is the result of human sin. Jesus does not deny that. In fact he clearly affirms the principle that one reaps what one sows. But Jesus also makes clear that human suffering is not always directly connected to personal sin. And even where it is, where sin has led directly to suffering, Jesus makes clear that our response to it should be like his: one of compassion and of love. The work of God is the work of liberation and of healing and of compassion and of forgiveness. It is the work of love filled living and giving, the work of bringing salvation to those who would receive it.

In the end the disciples' question about the man born blind did not really matter in light of how Jesus responded to the blind man; and what the blind man himself subsequently did as he first defended Jesus as the source of his healing and then confessed Jesus as his Lord and worshipped him. Fault and blame can easily be assigned but what is needed is that we pray to God for a blessing upon all people and that we work and we witness and show the complete love of God to everyone we meet.



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ELKS ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS



Pictured above are Cooper Wenzlick and Brooks Laukhuf. (Payne Elementary, 5th grade)

Mrs. Wilder's 5th grade social studies students at Payne Elementary had the opportunity to participate in the Van Wert Elks essay contest. In December the Van Wert Elks lodge chose winners, from 306 entries. Those winners were then sent to the district competition. The district finalist were chosen in February.

We are proud to announce that Cooper Wenzlick was chosen as the 1st place district winner and Brooks Laukhuf was chosen as the 2nd place

district winner. The Wayne Trace community is extremely proud of this accomplishment and the effort the boys put forth.

Cooper Wenzlick has also been chosen as one of the 3 finalist to be sent to the state competition! We are awaiting those results.

Mrs. Wilder, Cooper and Brooks were all invited to a youth breakfast this spring. They will be presented with an award at this time. Congratulations to Cooper and Brooks!

ANTWERP HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 4/5 - 4/11

- 4/5 - Grilled chicken on bun, corn, pineapple, milk
- 4/6 - Fish on bun, broccoli & rice w/cheese, peaches, milk
- 4/7 - Cheese quesadilla, tossed salad, applesauce, milk
- 4/10 - Burrito, carrots, orange smiles, milk
- 4/11 - Sloppy scoops, baked fries, pineapple, milk

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 4/5 - 4/11

- Breakfast**
- 4/5 - Mini pancakes, sausage links, juice, fruit, milk
 - 4/6 - Coffee cake, juice, fruit, milk
 - 4/7 - Sausage, egg & cheese burrito, salsa, juice, fruit, milk
 - 4/10 - Breakfast pizza, sausage, juice, fruit, milk
 - 4/11 - Ham, egg & cheese croissant, juice, fruit, milk
- Lunch**
- 4/5 - Beef or chicken burrito OR Chicken quesadilla, refried beans, spanish rice, asstd. fruit, milk; Toppings: Banana peppers & corn & black beans, salsa, lettuce
 - 4/6 - Honey battered c-dog, coleslaw, carrots, celery w/dip OR Big daddy pizza, lettuce salad, asstd. fruit, milk
 - 4/7 - Spicy or regular breaded chicken, bun, oven potatoes OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, asstd fruit, milk
 - 4/10 - Italian dunkers, mainara sauce, broccoli salad, green beans OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, asstd. fruit, milk
 - 4/11 - Grilled chicken tender salad, tomatoes, corn & black beans, garlic toast OR Asstd entree items, oven fries, pickles, asstd. fruit, milk

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- Breakfast**
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 - 4/6 - Saus-egg burrito, juice, fruit, milk
 - 4/7 - Ass't cereals, juice, fruit, milk
 - 4/10 - Yogurt, cinn. goldfish, juice, fruit, milk
 - 4/11 - Pancake on stick, juice, fruit, milk
- Lunch**
- 4/5 - Salisbury steak, whip potatoes, bread, romaine lettuce, salad, fruit, milk
 - 4/6 - Taco in a bag (Cheese Doritos), romain lettuce, refried beans, fruit, milk
 - 4/7 - Fish sandwich, green beans, carrot stix, fruit, milk
 - 4/10 - Hamburger on wh gr bun, oven potatoes, romain lettuce, tomato, fruit milk
 - 4/11 - chicken nugg, whip potatoes, roll, romain lettuce, salad, fruit, milk

FIRST UM CHURCH ANNOUNCES LENT & EASTER SERVICES

First United Methodist Church, located at 113 W. Central Avenue in Van Wert, Ohio is planning their upcoming Lent and Easter services.

Palm Sunday, April 9 will feature children and choir processing with palm leaves at the 10:45 service. The Rev. Gus O. Christo-Baker will giving the sermon: "He's not Fancy" based on the scripture from Philippians 2:5-11. The early service is at 8:15 and features a blended style of worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 will feature a dinner served in the dining hall at 5:00 pm, followed by a ser-

vice in the sanctuary with Lessons from the book of Matthew 26-27. The Senior Chancel Choir will be participating in special choral selections.

First Church will host the traditional community Good Friday service on April 14 beginning at 12:05 pm. The service is organized by the Van Wert Ministerial Association with this year's message being delivered by Lieutenant Joshua Morales of the Salvation Army. Special music will also be incorporated in this community service.

Easter Sunday is celebrated in all its glory and splendor at the 10:45 a.m. service. Brass instruments will join the congregation and Senior Chancel Choir in a regal service celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Rev. Gus O. Christo-Baker will be delivering the sermon: "It's not Cozy" from the scripture of Mark 16:1-8. The pipe organ and grand piano will provide special music and join the choir and brass instruments with fresh arrangements of traditional Easter hymns. The blended service with more contemporary songs, led by Wayne Wells and a praise band will lead the 8:15 am service on Easter morning.

If you don't have a home church or haven't been to one in a while, the loving congregation of First United Methodist, the Rev. Gus O. Christo-Baker, and Rev. Paul Miller invite you to celebrate this blessed season with them.

MVNU RECEIVES 2017 BEST VALUE SCHOOL AWARD STATUS

Mount Vernon Nazarene University has been awarded designation as a Best Value School for 2017. This designation is awarded by University Research & Review LLC. This organization gauges a university's value through rigorous analysis of student satisfaction, cost, and unique university features. MVNU has excelled in each demographic in order to receive this award.

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Students in Mrs. Mohr's physical education class participated in the American Heart Association "Jump rope for heart" fund raiser the week of March 27, 2017. Students brought in donations for the American Heart Association and had a lot of fun jumping rope in gym class!

University Research & Review LLC Best Value School designation for 2017," said James Smith, Vice President for Enrollment Management at MVNU.

"This organization recognizes schools that offer quality education at an affordable cost, and that is what we seek to provide to our students. We are proud to be one of only seven colleges in Ohio and less than 25 Christian colleges nationwide to receive this honor."

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THE OASIS IN ANTWERP'S HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

The Oasis casts a long shadow in Antwerp's history. I am proud to tell you about it and what I remember. The building where the Oasis is was built by Henry George back in 1870. He operated a grocery store there and later it was bought out by Shaffer Brothers who added dry goods. For a number of years, it was a drug store and jewelry store and I remember having an ice cream cone in that building in the early 1930's.

If you will bear with me, lets move back a few years and over south of the railroad, to where the Home Town Pantry is. There was a bar and grill in the corner building called The Oak, owned and operated by Frank Knight. On the second floor was Dr. Murphy's Dental office. Just to the west was a small wooden building that was a butcher shop, owned by George Redderson. Then to the west was The Antwerp Furniture Co. About the middle of the 1930's Albert Guysinger bought The Oak and moved it north across the railroad to where the Oasis is now. Hertel Brother had moved across the street.

About that time and later in the 1930's that was the busy part of Main Street and I will tell you what I remember about it. Right across the street to the east, where McDougall Gun Shop is, at the time was The Dutch Mickleston Upholstery Shop. Upstairs on the second floor was the Antwerp Telephone Exchange. Next door to the north was the Antwerp Post Office. Mrs Lessie Masters was the postmaster. North of the post office was Jim Powers Cafe. Just to the north was

a little wooden building that was a dry cleaning and clothing repair shop owned by Jim Sexton.

To the north of that was Fred and Mike Hertel watch repair, then Dr. Cains office and the Battershell 5 & 10 store. The very last building was the Sinclair Gas Station.

Now lets return to The Oak and the big depot parking lot.

Just to the north was the Antwerp Exchange Bank, then Billy Pates Drug Store, next to it was Adcock's clothing store, then the Kroger store and then Doering and Longs Grocery Store.

Mr. Guysinger sold the Oasis to Dale and Bob Johnson.

In Mr. Ehrhart's book, in the ad department, Mr. Ehrhart listed The Oak as in the Foster Block, owned and operated by Albert Guysinger, eats and drinks.

But elsewhere in the book, Mr. Guysinger ran a three inch ad that listed his motto and called it the Oasis. So sometime in 1940 or 1941 it was changed by the Guysingers to be The Oasis and that was about 76 years ago.

Dale and Robert Johnson purchased the Oasis in 1958. Bob and Virg Meyers had built the bowling alley about 1957 and Bob and Dale still owned and operated the Pure Oil Station. The boys were pretty busy and they sold the Oasis to Gene Hughes and Noah Slusher in 1968. These boys had a number of good years and they sold the Big O to Cliff Bragg in 1988. Bob told me that Ola and Mary Lou helped him with the dates.

Cliff and Linda operated the O for a good many years. They wanted to retire to Florida so they sold out to their son Doug, in 2007. He is a very important businessman here in town and he keeps very busy. He was awarded The Gem of the Year for Antwerp in 2015.

MIKE PENCE: OUR V.P.

By: Stan Jordan
The last couple of months, our vice president, Mike Pence, has been on television quite a bit. I am very impressed with his countenance and how he carries himself doing his duty. He

is the kind of person that I would like to be our leader. He has governed for the great state of Indiana for a few years and I think if need be he would be a fine president or commander in chief.

He has risen the hard way, he has had to scratch for what he has. I think he knows what peoples needs are.

Lots of time the vice president is kept in the broom closet, but I think he is too good of a man to be shoved back in the corner.

A bit of humor: Mike Pence has a brother named Six.

See ya!

NOW IS THE TIME

By: Stan Jordan

Yes now is the time to go see the Antwerp and Crane Township's eagle nests. The leaves will not be out for a few weeks and they are easy to spot now.

Why not make a nice ride out of looking for the Crane Township eagles nest. Load the kids, kicking and screaming, into the back of the care and take off going east on 424. You go about eight or nine miles and you come the Cecil road, but don't turn into Cecil, turn left and go north and cross over Cecil bridge. Then turn left on Rd 192 and go on west about 3 miles or where county road 89 comes in from the north. There is not a stop sign there, but stop anyways and look out of the driver side window. Right across the river in the top of a big tree is the Crane Township eagles nest. It is very easy to see maybe a tenth of a mile away. There are all kinds of wild life in that area.

See ya!

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 27: FARMER & HALF MOON AT THE GARDEN SITE

By: Stan Jordan

Farmer and Half Moon got a good start on the garden early. They took turns with the tram and plow. It was a nice warn day, and the soil worked up fine.

Callie and I went down to visit with White Elk and it was with a mixture of sorrow, and not joy, but satisfaction. The time worn old chief is very sick and he knows he is leaving his tribe in good capable hands that will carry on his ideas of progress for the best to the tribe. He knows the white man's way is the best for them and he talked about the progress that has been made so far. Then he dozed off, and we left and went back to the fire area, and told the three soldiers about our visit period.

I haven't written for a

couple days. So much is going on, I just couldn't get my mind to settle down.

Well, first Farmer and Half Moon got an early start on the gardening with a plot to plant was ready and had their tools and seed. About the middle of the morning everyone was called to White Elk's, except the folks working in the garden. White Elk talked very weak and had a bad color, but he nurtured up enough strength to address his followers, one last time. He talked about how many good things have happened to us since Sam Rivers and the soldiers have come to help-about the blankets and supplies and tools, too many to count, and the winter meat supply and a place to put it. Then he waited till his strength came back, and said, "I want all you people to adopt the white man's way. I can see that is the way for the red man to survive. The white men that we know are true, and can be trusted. The big man at the Fort talks straight from the shoulder. Limping Buffalo is now your chief. Pony That Walks will be your shaman and you must obey your shaman and you must help him."

Then White Elk said, "I'm going to go down to the big oak now. No, do not care for me, as I hurt all over and it is time for me to go. It is a good day to die."

The court stood up but didn't move. Limping Buffalo, the new chief; Pony That Walks, the new shaman; Yellow Flower, Limping Buffalo's wife; and all the soldiers came to attention.

White Elk sort of shuffled as best he could across the area and down past the garden, and on to his favorite tree. He sat down with his back to the tree trunk and gave out a couple of long sighs. After we knew he had sat down, the new chief said, "You are free to go."

It seemed that things went on as usual around the camp. In the middle of the afternoon, Half Moon went down to the big oak and White Elk had passed on to the happy hunting ground. His tribal duties had been fulfilled.

See ya!

SORT OF A MISTAKE

By: Stan Jordan

I received a note from Sandra Wann that I had left out some of the fellows that were bank president over the years.

I had mentioned H.K. Harris, Ralph Carr and Ron Eshbach, but in between these two fellows we had Dan Shutt, Harold Hilliar and Paul Deemer.

Sandy, thanks for the help.
See Ya!

WHAT I KNOW ABOUT ADA JUMP



By: Stan Jordan

ANTWERP
By: Mrs. Ada Jump
Long ago, in far off Egypt
The Patriarchs of old,
Told of a land of promise
Through which the Jordan rolled.

We know their ancient men were wise,
We know they were sincere,
But they must have been mistaken
For the promised land is here.

Out here in our own Ohio
Is Utopia at its best
With pastures green and waters clear,
With milk and honey blest.

There are cattle on its thousand hills
And sheep within the fold;
Its fields of yellow wheat and corn
Are Ophir mines of gold.

It was just one hundred years ago
That a brave and gallant band,
With courage true came struggling
Through
To reach this far-off land.

Where once the Indian's camp-fires gleamed
At early dusk and dawn,
Are acres now of clover blooms
And fields of waving corn.

A tribute is due those pioneers
Who blazed the weary, winding trail
Across the wooded wilderness
Of forest, swamp and swale.

They built the town of Antwerp,
Where the peaceful Maumee flows,
They made the hills and valleys
To blossom as the rose.

The years have come and gone
since then,
One hundred years-one century.
The sands of time have run their
course
And left their mark on history.

So let's not aim to wander far,
Or foreign lands to roam,
Just be content to live and work
In "Antwerp, Home Sweet Home."

The above poem "Antwerp" by Ada Jump was in Mr. Ehrhart's book 100 Years of Progress 1841 to 1941.

Ada Elizabeth Cunningham Jump was born in 1874 and she was married to Sam Jump. I knew three of their children: Paul, Ruth Jump Zuber and Wendell Jump. I might be wrong but I think they lived on West River Street.

Sam Jump passed away in 1941. I think after Sam passed away, Ada moved to Florida and spent her last years down there. Having died in Tampa, Hillsborough County in 1958, but she is buried in Maumee Cemetery.

Two of Ada's children lived to be over 100 years of age. Mrs. Ruth Jump Zuber and Katherine Jump Musselman.

I want to thank my co-worker, Crystal, and Dave Mickelson for their help on this column.

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MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH FROM PAYNE ELEMENTARY



Front Row: Emma Stouffer, Kennedy Dempsey, Devon Huckabaa, Destiny Endicott, Nora Wenninger, MaKenna Johnson, Brock Knowles. Back Row: Isabella Knowles, Octavia Stoller, Mallory Moore, Martin Alejo, Brooks Laukhuf, Breven Anderson, Brooklin Creighton.

DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL 3RD NINE WKS HONOR ROLL 2016-17

All A's and B's:
4th Grade - Conner Davis, Tyler Head, Aiden Lee, Rylin Moore, Kyle Sutton
5th Grade - KatieAnna Baumle, Kaden Clark, Karilyn Dienstberger, Jasmine Mattson, Raelyn Schweinsberg, Kaitlin Slade, Eli Stuart, Maddox Treece, Caden Tumblyn
6th Grade - Maggie Cox, Tyler Davis

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 3RD NINE WKS HONOR ROLL 2016-17

SENIORS:
4.0 - Leona Aldred, Allison Arend, Brittany Brown, Christine Clapsaddle, Daleigh Davis, William Deisler, Robert Deitrick, Kameron Echols, Hannah Farr, Paige Fitzwater, Katlynn Fuller, Devin Gee, Lauren Hill, Aaron Horstman, Preston Ingol, Caylin Johanns, Preston Johanns, Emily Knodel, Skyler McCullough, Molly Meeker, Chantal Monnier, Bailey Pieper, Dayton Pracht, JoEllyn Salinas, Ashley Snipes, Kourtney Thomas, Brooke Weidenhamer, Beth Yates
3.5-3.99 - Michael Dangler, Cameron Doster, Christopher Elder, Kaleb Goshia, Christian Hamm, Austin Hartman, Matthew Karia, Karissa Lucas, Taylor March, Morrisa Rue, Simeon Shepherd, Devin Starry, Cameron Strahley, Ben Stuck, Faith Vogel
3.0-3.49 - Dakota Diaz, Hailey Dix, Griffin Harder, Skyler Maassel, Ryan Niclley, Jacob Rodriguez, Tatem Stallard, Jacob Tracy

JUNIORS:
3.0-3.49 - Garrett

4.0 - Abigail Adams, Logan Bradford, Alexandra Brown, Madison Good, Brianna Gorrell, Hallieann Hale, Jacee Harwell, Shawn Jackson, Michael Kohart, Audrey Manz, Brian Matson, Cade McGarvey, Emma McMaster, Abbigaile McMichael, Marcus Miller, Elizabeth Mobley, Caitlyn Myers, Daviah Pessfall, Kaylee Plummer, Cassidy Posey, Gabriella Stahl, Hannah Vance, Hunter Vogel, Jordan Weidenhamer
3.5-3.99 - Allison Ankeney, Isaac Baldwin, Jocelyn Camposano, Miah Coil, Abigail English, Diego Gonzalez, Stephanie Habern, Kaylen Hale, Kaitlyn Harris, Kalen Kelly, Courtney Kupfersmith, Colton Lloyd, Stephanie Powell, Devon Smith, Ryan Woodring
3.0-3.49 - Blake Anderson, Blake Bussing, Travis Coutts, George Gibson, Madison Parrett, Ethan Rhonehouse, Garret Salinas, Isaiah Theobald

SOPHOMORES:
4.0 - Asia Arellano, Charles Clapsaddle, Haylee Dominique, Katelyn Estle, Kamdyn Etzler, Eugene Hemenway, Macy Iler, Tristan Kinder, Heather Manz, Shana Manz, Jaret Miller, Mary Panico, Sydney Price, Kristen Razo, Allison Reineck, Kalyn Strahley, Mallory Taylor, Megan Tope, Victoria Valle, Jessica Weller
3.5-3.99 - Mya Andrews, Haley Apple, Lexie Beckman, Fletcher Cook, Sierra Halter, Katelyn Hartzell, Emma Horstman, Erin Karlstadt, Hunter Kesler, Abigail Leaman, Courtney Luderman, Leah Nusbaum, Westen Philipot, Ty Plotts, Joseph Reineck, Zoe Shepherd, Jennifer Stahl, Haleigh Stallbaum, Dylan Vogel, Addison Wesley
3.0-3.49 - Garrett

Breinger, Liza Carpenter, Jacob Eblin, Cole Heller, Casey Holman, Bailey Manz, Andrew Newsome, Alex Rietzman, Lonna Saylor, Elizabeth Temple, Briana Townley
FRESHMEN:
4.0 - Jacob Deisler, Juliana Fife, Zoe Kochel, Kaela Lucas, Sydney McCullough, Julia McMaster, Jordyn Merriman, Savannah Shepherd, Katelyn Strayer, Kaylie Tressler, Jaden Verfaillie, MacKenzie Weible
3.5-3.99 - Reagan Akom, Seth Dysinger, Evan Edwards, Kolson Egnor, Megan Garrity, McCailey Johanns, Sidney Kohart, Colin Lilly, Cole Mabis, Claire McClure, Jordan Mudel, Ivy Riggenbach, Joel Schneider, Matthew Schroeder, Samantha Wagner
3.0-3.49 - Grace Burtch, Owen Carnahan, Garrett Fisher, Maria Garcia, Kiarra Hawn, Matthew Henry, Robert Hobart, Brandon Jackson, Bradley Moore, Riley Noffsinger, Jacob Rose, Tyler Snipes, Olivia Stallard, Alyssa Switzer

WAYNE TRACE 3RD NINE WKS HONOR ROLL 2016-17

MERIT HONOR ROLL 4.0 GPA:
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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 3.99-3.67:
7th Grade - Rachel Stoller, Haylee Finfrock, Abbie Stoller, Christopher 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, Grace Laukhuf, Evan Mohr, Matthew Stouffer, Reece Thompson, Grant Baumle, Kaitlyn Doster, Anne Eklund
11th Grade - Jacob Kuhn, Alexandria Fast
12th Grade - Blaine Jerome, Brooke Lelonek, Ethan Linder, Danae Myers, Madison Zartman, Korene Shelton, Joseph Schmidt.

2ND HONORS 3.3-3.666:
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 Coyune, Brookelynn Lee,

LIBRARY DIRECTOR MEETS WITH OHIO LEGISLATORS



NW Ohio library supporters meet with Ohio Senator Cliff Hite and Representative Craig Riedel in Columbus during Legislative Day.

Susan Pieper, Director of the Paulding County Carnegie Library joined hundreds of Ohio supporters on Wednesday, March 29th for the Ohio Library Council

Legislative Day. Pieper, along with over a dozen northwest Ohio library advocates met with Rep. Craig Riedel and Sen. Cliff Hite regarding preserving the Public Library

Fund for Ohio's libraries. For more information about library funding contact Pieper at 419-399-2032.

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
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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:
7th Grade - Alivia Miller, Tyler Sinn, Tianna Cooper, Cameron Graham, Rylee Troth, Carly Blankenship, Isaiah Pirani, Ethan Noggle
8th Grade - Alena Denny, Emma Crosby, Gregory Lambers, Lydia Whitman, Ethan Moore, Waylon Smallwood, Emily Zamarripa, Bailey Kamphaus, Kara McDonald, Cameron Cox, Garrett Williamson, Serenity Gurtner
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12th Grade - Seth Yenser, Evan Baughman, Gage Pfeiffer, Colin Doerr, Jayden Sherry, Brooke Long, Natalie Kuhn, Breia Eutsler, Seth Saylor, Justin Mobley

PAULDING SOFTBALL FALLS TO 1-1 ON MARCH 28
 Paulding Lady Panthers traveled to Bryan Goldenbear territory on March 28 in varsity softball play. This was an unfortunate shut out for the Lady Panthers in this low scoring game. The Goldenbears kept the win at home, 0-3.

Score by the Inning:
 Paulding - 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0
 Bryan - 2 0 0 1 0 0 x = 3
 LOB:
 Paulding - 4, BRYAN 5;
 ERR - Asia Arellano; 3B - A Rickenberg; HBP - K Antigo; SB - A Rickenberg 2; T Savage 2
 Pitching: Paulding - Audrey Manz 6.00IP, 5H, 3R, 1ER, 1BB
 Bryan - T Savage 7.00IP, 4H, 10SO
 SO - Jen Stahl, Haylee Dominique, Mya Andrews, Asia Arellano,
 Ashlynn Rice (2), Audrey Manz (3), Bailey Pieper; BB - M Voight.

MUSKETEERS COMMANDER WIN FROM RAIDERS

On March 28, high school baseball took place at the Wayne Trace fields with the Fort Jennings Musketeers. A stalemate covered the first 3 innings breaking in the 4th with the Musketeers earning 2 runs. No runs were scored again until the top of the 7th, with Fort Jennings holding the bottom of the last inning granting them a victory to take home. Final score, 3-0.
 Records - Fort Jennings 2-2, Wayne Trace 0-2
 Score by the Inning:
 Fort Jennings - 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 = 3; 4H, 0E
 Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0; 3H, 2E
 Winning Pitcher - Brandon Wehri (7 innings, 3 hits, 0 runs, 12 strikeouts, 3 walks)
 Losing Pitcher - Braden Zuber (7 innings, 4 hits, 3 runs, 1 earned run, 12 strikeouts, 2 walks)
 Hitters:
 Wayne Trace - Emil Stoller (single), Seth Yenser (single), Korbin Slade (single)

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WAYNE TRACE BASEBALL CLINIC



The Wayne Trace High School baseball team recently a clinic for youth baseball players in the school district. The youth were shown basic fundamentals from several areas of the game of baseball, including hitting, infield defense, outfield defense and throwing. Members of the high school baseball team and the Wayne Trace varsity coaching staff all took part in the instruction of the youth.

ANTWERP WRESTLING CLUB FINISHES 2ND AS A TEAM

The Antwerp Wrestling Club recently competed in their home tournament at the Archer Open on April 1, 2017. The Archers had a season high 22 wrestlers compete at the tournament with all of them placing in the top 4 of their respective weight classes. Placing 4th on the day were Caleb Wilson, Drew Eaken, Gage Clevinger, and Teagan Eaton. Earning 3rd place finishes were Eli Reinhart, Dayne Sholl, Skyler Octaviano, Cooper Nestleroad, Carsyn Baer, AJ Eaton, CJ Eaton, Riley Smith, Zoen Bauer, Zac Salas, and Tanner Wentland. Finishing 2nd at the tournament were Zaybriel Bauer (highest finish of his career so far), Ethan Karam, Tavin Sholl, Stroker Etter, and Randall Mills. The Archers crowned 2 champions at their home tournament as well. Finishing with a record of 2 wins, 1 loss, and 1 pin was Griffin Kosch. This marks the first time Kosch has been crowned champion at any tournament in his young career. Also finishing 1st on the day was Michael Rohrs. Rohrs finished the day with a perfect 3-0 record with 2 pins. This is the 2nd tournament Rohrs has won this season. Due to the efforts of all the Antwerp wrestlers this past weekend, the Archers also brought home a 2nd place team trophy. They narrowly missed the 1st place trophy due to tie-breaker criteria with team champion Convoy. Congratulations to all the Antwerp wrestlers for their hard work this past weekend and throughout this entire season. The wrestling club will wrestle at their season finale on April 8, 2017 at Tinora High School.

The Antwerp Wrestling Club coaches appreciate the volunteers for their help at the tournament this past weekend. They would also

like to acknowledge Antwerp Schools for allowing us to use their facility and the administration and staff for all their support. Without the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in the wrestling community, we would not be able to host such a great tournament year in and year out.

PATROL REMINDS DRIVERS TO KEEP EYES, FOCUS ON THE ROAD

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is reminding drivers to keep their eyes and focus on the roadway while driving.

Last year 13,994 crashes in Ohio had a reported distraction, including 26 fatal crashes. From 2015 to 2016, the number of reported distracted drivers rose 5 percent over the previous year after rising 11 percent from 2014 to 2015. "Every time someone takes their eyes or their off the road - even for just a few seconds - they put their lives and the lives of others in danger," said Lt. Bob Ashenfelder, Commander of the Defiance Post. "Distracted driving is unsafe and irresponsible. In a split second, its consequences can be devastating."

Sending or receiving a text message takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving the length of an entire football field when traveling at 55 mph.

Ohio law bans all "electronic wireless communication device" usage for drivers under 18. Texting while driving is illegal for all drivers, as a secondary offense.

Distracted driving is any non-driving activity with the potential to distract a person from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of crashing. Distractions can be visual, taking eyes off of the road; manual, taking hands off the wheel; or cognitive, taking the mind off driv-

ing. Texting while driving is an example that results in all three types of distraction.

For more distracted driving facts please visit: http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/Distracted_Driving_Bulletin_2017.pdf

PAULDING COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet for a luncheon meeting on Monday, April 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Vagabond Village located at 18187 US 127, Cecil, Ohio. The speaker will be Sue Dangler, Executive Director of the Paulding County Hospital Foundation. No reservations are required.

All retired Paulding County teachers are invited to attend. Donations for the scholarship fund for high school seniors planning to enter the field of education and for local food pantries will be appreciated.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 1 WINTER OPERATIONS UPDATE

The following is an update regarding snow and ice operations on state highways within the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 which includes the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot. This report is issued periodically during the winter months and as necessary following snow and ice events.

This report represents October to the present:

Snow and Ice Operations Totals - Winter Season (to date)

County: Allen, Total Lane Miles Maintained: 474, Salt Used (tons): 6,223, Deicing Liquids Used (gallons): 53,987, Miles Driven for Snow and Ice: 54,621, Total Cost (labor, equipment, material): \$745,462; County: Defiance, Total Lane Miles Maintained: 340; Salt Used (tons): 2,876, Deicing Liquids Used (gallons): 35,938, Miles Driven for Snow and Ice: 52,112; Total Cost (labor, equipment, material): \$449,356; County: Hancock, Total Lane Miles Maintained: 572, Salt Used (tons): 5,503, Deicing Liquids Used (gallons): 182,380, Miles Driven for Snow and Ice: 71,469, Total Cost (labor, equipment, material):

\$643,382; County: Hardin, Total Lane Miles Maintained: 309, Salt Used (tons): 2,853, Deicing Liquids Used (gallons): 23,825, Miles Driven for Snow and Ice: 39,169, Total Cost (labor, equipment, material): \$454,873; County: Paulding, Total Lane Miles Maintained: 387, Salt Used (tons): 3,667, Deicing Liquids Used (gallons): 21,621, Miles Driven for Snow and Ice: 50,949, Total Cost (labor, equipment, material): \$448,212; County: Putnam, Total Lane Miles Maintained: 396, Salt Used (tons): 3,286, Deicing Liquids Used (gallons): 27,109, Miles Driven for Snow and Ice: 53,810, Total Cost (labor, equipment, material): \$470,098; County: Van Wert, Total Lane Miles Maintained: 393, Salt Used (tons): 3,568, Deicing Liquids Used (gallons): 27,015, Miles Driven for Snow and Ice: 36,377, Total Cost (labor, equipment, material): \$460,092; County: Wyandot, Total Lane Miles Maintained: 489, Salt Used (tons): 4,505, Deicing Liquids Used (gallons): 32,327, Miles Driven for Snow and Ice: 55,014, Total Cost (labor, equipment, material): \$578,665; District 1 totals year to date - Salt Used (tons): 32,481, Deicing Liquids Used (gallons): 404,202, Miles Driven for Snow and Ice: 413,521, Total Cost (labor, equipment, material): \$4,250,140

Additional facts: Total amount of salt on hand throughout the eight-county region of ODOT District 1 is currently at 30,668 tons.

Last year at this time, we had used 23,354 tons of salt and had expended \$3,923,017 in snow and ice control.

FROM THE VANTAGE POINT



Vantage Building & Grounds students put the final touches on the agility course they built for the local Van Wert Humane Society shelter.

PIRATES PILLAGE RAIDERS IN VARSITY BASEBALL

Wayne Trace Raiders traveled to the Continental Pirates' home to play baseball on Monday, March 27. It was a home victory for the Pirates, 7-4.

Score by the Inning:
Wayne Trace - 0 2 0 0 0 2
0 = 4; 6H, 4E

Continental - 0 0 2 0 4 1
x = 7; 3H, 2E

Winning Pitcher - Brady Dockery (7 innings, 6 hits, 4 runs, 4 earned runs, 8 strikeouts, 6 walks)

Losing Pitcher - Noah Toppe (0 innings, 0 hits, 4 runs, 2 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Grant Baumle (4 innings, 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 8 strikeouts, 6 walks)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Haydn Gillett (2 innings, 1 hit, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 5 strikeouts, 2 walks)

Hitters:
Wayne Trace - Blaine Je-

rome (two singles, double), Jon Sinn (single), Seth Yensser (single)

APACHES BEAT PANTHERS

Paulding Panthers hosted the Fairview Apaches. The Apaches took charge of the game in the top of the 3rd with 6 runs. This large sum proved to be too much for the Panthers to overcome even with scoring 1 in the bottom of the 3rd and 3 in the bottom of the 4th. Ending score saw Fairview going home with a victory, 8-4.

Score by the Inning:
Fairview - 0 0 6 1 1 0 0 0
= 8; 11H, 1E

Paulding - 0 0 1 3 0 0 0 x
= 4; 2H, 3E

Hitters:
Paulding - McGarvey 1, Mourey 1, Miller 1, Shull 1
Fairview - Meyer 1, Breinger 1, Bostater 2, Smith 1, Hess 1, Baker 1, Jackson 1

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From left: Alex Hindenlang, Brooke Hatlevig, Chloe Saul, Madison Boesch, Erica Meyer holding the OSMA All-Ohio plaque, and adviser Amy Sorrell Back. Also present: Iris Sorrell, Brayton Stuckey, and Joel Steiner.



Alex Hindenlang meeting senator Sherrod Brown. The Archer yearbook staff traveled to Kent State University on March 24-25 for the Ohio Scholastic Media Association spring convention.



Madison Boesch meeting Connie Schultz.

On Friday, several staff members competed in day-of contests. Senior Erica Meyer and junior Alex Hindenlang placed second in the Editor's Challenge and freshmen Madison Boesch and Chloe Saul placed first in the Yearbook Spread Design contest. The staff attended the awards banquet on Friday

SINKHOLES, AND POLLINATORS

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

Residents in Paulding County nursing homes have been learning why we need to give a "hoot" about owls, why sinkholes are dangerous, and why pollinators are important to keep around. During recent programs, residents at the Gardens of Paulding, VanCrest Antwerp & Payne, and Country Inn had the opportunity to enjoy hands on learning by dissecting owl pellets, enjoying an activity called "Pollinator Pizza" and making their own sinkhole in a cup during the months of January, February, and March.

Owls formed the discussion topic for the month of January. Residents learned everything there is to know about owls and the species of owl that we find in Ohio. Ohio forms the perfect environment for owls to live as our state has the climate they enjoy in addition to the grassland and wooded habitat they have come to enjoy. The barn owl is designated as a threatened species by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), a threatened species is one that is likely to become an endangered species within the near future is all or a large portion of its range of habitat. With a threatened species, we need to put conservation efforts forward now to ensure the owl does not upgrade to the endangered designation.

As part of this program, residents had the opportunity to dissect owl pellets to learn some more about their owl and what it ate. The owl primarily likes mice, rats, rabbits, small birds, insects, and rarely frogs/fish as their prey. Through their investigations, everyone was able to find at least one of those animals. They used a bone sorting guide to help them identify which animal the skull, hip, shoulder, vertebrae, or other bones belonged to. Residents were at the top of their discoveries as rodents are the owl's favorite meal and it will eat a rodent such as a mouse, rat, or mole about 85% of the time!

Sinkholes were the discussion topic for the month of February. For this program, residents learned the basics of sinkholes, where & how they form, and the types of sinkholes that can occur in nature. Sinkholes are natural depressions in the landscape that can occur due to erosion or underground water. As water makes its way through the ground, it is slowly eroding rocks and minerals that make up the soil. Water flow can increase to the point that it can wash the underground structure of the land away and once this happens; the ground becomes too weak to support the weight above it and collapse opening a sinkhole.

Sinkholes can happen anytime and anywhere in nature. Sinkholes are most prominent in areas that have a bedrock made of limestone, which is a highly erodible material. Humans can help to lead to the formation of sinkholes. When we partake in activities such as drilling, mining, construction, broken water or drain pipes, improperly compacted soil after excavation work or even heavy traffic, sinkholes are liable to form.

To help simulate the process of sinkhole formation, resident had the opportunity to make their own Sinkhole in a Cup. Each resident received an 8 oz. Styrofoam Cup with a hole poked in the bottom, Coffee Filter Circle, bottom of a 2-liter bottle, Sugar, Sand, paper rolled into a tube, and Water. The sugar represents the limestone rock in the ground, the sand represents the soil, and water represents the groundwater eroding the limestone. The filter is placed over the hole in the Styrofoam cup, the tube placed over the hole, and sand was filled in around the tube. The sugar was then placed inside the tube. The two-liter bottle was filled with water and the Styrofoam cup was placed in the two-liter bottle. Once the tube of sugar was pulled out, water quickly rushed inside the Styrofoam cup and thus a sinkhole was formed!

During March, pollinators and their importance formed the discussion topic. Residents learned that bees and other insect pollinators such as the monarch butterfly are facing issues with habitat loss, pollution, invasive species, and pesticides which are proving a challenge for them to survive. About 75% of the foods we enjoy daily including fruits and vegetables even chocolate, are heavily reliant on pollinators for fruit to form. In the United States alone, pollination by honeybees and other insects produces \$40 billion worth of products annually!

Pollinators are animals that allow plants to make fruit or seeds by moving pollen from one flower to another. They feed on nectar (sugary water) on the plants they visit and take pollen that sticks to their bodies to the next flower they visit. Pollinators include bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds just to name a few. To help simulate the importance of pollinators, residents took part in an activity called "Pollinator Pizza". Residents were asked to build their pizzas using the photos of ingredients. After the residents built their pizzas, all ingredients that are made possible by pollinators were removed. After all the ingredients that are made possible by pollinators were removed, residents learned that the remaining ingredients would be the only items available for consumption in a world without pollinators!

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/1/17

This 1st 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 231453 through 231491 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:08 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 8:36 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 068)
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 Sheriff's Reserve Fund (Fund 068), to-wit: Fund/Dept/Account 068-001-00006/Sheriff's Reserve/Equipment; Appropriation \$1,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL 2017 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET
BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section §339.06(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of County Commissioners have reviewed and does hereby accept the Paulding County Hospital 2017 Operating and Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING CORSA'S CONCEALED CARRY POLICY REVISION/CHANGE AND UPDATING THE PAULDING COUNTY EMPLOYEE POLICY
WHEREAS, In correspondence dated February 22, 2017, CORSA (County Risk Sharing Authority), a service program of the CCAO (County Commissioners' Association of Ohio) announced a revision in its Concealed Carry Policy to comply with a new law, R. C. §2923.1210, effective March 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, CORSA strongly encourages member counties to modify existing Concealed Carry Policies to comply with the new law; and

WHEREAS, Paulding County is a member of CORSA and wishes to adopt the revision/change; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby adopt the revised Concealed Carry Policy and does hereby approval to update the Paulding County Employee Policy to reflect the revision effective March 21, 2017.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING WESTERN BUCKEYE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER TO BE THE FISCAL AGENT FOR PAULDING COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST/HELP ME GROW PROGRAM (FISCAL YEAR 2018)
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center to be the fiscal agent for Paulding County Family and Children First Council/Help Me Grow Program for Fiscal Year 2018, to be effective from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

Meeting Notes of Appointments
Deb Guilford, PCBDD - Ms. Guilford arranged for a media photo opportunity as the Commissioners presented a Proclamation to recognize Developmental Disabilities month.

Jason Landers - Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners to update them on the progress toward opening the jail. He noted March 22 is the potential 'hire date' for corrections officers and that an ad was placed in the newspaper this week. The Sheriff discussed his plan to first utilize general fund dollars in his budget in an effort to build up Fund 149 (Jail operating fund) with levy dollars. The targeted date for the opening of the jail is July 1. Sheriff Landers reported 22 inmates currently being housed at the Putnam County Jail. He also commented the Harrison Street building is looking good and appears ready for the probation officers and the DARE officer to move in.

Amy Hoffman, Palmer Energy Company - Ms. Hoffman met with the Commissioners to review the offers from suppliers that responded to the initial RFP to supply electricity for various Paulding County facilities. Nine potential suppliers were issued an RFP, with six responding. Terms of 12, 24, and 36 months were requested. Paulding County is currently with MidAmerican; however, the contract ends May 31, 2017. Ms. Hoffman recommended a 36 month agreement in an attempt to secure a low energy price. Ms. Hoffman also reminded the Commissioners of a meeting on Wednesday, March 8, at 4:00 p.m. and a second meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Payne Village office to review the Villages of Payne and Latty's RFP. Payne and Latty village residents

will be on with the selected provider unless they opt out.

Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA - Mr. Bohn informed the Commissioners he was not able to use Nixel last night to communicate the weather pattern due to non-recognized electronics (computer) at his home. He then noted a weather spotter class will be held at the OSU Extension building on Monday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bohn expressed his thanks to the Auglaize Township Trustees in allowing him to store his smaller emergency trailer in one of their buildings. He reported the EOP is in the process of being typed and the mitigation plan is still being worked on. Mr. Bohn noted the Village of Latty has chosen Federal Signal, Inc. to install its weather siren.

Randy Ruge, Paulding County Hospital - Mr. Ruge presented pricing for the Paulding County Hospital's 'concierge' plan. He provided a brochure for the Commissioners' review. Prescription drug coverage tabled for future discussion. Mr. Ruge invited the Commissioners to a meeting on March 29 at the OSU Extension building where Ben Goff will be available for questions and answers on the plan.

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diana schools were bumped to Class 4A from Class 3A in Bishop Dwenger and Columbia City.

The break to remain in Class 3A fell at 1,053 but Bishop Dwenger totaled 1,075 while Columbia City was the smallest school to be put in Class 4A at 1,056.

In football, Woodlan will be the biggest school in the Class 2A playoffs.

Girls basketball will also be classified now in Class 3A based on the number of 534 students as well.

Meanwhile, the Lady Warrior volleyball team will remain in Class 2A and the largest number of students in the school in Class 2A.

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Emma Baughman line drives the softball to center field fence, getting a double and two RBI's against Dwenger. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On the softball diamond, the lady Warriors of Woodlan got off to a good start last week by posting victories in two of three games played.

Woodlan opened the year with a 5-0 win over Eastside, scoring one in the second inning before sealing the win with a four-run seventh.

Alyson Wiesehan, Madi Koos, Alyson Wiesehan, Yogadinski and Hathaway all had two hits for the Warriors.

Emma Baughman picked up the win for the Lady Warriors, giving up three hits and three walks while fanning a dozen.

Woodlan followed that up with an 8-7, nine-inning victory over Bishop Dwenger.

The two squads were tied at 1-1 in the third, 4-4 after five and 7-7 at the end of 8 in-

ings before Woodlan plated a single run in the bottom of the ninth for the win.

Baughman topped the Warrior offense with three hits while Wiesehan also added three hits for Woodlan.

On the hill, Baughman struck out 11 Saints hitters to pick up the complete-game victory.

Wednesday afternoon, the Warriors struck first against Concordia but the Cadets rallied to close the game with six consecutive runs for a 6-1 win.

Woodlan managed only three hits in the contest, getting a single and a triple from Hathaway while Wiesehan added a single.

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Mrs. MacDonald, choir teacher at Leo Jr. Sr. High School chaperoned members of the Concert and Jazz Choirs to New York City! Mrs. MacDonald created the most amazing and educational trip ever imagined! She squeezed so many opportunities for the students into such

a short time period. Students visited the following:

- Ferry ride to the Statue of Liberty
- Phantom of the Opera at the Majestic Theater
- Central Park picture on the bridge
- Visit to Times Square several times

LINCOLNVIEW OVERTAKES RAIDERS

On Saturday, April 1st the Wayne Trace Baseball team hosted the Lancers. By the third inning Lincolnview had a 4-1 lead over the home team. The Raiders waited until the top of the 7th inning to pick-up a couple more points after the Lancers 2 points from the fourth and sixth innings. The final score was 4-6 with Lincolnview taking the win. Score by Innings: Wayne Trace: 0 0 1 1 0 0 2 = 4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors Lincolnview: 0 2 2 1 0 1 x = 6 runs, 11 hits, 4 errors Gavin Carter was the winning pitcher (4 innings, 2 hits,

2 runs, 1 earned run, 6 strikeouts, 2 walks) Wayne Trace pitcher was Blaine Jerome (3-2/3 innings, 8 hits, 5 runs, 4 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 1 walk). Other Wayne Trace Pitchers: Jayden Sherry (1/3 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 0 strikeouts, 1 walk); Grant Baumle (2 innings, 3 hits, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk) Hitters: Wayne Trace - Blaine Jerome (double), Grant Baumle (single, double), Braden Zuber (single); Lincolnview - Chayton Overholt (single, double), Reece Farmer (two singles), Ethan Kemler (single, double), Jaden Evans (single), Brayden Youtsev (single), Gavin Carter

- Rockefeller Center Observatory at night to see the skyline
- Carnegie Hall to sing as a choir
- Cats play at the Neil Simon Theater
- 911 Memorial and Museum

(single), Sam Myers (single), Braxten Fox (single) Wayne Trace's next game will be at home against Ayersville on April 6.

PAULDING BASEBALL FALL IN SEASON OPENER WITH CLOSE MATCH

Paulding Panthers played Lima Shawnee Indians at home on Monday, March 27th. Both teams scored their first runs in the second inning, with the Indians taking the lead in the third inning. No more runs were scored during the rest of the game. The Indians beat the Panthers with the close score of 2-1. Paulding Batting: J. Miller (2 AB, 0 R, 1 H, 0 RBI, 0 BB, 0 SO, 0 LOB) L. Martinez (3 AB, 0 R, 0 H, 0 RBI, 0 BB, 1 SO, 2 LOB) P. Johanns (2 AB, 0 R, 0 H, 0 RBI, 1 BB, 0 SO, 0 LOB) C. Doster (2 AB, 1 R, 0 H, 0 RBI, 1 BB, 1 SO, 2 LOB) C. McCarvey (2 AB, 0 R, 0 H, 0 RBI, 0 BB, 0 SO, 0 LOB) J. Mourey (3 AB, 0 SO, 0 LOB) M. Miller (3 AB, 0 R, 1 H, 0 RBI, 0 BB, 0 SO, 1 LOB) C. Shull (2 AB, 0 R, 0 H, 0 RBI, 0 BB, 0 SO, 1 LOB) C. Heller (1 AB, 0 R, 0 H, 0 RBI, 0 BB, 0 SO, 1 LOB) E. Edwards (3 AB, 0 R, 1 H, 0 RBI, 0 BB, 0 SO, 1 LOB) TOTALS (23 AB, 1 R, 4 H, 1 RBI, 2 BB, 2 SO, 5 LOB) Lima Shawnee Batting: TOTALS (24 AB, 2 R, 6 H, 1 RBI, 4 BB, 3 SO, 5 LOB) Paulding pitching: TOTALS (7.0 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 3 SO, 0 HR)

ANTWERP COMPETES IN QUAD MEET

On Tuesday, March 28 the Antwerp Track team competed in a quad meet. The boys' team placed 4th with 33 points, and the girls team placed 4th with 26 points. Top scores for the Archers:

BOYS: Brandon Laney won in the 1600 with a time of 5:05 and the 3200 with a time of 11:07 The 4x100 relay team of Titus, Chirgwin, Stuckey and Lawhorn with a time of 52.68 placing 3rd

Brayton Stuckey placed 5th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:02 Divyne East placed 4th in the 300M hurdles with a time of 48.44, placed 4th in the 110M hurdles with a time of 19.84

Jake Ryan placed 2nd in the 3200 with a time of 11:30 and also placed second in the high jump with a jump of 5'4"

The 4x400 relay team of McCreery, Lawhorn, Chirgwin, and Titus placed 3rd with a time of 4:15

GIRLS: Sydney Sheedy won the high jump with a jump of 4'6" Hope Smith Won the 100M hurdles with a time of 16.85

The 4x100 relay team of Rios, Wilson, Sheedy, and Smith placed 3rd with a time of 59.66

Chloe Saul placed 2nd in the 3200 with a time of 14:58 Maggie Wilson placed 5th in the long jump

Klayre Manella won the discus with a 92'1" and placed 5th in shot put with a throw of 26'6"

Coach Hale notes this about the team, "The team competed very hard and worked well together as a team. Looking forward to improvements throughout the year."

ANTWERP SOFTBALL WINS AGAINST PIRATES

On Monday, March 27 The Antwerp Archers softball team played Continental Pirates. The Lady Archers triumphed over the Pirates in a clean score of 7-4.

Winning Pitchers - C. Perry (4 innings, 4 hits, 2BB, 2ks); C. Hanes (3 innings, 2hits, 0BB, 9ks)

Losing Pitchers - A. Mansfield (4 innings, 7 hits, 2BB, 0ks); K.Paulant (3 innings, 2 hits, 1BB, 1K)

Hitters: Antwerp - C. Hanes (3 singles), L. Bok (2 singles), E.Phillips (single, double)

Continental - J. Zachrich (2 singles), A. Logan (single, triple).

Coach's comments, "I thought the girls did a good job tonight, we hit the ball well and both of pitchers did a great job."

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP VOLUNTEER, KHRISTA-CHERYL CENDANA, RECOGNIZED BY THE WHITE HOUSE FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

New Heights Educational Group announced recognition for research and article writer, Khrista-Cheryl Cendana. "Khrista-Cheryl has been a volunteer with NHEG, since January 2015, and an instrumental member of our team," said Pamela Clark, Executive Director. Khrista-Cheryl has received

recognition for her volunteer service from the White House as the recipient of the Complete Silver Medal Package, www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/co. For more information, visit the NHEG blog www.newheightseducation.org/nheg-blog/ or call us at 419-786-0247.

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP VOLUNTEER, WILLIAM NAUGLE, RECOGNIZED BY THE WHITE HOUSE FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

New Heights Educational Group announced recognition for past board member, magazine editor, document creator, and fundraiser, William Naugle. "William Naugle had been a volunteer with NHEG, since August 2012, and an instrumental and dedicated member of our team," said Pamela Clark, Executive Director. William has received recognition for his volunteer service from the White House as the recipient of the Complete Gold Medal Package and earned the lifetime achievement award for over 4000 hours of volunteer service, www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/co. For more information, visit the NHEG blog www.newheightseducation.org/nheg-blog/ or call us at 419-786-0247.

SOGGY WIN FOR LADY ARCHERS!

On March 28, Antwerp took on neighboring rival Hicksville in varsity softball action. The rain-soaked field didn't put a damper on the Archer's resolve to dominate this game. The wet afternoon ended with the Lady Archers claiming the win, 4-2.

Winning Pitchers - Carlie Hanes (5 innings, 16k, 1hits, 3BB), C. Perry (2 innings 1k, 3hits, 1BB)

Losing Pitcher - L. Balsara (7innings, 2ks, 4 hits, 4BB) Hitters:

Antwerp - C. Hanes, single; B.Johanns, single; L.Bok, single; R. Williamson, single Hicksville - A. Kerns, double, E. Captain, double, T, Gipple, 2 singles

Quotes: Coach Ordway had this to say about the game, "The girls did a great job coming back from being behind, showed a lot of confidence in our team to settle down and get the win! Super proud of them."

BLACKHAWK NAILS WIN AFTER SLOW START

Blackhawk Christian baseball traversed southwest across the Indiana plains to Wabash, IN to take the field against Northfield. The top of the 1st earned Blackhawk one run, while the bottom half earned Northfield a hefty 6 runs. This shock of runs must have woken the Braves from their long journey because they scored in each of the subsequent innings and only allowed the Norsemen 1 more run, leaving the final score a Braves victory to bring back to Fort Wayne, 9-7.

Score by the Inning: Blackhawk Christian - 1 2 1 3 1 0 1=9 Northfield - 6 1 0 0 0 0=7

Batting: Blackhawk Christian - Brad Berry 4AB, 1R; Jarrett Dailey 3AB, 2R, 1RBI; Steven Stewart 3AB, 1R; Kaleb Study 3AB, 2R, 2RBI; Ryan Reimschisel 3AB, 1RBI; Kyle Bleed 4AB; Nate Moonen 3AB, 1R, 2RBI; Abe

MONEY FROM FUNDRAISER TO BE DONATED



Recently the Antwerp Middle and High School student councils sold popcorn as a fundraiser to support several local nonprofits. Top high school fundraising earners were Brooke Hatlevig, junior class president, and Maggie Wilson, senior class president. Here, they hold \$300 checks that will be donated to Dustin's Fight and Lungs for Jerry.

Hicks 2AB; Kyle Zurbuch 3AB, 2R

Pitching: Blackhawk Christian - Kyle Bleed 3.1IP, 1R; Nate Moonen 3.0IP, 1H; Kyle Zurich .2IP, 6R, 6ER, 1H

TRACE CRUSHES OTTOVILLE IN FIVE INNINGS ON MARCH 28

The Big Green of Ottoville played host to the Wayne Trace Lady Raiders in early spring high school softball action. The Lady Raiders took the lead early in the 2nd inning gaining 4 runs there and 5 in the 3rd, and used their supreme defense to allude the Big Green from making it to home plate. Big Green managed one run in the 4th inning, but it just wasn't enough and the game was called by the Mercy Rule at the end of the 5th inning. Lady Raiders took home a win.

Score by the Inning: Wayne Trace - 0 4 5 2 1=12; 5H, 1E

Ottoville - 0 0 0 1 0=1; 2H, 2E

Batting: Wayne Trace - 2B: Maddie Zartman; 3B: Emily Dyson; TB: Emily Dyson 3, Megan Moore 2, Brooke Greulach, Maddie Zartman 2; RBI: Emily Dyson, Megan Moore 3, Brooke Greulach 2, Keagann Parrish, Maddie Zartman; FC: Keagann Parrish; HBP: Megan Moore, Maggie Crosby, Kalin Gerber; SB: Emily Dyson, Megan Moore, Brooke Greulach, Keagann Parrish 2, Maddie Zartman 2; Team QAB: 15 (44.12%) Emily Dyson 3, Megan Moore, Natalie Torman, Maggie Crosby 2, Brooke Greulach, Brooke Sinn 2, Kalin Gerber, Keagann Parrish, Maddie Zartman 3

Team LOB: 7; Fielding - E: Maggie Crosby

Ottoville - TB: K Knippen, Boecker; RBI: K Knippen; ROE: L Ladd; SB: L Ladd; Team QAB: 6 (33.33%) L Ladd, K Knippen, B Winhover 2, Boecker, Bowersox

Team LOB: 2FieldingE: K Knippen, B Schleter

Pitching: Wayne Trace - (Pitches-Strikes) Maggie Crosby 75-50; (Groundouts-Flyouts) Maggie Crosby 11-0; (First pitch strikes-Batters faced) Maggie Crosby 8-18

Ottoville - (HBP) T Boecker 3; (WP) T Boecker 4; (Pitches-Strikes) T Boecker 124-57; (Groundouts-Flyouts) T Boecker 6-4; (First pitch strikes-Batters faced) T Boecker 11-34

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ANTWERP STUDENT RAISES MONEY FOR LEUKEMIA AND LYPHOMA SOCIETY



Led by their student council members, Antwerp Local School students have raised over \$700 to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society via popcorn sales, duct taping a teacher to the wall, and a penny stall. Pictured here are Katie Oberlin, the top popcorn seller for the middle school, Morgan Boesch, and Derek Reeb.

SPORTS CARD SHOW

Saturday April the 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Ramada Plaza Center and Travel Hotel (formally the Hotel Fort Wayne) located at 305 E Washington Center Rd (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance with both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies . . . attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mscards@icloud.com or on facebook at mcs cards.

PATROL INVESTIGATES A MOTORCYCLE CRASH

The Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to a motorcycle crash at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. The crash occurred on US-24 .1m east of mile-post 13 in Crane Township, Paulding County. The crash was north of the Village of Paulding. A 2008 Harley Davison motorcycle, driven by 32 year old Barron P. Elder of Hudson, Michigan, was westbound on US 24. The motorcycle drove off the left side of the roadway, into the center median, and overturned. Barron P. Elder did have a helmet on, and was ejected from the motorcycle. He was flown from the scene to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana by Parkview

Samaritan Air Ambulance, and is listed in serious condition.

The Highway Patrol was assisted by Paulding Fire Department and Paulding Rescue, Paulding Sheriff's Department. The crash remains under investigation.

WORK ZONE SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Governor Eric Holcomb has proclaimed April 3-7 as Work Zone Awareness Week across Indiana. The week marks the ceremonial start to the highway construction season and intends to draw awareness to both motorist and worker safety while in the work zone - especially since the 2017 construction season is shaping up to be a large one. INDOT is coordinating with the Indiana State Police, Indiana Department of Labor, and other state agencies along with industry groups including the Indiana Chapter of the American Traffic Safety Services Association, Indiana Constructors Inc., and the Indiana Road Construction Awareness Corp. to hold events and increase public awareness about work zone safety. The 2017 Work Zone Awareness theme is "Work Zone Safety is in Your Hands."

On average since 2014, at least 12 people have been killed each year in INDOT roadway work zone crashes. Eighty percent of those killed are motorists or their passengers. In calendar year 2017, INDOT will oversee more than 300 construction contracts totaling more than \$1 billion in capital investment. The agency will resurface 3,047 lane miles of pavement; work on 41 capital projects aimed at improving traffic mobility and safety; and modernize or improve dozens of interchanges and intersections across the state. INDOT and its contractors will also rehabilitate or construct 486 bridges and small structures. INDOT will use work zone signage, traffic alerts, social media, and project communication across the state to keep Hoosiers up to date on this year's construction projects. Drivers can also use an interactive online map to see which projects are under construction across the state. Click here to view the map. Current work zones and real-time traffic conditions are also available on INDOT's TrafficWise map. INDOT urges drivers to follow these safety tips to keep our work zones safe:

- Stay alert! Look for reduced speed limits, narrow driving lanes and highway workers.
- Pay attention. Work zone signs will tell drivers exactly what to expect ahead.
- Merge Early. If drivers merge as soon as they see signs, traffic will flow much more smoothly.
- Slow down! Don't speed, there could be slowed or stopped vehicles in the construction zone.
- Keep your distance. Maintain a safe distance on all sides of the vehicles.
- Minimize distractions. The three Cs - cell phones, CDs, and coffee - are the primary cause of driver inattention.
- Plan ahead. Expect delays during construction

season and allow extra travel time, or select an alternate route.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/20/17

This 20th 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 231968 through 232044 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST
Roy Klopfenstein, Sam's Club, Fort Wayne IN - March 20, 2017

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL/QUOTE TO MAINTAIN THE FENCE AND GATE HOUSING THE COURTHOUSE DISPOSAL CONTAINERS

WHEREAS, a proposal was received for the maintain the fence and gate housing the Courthouse disposal containers on the north side of the Courthouse lawn; now, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept the proposal/quote submitted by NARCO, 5278 County Road 424, Unit A, Antwerp OH 45813, to install a fabricated steel fence and gate to fit the 72" square concrete pad to house the disposal containers in the amount of \$1,660.00.

IN THE MATTER OF PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby accept the recommendations concerning the county's Enterprise Zone Agreements and Community Reinvestment Area Agreements as presented by the Paulding County Economic Development Tax Incentive Review Council.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

Jason Landers and Suzanne Rister - Sheriff Landers and Judge Rister met with the Commissioners to discuss Security services at the County Court Annex building. Mr. Landers talked about logistics concerns. He referred to the extended hours, the County Court Annex being open eight and a half hours per day, while his deputies are on an eight hour day. This could create issues with overtime and paying union deputies at time

GATE STARTS UNIT THE ART OF STORY TELLING



Students in Mrs. Shepherd's GATE classroom at Payne Elementary have started a unit on The Art of Story Telling. What makes a story great? What makes someone a good storyteller? Storytelling is something we all do naturally, starting at a young age, but there's a difference between good storytelling and great storytelling. In our lessons, we will hear from Pixar directors and story artists about how they got their start and what stories inspire them, and we will begin to think about what kinds of stories we might want to tell.

and a half. Sheriff Landers is also concerned about creating communication lines between the County Court Annex and the Sheriff's Office and how the cost could be covered. He asked if possibly the bailiff could assist the security deputy if needed. He also estimates one full time union deputy would incur a minimum in payroll costs of \$52,500.00 (benefits included). Judge Rister acknowledged Sheriff Landers' concerns. She noted the security equipment has been installed, funded by a grant. She also commented that her bailiff keeps pretty busy preparing for hearings, especially on arraignment days; however, she thought maybe one of the clerks could offer assistance if the security officer required help. Judge Rister also noted the County Court Special Fund could manage the cost for the security deputy.

Matt Sudhoff and Lance Buettner, Smith-Boughan Mechanical Services; David Cline, Sheriff's Office - Mr. Sudhoff and Mr. Buettner of Smith-Boughan met with David Cline and the Commissioners to review the 2015 service contract and further explain the way the HVAC system works at the Sheriff's Office. Service contracts are for three years. Commissioner Klopfenstein had questions regarding the use of gas as opposed to the more expensive electric option. Mr. Sudhoff explained the system in place is a VAV (Variable Air Volume) re-heat system. The units are on the roof top of the building. He then presented pictures of the system, which provided a visual and helped in explaining how the system functions. Mr. Sudhoff had also prepared utility usage comparing 2014 to current. He

noted the gas kicks on to warm the existing air. The December bill in question was high due to a damper being stuck open and was not a part of the general maintenance, but a mechanical failure. Mr. Cline noted Smith-Boughan's service is prompt. Mr. Buettner noted that when the jail opens, the HVAC usage will be monitored for the next 12-14 months establish a new baseline and to watch for trends.

Con Shuherk - Ms. Shuherk met briefly with the Commissioners. He noted the fire extinguishers at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home have been checked and are good for five years. He also reported the garage door openers and keys have been turned over to Job and Family Services.

The Commissioners and Clerk completed their drive-by which included 9 of the 22 County-wide demolition projects applied for through Maumee Valley Planning Organization.

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OHIO LOCATIONS

- Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Agora, Pit-Stop, Subway
- Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart
- Cecil:** Maramart, Vagabond
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste
- 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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ANTWERP ELEMENTARY FIND ALTERNATE USE FOR HULA HOOPS



At the end of March, first grade students at Antwerp Elementary School used hula hoops as Venn diagrams to compare and contrast books. Pictured here are Gage Barker, Brayden Fuller, and Wyatt Cline.

LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

How to Choose the Proper Grass Seed

Now that we have warmer weather, many of you will want to buy grass seed to fill in some bare spots or over seed thin areas of your lawn. Spring is an excellent time for applying grass seed! But what type of seed should you get for your lawn? The short answer is high quality seed. A lawn can never be better than the seed that is sown.

Buying grass seed is like buying a car without seeing it or driving it. There is nothing tangible to compare it to. Until the seed grows into a lawn, the true quality of what you bought won't be visible for months. The only thing to evaluate is the seed label. Seed labels are written to meet agricultural regulations, and are unfortunately not "consumer friendly." Let us give you four guidelines to break

down a seed label's four major requirements: Varieties, Germination, Inert Matter, and Weed Seed.

1. A pound of seed is not the same amount of seeds between varieties. A seed label tells you what varieties are in the package. However, it only tells you in percent by weight of the total package. It does not tell you that seed size and weight are dramatically different. For example, one pound of bluegrass is 1,400,000 seeds. That same pound in fine fescue is 530,000 seeds, and it only takes 225,000 ryegrass or tall fescue seed to make a pound. What this means, is the label does not tell you the amount of each variety you will see in your lawn. Ideally, you could determine the amount of a particular seed present by calculating the percentage by seed count. Unfortunately, seed count is not required on the label, and difficult to determine.

2. Germination is under the ideal conditions...not "normal" Mid-West weather. A label gives you the percent of pure seed that is capable of growth in a prescribed time under laboratory conditions. These laboratory conditions are ideal. Seeds are placed on wet filter paper and grown in an incubator with perfect light and moisture control for as long as 28 days. Furthermore, germination percentages cannot be compared between different manufacturers. The germination values may be the same, but they may have been achieved under differing laboratory conditions (i.e. Lab A germi-

nated seed in an incubator for 10 days, and Lab B germinated seed in an incubator for 20 days).

3. Double the inert matter percentage for a more realistic filler amount. Some grass seed packages have filler in them. This is called inert matter. Inert matter or bulking agents like corncobs or chaff are often added to make larger packages. Sand may be added to that the packages will meet weight requirements. Volume of inert matter can generally be found by multiplying the percentage by weight by two. (i.e. 5% inert matter = approx. 10% of the bag's volume).

4. Weed seeds weigh less, so their unwanted plant count can be higher. Weed seeds are also a factor in selection of a grass seed mix. The label says percent by weight of all seeds in the package which were not included in the good pure seed crop. Similar to guideline 1--amount and weight are not equal things--is even truer of weed seeds. One harmless needle grass seed weighs the same as 32 harmful chickweed seeds. But both would be listed as 0.27%. If only 0.10% were chickweed, that would result in 560,000 plants in a 10,000 square foot lawn.

So, now armed with an understanding of grass seed labels, back to the question of what seed to get? Choose a premium seed mixture that guarantee a great lawn. Quality seed mixtures that work well in the Midwest will use a high percentage of bluegrass seed. Bluegrass has very small seeds, so a smaller package of premium seed can cover more area of your lawn. The bonus of bluegrass is its rhizome ability, which means the plant's roots spread to create new plants.

Bluegrass may be combined with other grasses to derive multiple benefits. Ryegrasses germinate fast to hold the soil. Tall fescues are drought-tolerant, but do not spread. Fine fescues are more shade tolerant. Grasses like Dorado Tall Fescue, Montana Tall Fescue, Frontier Perennial Ryegrass, and Madson Kentucky Bluegrass are better than common-type grasses because they have been bred to improve their natural traits. These varieties create greener and denser lawns. As they are also slower growing, it means less mowing for you.

Some premium mixes have developed their seeds to grow roots up to four feet deep. This drastically improves drought tolerance. The enhanced disease resistance in these varieties is due to a waxy coating on the grass—much like the skin of an apple. Beyond the grass plant coating, premium grass seeds now have a super-absorbent coating around the seed itself to help promote germination. This coating holds moisture against the seed so the seedling has constant access to water, even if you miss a day of watering.

A lawn is as good as the seed you put on it. So choose a premium grass seed mix that will give you the best-looking, strongest, and most worry-free lawn you've ever had. Happy spring seeding!

—Len Schrock,
Johnathan Green Lawn
Care Consultant
Grabill & Woodburn
Hardware

INDOT SEEKS INPUT ON SELECTION OF FUTURE HIGHWAY PROJECTS

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

To use federal funds, a transportation project must be listed in a four-year budget document known as the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. In urban areas, Metropolitan Planning Organizations produce and collect public input on their own Transportation Improvement Programs.

Provide input

INDOT's draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program is available for public review at www.in.gov/indot/3132.htm. The document lists construction projects planned from July 2017 through June 2021 and the funds available for transportation projects and programs including highways, transit, bicycles and pedestrians.

The public may submit comments through:

The web comment form at www.in.gov/indot/3132.htm,

Email addressed to draftstip@indot.in.gov,

Postal mail addressed to Michael McNeil, INDOT STIP Director, 100 N. Senate Ave., IGCN 955, Indianapolis, IN 46204, or

Paper comment forms at one of six regional open houses.

INDOT respectfully requests that all comments be submitted or postmarked by Monday, May 1. INDOT will then collate and respond to comments and questions on the record as an appendix to the final document.

Regional open houses

Open houses hosted by INDOT's regional district staff 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, 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.

Special accommodations

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.

DIVINE MERCY COMES FROM BEHIND TO WIN A THRILLING BATTLE!



Divine Mercy took the honors winning the 2017 Battle of the Books. Winning team members from left are: Eli Stuart, Caden Tumblin, Kailyn Dienstberger, Kaitlin Slade, Maggie Cox, KatieAnna Baumle, and Raelyn Schweinsberg.

The team from Divine Mercy came from behind and fought a strong battle to win the 2017 Battle of the Books competition. The Battle of the Books is a literary competition between Paulding County schools and home-schooled children sponsored by the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Teams made up of 5th and 6th graders compete by answering questions about the fifty books on the Battle of the Books list. The list and books are supplied to each elementary school and library location at the beginning of the school year. This year's list was very diverse, with genres including biography, fiction and non-fiction with storylines of immigration, special needs, diversity, fantasy, action and adventure, friendship and more. The winning school receives a trophy and each team in the finals receives special medals. This year's competing teams represented Antwerp, Oakwood, Payne, Grover Hill, Paulding and Divine Mercy.

"The battle has been going on for over 25 years," states Susan Pieper, Library Director. "The program has grown to be very competitive and exciting. It was great to see principals, teachers, family and friends rooting on their teams in this competition of brain-power." This was the first year an additional bracket was added so each team had an opportunity to compete twice. The new bracket included the team who had lost the first round of competition, but had the highest points among the losing teams. Divine Mercy lost their first round, but since they had the highest points, they moved forward

through this new bracket. "Adding the new bracket is the fairest way to go," said Pieper. "In the past, one team always got a "bye" for a round and did not have to compete as much. This way, each team gets to compete at least twice."

"We are so grateful for our sponsors who help make this program possible," shares Sue Deatrick, Head of Youth Services. "Dr. Larry Tope and Dr. Jeffery Rhees, DDS make it possible for each finalist team to receive t-shirts and Lafarge provides funding for the Battle books to be placed in the elementary school libraries each year. We could not have a successful battle without their support."

For more information about the Battle of the Books competition or if you would like to help sponsor the 2018 competition, contact the library at 419-399-2032.

NOTICE

Paulding County Commissioners to Hear Annexation Request

A hearing has been set for April 24, 2017 at 10:00am with the Paulding County Commissioners on the proposed annexation of 2.755 acres along the west end of property currently occupied by Vancrest of Payne located on State Route 142, Payne, Ohio.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

The Village Utility Department intends to start hydrant flushing starting the week of March 13, 2017. The first area to be flushed will be located south of River Street, depending on weather this process should take the three weeks. Starting approximately April 3, 2017 hydrants north of River Street will be flushed. The above schedule is contingent on weather and/or emergency repairs.

Residents may experience temporary discolored water during this process. If noticed, residents should run your tap water until the water is clear. This notice is being given to try to avoid discoloration to clothing during the hydrant flushing.

If you have questions, please call the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO

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

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

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

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

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

Aimee Lichty, Fiscal Officer
Village of Antwerp

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY;

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
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY;

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

SCOTT L. TRESSEL, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 16 155.

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 27th day of April, 2017 at 10:05, the real estate located at:

106 North High Street,
Oakwood, Ohio 45873
Parcel Number: 10-09S-017-00

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 Thirty-three Thousand and No/100 (\$33,000.00) 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 11th day of May, 2017 at 10:05. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Matthew Murtland, Attorney for Plaintiff

MARCH GOES OUT LIKE A LAMB (OR TWO)



March didn't exactly go out like a lamb, but we still got to snuggle and feed two baby lambs at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool! Ashtyn Madden's aunt, Laurie Renier, brought the lambs from her farm. She then surprised the children with a baby calf as well! Registration for fall preschool is Monday, May 8! Check out our ad in the West Bend News for more information or call 419-399-5437.

to the appointing authorities and updates the composition of financial planning and supervision commissions, which are established to develop a solution to such fiscal situations.

House Bill 103, sponsored by Representative Reineke (R-Tiffin), changes the makeup of a Financial Planning and Supervision Commission by reducing the number of appointments a local government can make from five to three. This reform increases the independence and accountability of these commissions while ensuring they act as a true oversight board, aiding in the adoption of a sound recovery plan for the entity in a state of fiscal emergency.

"I believe that House Bill 103 will provide stronger oversight of government and will provide better accountability to citizens," said Rep. Riedel.

An additional measure included in the legislation grants the Commission the power to approve or reject financial information submitted by the local government. Further, if a local government fails to implement its financial recovery plan, its status may be increased from fiscal watch to fiscal emergency. This provision would be made permanent in Ohio law under the bill.

House Bill 103, a component of the legislative agenda outlined by the Ohio House Majority Caucus—the Buckeye Pathway—now awaits consideration by the Ohio Senate.

WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 3/29/17

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in special session for the purpose of Planning on March 29, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. at the Community Building located at 14804 Rd 48, Haviland, OH 45851

The following members were present: Mr. Pat Baumle, Mrs. Lisa McClure, Mr. Duane Sinn, Mr. Perry Sinn, Mr. Dick Swary

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis.

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public
Guests: Eric Baltzell to discuss the Site Planning at all three district buildings

Superintendent's Agenda
Open discussion was done on each of the following topics.

A. Board Membership Updates
B. Mission/Vision:
a. "The Mission of the Wayne Trace Local School District is to prioritize the philosophy of One-District-One-Mission-One-Vision. Wayne Trace is committed to educational excellence that will help all students achieve at their highest level and to graduate with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become thinking, productive citizens in the changing global society. This is accomplished through a system which supports community values and integrates community, technology, and educational resources delivered in a safe environment by a caring staff."

C. District Goals

- D. District Culture
 - E. Personnel
 - F. Technology
 - G. Transportation
 - H. Fiscal
 - I. Campuses/Buildings & Facilities
- Adjournment
Board President, Pat Baumle called for adjournment.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned.
The next Board meeting will be held April 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school lecture room.

PAULDING SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RECEIVES EDUCATION GRANT FROM OHIO EPA

More than 2,600 students will learn about water use with help from a \$2,800 Ohio EPA Education grant to the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District. The money will be used to provide three-dimensional Enviro-cape table-top models and supplies.

Enviro-cape models help demonstrate beneficial wetland functions, drinking and wastewater treatment processes and precipitation flow (as well as nonpoint source pollutants through watersheds). The three-dimensional details allow educators to answer questions about different scenarios related to how rain water and snow melt carry topsoil and other pollutants to streams.

Eight grants were issued statewide for a total of \$35,614. The Ohio Environmental Education Fund provides grants each year for environmental education projects serving kindergarten through university students, the public and the regulated community.

Eligible grant recipients include environmental groups, public and private schools, colleges and universities, trade or professional organizations, businesses and state and local governments. Letters of intent for the next grant round are due to Ohio EPA no later than July 10, 2017, and applications are due no later than July 17, 2017. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the Ohio Environmental Education Fund online or at (614) 644-2873 to discuss project ideas.

NOTICE: ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL

A special meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 in the Antwerp Board of Education room for the purpose of approving a Resolution for a New Press Box at the Football Stadium.

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

2017-2018 KINDERGARTEN CAMP AND REGISTRATION/SCREENING DATES AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY

Oakwood Elementary is hosting Kindergarten Camp and Kindergarten Screening for children who will be coming to kindergarten in 2017-2018. Kindergarten Camp will be on Tuesday, April 11, from 6:00 to 7:00. There will be an introduction to kindergarten and "camping" activities for children to help familiarize them with faces and places before kindergarten screening. While children are enjoying special activities, parents will be filling out paperwork and making an appointment for Kindergarten Screening. Kindergarten Registration/Screening at

Oakwood Elementary will be on Friday, May 5. During screening, your child will be working one-on-one with school staff members. To enroll your child in school, you will need to bring the following items either to kindergarten camp or to your screening appointment: certificate of live birth; child's social security card; current immunization record; and custody papers, if applicable. (If you are unable to attend kindergarten camp, please call the Oakwood Elementary Office after April 11th to set up a screening appointment - 419-594-3346.) Please note: Children must be 5 years old before August 1, 2017 in order to be attend kindergarten in 2017-2018.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/27/17

This 27th 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 232090 through 232165 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST
Mark Holtsberry, AOoA monthly board meeting, Toledo OH - March 30, 2017

Sandee Buffington, Toledo District meeting, Findlay OH - April 7, 2017

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on March 27, 2017, Warrant numbered 232165 in the amount of \$3,767.00; and

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

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

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

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

Meeting Notes of Appointments
Peggy Emerson, Paulding County Chamber of Commerce - Ms Emerson met briefly with the Commissioners to announce the dates for John Paulding Days, being July 14 and 15. The parade

REPRESENTATIVE RIEDEL ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN FISCAL EMERGENCY

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) announced that the Ohio House yesterday passed legislation to assist local governments when the Auditor of State has declared a fiscal emergency within a municipal corporation, county, or township. House Bill 103 makes reforms



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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.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY ENJOY POPCORN AND MOVIE



The Paulding Elementary fourth graders enjoyed an afternoon of popcorn and a movie after completing the ELA portion of the state test. Congratulations to the students for their hard work!!

WARRIORS DROP PAIR IN BASEBALL ACTION

Woodlan's high school baseball team came up short in a pair of games last week as the Warriors dropped contests to Bishop Luers and Concordia.

Against the Cadets, the Warriors fell behind 6-0 after four innings before dropping an 8-5 decision on Wednesday.

Concordia jumped in front 1-0 in the second inning before widening the margin to 3-0 at the end of three frames.

After the Cadets pushed

three more runs across the plate in the fourth to make it 6-0, Woodlan got on the board in the fifth with a single run to close within 6-1.

Concordia expanded the lead to 8-1 before Woodlan closed out the contest with a four-run seventh to set the final score at 8-5.

In action on Tuesday, Bishop Luers broke a 3-3 tie with a single run in the fourth and added two more in the fifth to post a 6-3 win over Woodlan.

The Knights opened a 2-0 lead in the first and added another run in the second for a 3-0 advantage.

After the Warriors rallied to tie the game at 3-3 in the third, Bishop Luers answered with three runs over the next two innings to set the final score of 6-3.

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Cody A. Fitch, Paulding, OH; High beams; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant shall pay \$50.00 per month; Has a POC date of 12/29/17

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

Willie E. McMillian, Detroit, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy R. Schlatter, Paulding, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ashley M. Mayes, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Donna L. Posont, Dearborn, MI; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brent D. Elkins, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Grover Hill Village: 3/27/17: James T. Gribble; Lot 4, Sec. 25, 0.2015 acres; To: Jennifer Adkins

AuGlaize Twp.: 3/27/17: Kevin J. & Brandee J. Florence; Sec. 20, 5.1 acres; 9.981 acres; To: Kevin J. & Brandee J. Florence

Jerry A. & Linda L. Justinger; Sec. 20, 5 acres; To: Jerry A. & Linda L. Justinger

Benton Twp.: 3/28/17: Bette Tambone Meussling; Sec. 4, 2.464 acres; To: Jason P Hull

Carryall Twp.: 3/30/17: Elizabeth Ann Hormann; Sec. 23, 3.08 acres; To: Brady M. Creyer

Crane Twp.: 3/31/17: Donald R. Stoller, trustee, et al; Sec. 32, 4 acres; To: Donald R. Stoller, trustee, et al

3/30/17: Jeremy D. Goyings; Sec. 29, 80 acres; To: Paulding Leasing, LLC

Emerald Twp.: 3/30/17: Sandra S. Hanenkratt; Sec. 33, 1.6 acres; 38.4 acres; To: Sandra S. Hanenkratt

3/28/17: Casey & Cortney Dorrow; Lot 30, Sec. 22, 0.4821 acres; To: Vicente & Tomas Rodriguez

3/27/17: Ohio Department of Transportation; Sec. 8, 5.562 acres; To: Ohio Department of Transportation

Paulding Twp.: 3/31/17: Donald R. Stoller, trustee, et al; Sec. 3, 5.28 acres; Sec. 5, 69.131 acres; To: Donald R. Stoller, trustee, et al

Elaine L. Stoller, trustee, et al; Sec. 4, 163.38 acres; 163.38 acres; To: Elaine L. Stoller, trustee, et al

Paulding County Commissioners Meeting Minutes 3/15/17

This 15th day of March, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Zartman

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS Warrants documented as 231806 through 231858 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:36 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea.

At 8:50 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on March 13, 2017, Warrants numbered 231701 through 231715 in the amount of \$702.00; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on March 15, 2017, Warrants numbered 231846 through 231851 in the amount of \$6,157.05; and

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

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 079)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to make a Supplemental Appropriation in the EMA Fund (Fund 079), to-wit: FROM: Pay-In #113805 TO: 079-001-00011/EMA/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$4,000.00

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 state sales tax and Medicaid matching 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 hereby 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.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Defiance/Paulding County Job and Family Services wishes to contract with Vince and Yolanda Cantu, 1116 Perry Street, Defiance, OH 43512, for the purpose of providing foster care at Jacob Eaton Children's Home, S. R. 127, Paulding OH 43879; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Paulding County Commissioners hereby authorize N. Corey Walker, Director, Defiance/Paulding County Job and Family Services, to enter into a Foster Care Agreement with Vince and Yolanda Cantu.

Meeting Notes of Appointments Joe Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney; Marsha Yeutter and Matt Missler, Paulding County Senior Center - This meeting was called to discuss the Senior Center Steering Committee fund. The fund is currently free-standing and has its own checking account. Mr. Burkard explained the fund needs to have a source of accountability. He suggested two options; 1) run the transactions through the County Auditor; or 2) look into the Steering Committee becoming a 5013C. Ms. Yeutter noted the Committee has its own EIN. She will contact neighboring counties senior centers to inquire as to their status and how they process revenue and expenses.

Tiffany Beckman, Common Pleas Court Judge - Judge Beckman reported there are jury trials set for four days next week. She also noted there are 22 grand jury cases coming up. Nine people serve on the grand jury and they meet on the second Thursday of the month. Ms. Beckman commented there is a massive push on the state level to reduce prison time and inmates. Responsibility for felony 5 (lowest level) crimes may be falling back to the counties. The state may opt to compensate counties on a per diem basis. Judge Beckman will be attending the summer judicial conference where she anticipates learning more about these changes.

Corey Walker, DPCJFS - Mr. Walker presented a contract for foster parents at the Jacob Eaton Children's Home for the Commissioners review (see resolution above).

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel presented the financial reports for February and March. March sales tax revenue of \$194,024.02 was up \$5,745.73 from February and also up \$19,804.01 from March, 2016. The first quarter sales tax revenue of \$569,861.26 was up \$91,831.86 from the four year average (2013-2016). General Fund receipts of \$1,508,066.04 were up \$204,714.36 from February, 2016. General Fund expenses of \$592,963.29 were down from January by \$205,691.58; however, up \$181,305.84 from February,

2016. Real Estate and Mobile Home Conveyance fees of \$29,701.04 were up from January by \$8,340.24.

Sandy Kessler, MVPO; Sara Keeran, Gene Weidenhamer, Bill Wiles, Herald Yenser, Craig Knapke, Ronnie Coleman, John Keyes, and Jerry Zielke - Ms. Kessler led the Paulding County Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) meeting as part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proceedings. Ms. Kessler distributed packets to those in attendance and provided an overview of CDBG programs. She explained the Allocation portion of the CDBG program has now been put on a two year rotation. Paulding County will receive \$150,000 to complete up to 4 projects in 2018-2019. Applications are due April 5, 2017, and the project construction is to be completed January 2018 through December 31, 2019. Competitive, Open Cycle, and Economic Development projects may be submitted on an annual basis. Ms. Kessler reviewed a spreadsheet she compiled which indicated various phases current community projects are in. The listing included project needs for the current year as well as for future years. Ms. Kessler's handout also included a program year CDBG anticipated timeline with important deadline dates to remember when submitting applications for project consideration. She encouraged everyone in attendance to call her at Maumee Valley Planning Organization with any questions or assistance in completing applications.

Paulding County Commissioners Meeting Minutes 3/22/17

This 22nd day of March, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk; Absent: Tony Zartman

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS Warrants documented as 232073 through 232089 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:09 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea.

At 8:22 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

TRAVEL REQUEST Cindy Peters, supplies for wellness booth at Health Fair, Defiance OH - March 21, 2017

Meeting Notes of Appointments The Commissioners attended the Senior Center sponsored health fair at the OSU extension building. The Wellness Committee provided a booth at the health fair.

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Ag Credit / County Mortgage will be holding an open house Thursday April 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Their new office is located at 103 E. Perry Street inside the PCED Small Business Innovation Center. Deanna Schroeder will be operating the office and she is the Mortgage Loan Originator at Ag Credit Van Wert office. Her direct phone number is 419-

203-0607. Jerry Zielke director of Paulding County Economic Development said he is pleased to have an Ag Credit office back in Paulding. Ag Credit is a cooperative agricultural lending institution and they are part of the nationwide Farm Credit system, specializing in lending to agribusiness, farms and home owners in rural areas.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEETS

The National Society MARY PENROSE WAYNE CHAPTER DAR (Fort Wayne, Ind.) met Sat. Mar. 11, 2017 at 1:00 at the Allen Co. Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Meeting Rm. A. for their regular chapter meeting.

Regent — Mrs. Barbara Sheets Harris. She welcomed all members and guests. The DAR opening Ritual included the Pledge of Alliance to the Flag of the United States of America, The American's Creed and singing The National Anthem. The national theme for 2016-2019 is "Moving Forward in Service to America".

The meeting was opened by

The National Defense Report was given covering "Service Dogs for PTSD". Veterans do feel that dogs help with their PTSD problems and symptoms. PTSD is an emotional research that is presently not covered by all insurances. The National meeting were sent out to each member by E-mail. They stand approved as read, The May meeting will be at the Ft. Wayne Country Club. The cost will be \$25.00 (R.S.V.P. -paid ahead). Delegates are needed for the May 12-21 Conference and Con-

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tinental Congress June 28-July 2. The "American Spirit" Magazine was passed around among the members. Cards were sent around to be signed for members who are unable to attend the meetings due to illness.

The Treas. Report was given. The Membership Report shows that there are a total of 177 members. The national goal for membership this year is 250,000 members. The DAR is 126 years old this year. Librarian, Sandra Gordon read a letter from Curt Witcher of the Ft. Wayne Library thanking our chapter for several items given to the Genealogical Research Library. March is Women's History month.

Under committee reports: Installation: Benita Steyer installed RACHEL OSBORN as a new member. Her grandfather wrote over 200 books on Abraham Lincoln and he was the director of the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne.

The program was "Military Uniforms" by Kim Lobsinger. He had a display of several uniforms of the Korean War era. He explained the use for some of them and what the Korean "Conflict" meant to our country when World War II ended. Many people served from this area and many lives were lost.

The next meeting will be Sat. April 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. This will be the Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers. MEMBERS ONLY.

Respectfully Submitted by: Caroline Zimmerman

For more information call: Regent, Barbara Sheets Harris (260)-438-4330 or Caroline Wells Zimmerman (419) 258-

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ODOT KICKS OFF ANOTHER NEAR-RECORD YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION

A second-straight near-record construction season is underway across Ohio. This year, the Ohio Department of Transportation will invest \$2.3 billion into the state's roads and bridges, just shy of the record-\$2.4 billion investments made in 2014 and 2015.

This construction season will include 1,098 projects, 26 valued at more than \$10 million. Workers will pave 6,945 miles of roadway - enough for a two-lane road from Seattle to Key West, and repair or replace 1,281 bridges.

Local contract projects of significance this season include:

- The reconstruction and widening of Interstate 75 through Findlay and Hancock County. The three-year, \$113 million project began this month.

- Paving of several routes and improvements within the city of Findlay, Hancock County.

- Bridge repair on Napoleon Road and state Route 103 over Interstate 75, and state Route 103 over the Norfolk Southern Railroad, Allen County. Significant local projects by ODOT's own

maintenance forces include:

- Multiple culvert replacements on state Route 309 at Thayer Road and between Rumbaugh and Napoleon roads, Allen County.

- Multiple culvert replacements on state Route 103 from Interstate 75 to state Route 235, on state Route 37 at township Road 168, and on state Route 12 between Arcadia and Fostoria, Hancock County.

- Drainage tile installation on state Route 235 between township Road 120 and county Road 110, Hardin County.

For a complete list of projects taking place within the eight-county region of ODOT District 1 visit: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/Documents/Construction%20Kick-off/2017/Kick-off%20links.pdf>

"Since Gov. John Kasich took office, we have invested an unprecedented \$14 billion in Ohio's infrastructure," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "Our transportation network is Ohio's greatest man-made asset, and it is our duty to ensure it is in the best condition possible. That's why 93 cents of every dollar we're spending on roads and bridges this year will go to preservation."

Safety is always the top priority, and this year's construction program will include 191 projects aimed at making our roadways safer. These projects range from reconfigured intersections to additional signage and signals.

"We have seen an increase in the number of traffic deaths in Ohio over the last three years, and we are working hard to reverse this disturbing trend," Wray said.

ODOT is also working to make the existing system work more efficiently by leveraging technology like the OHGO app, intelligent transportation systems, and recently-approved variable

Sudoku solution from page 13

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Minimum Qualifications

1. Current State of Ohio Registered Nurse Licensure
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LIBRARY TEENS DONATE BLANKETS



Local teens visited the library and tied blankets for Veterans and their families.



Jenny Hoeffel, Manager of Veteran Prevention and Outreach of Defiance and Paulding County accepts tied blankets from Sue Deatrick (left), Head of Youth Services and Jamy Manson (right), Teen Services Advisor.

A recent teen program sponsored by the Paulding County Carnegie Library Teen Services provided blankets to donate to Veteran's families in Paulding and De-

GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING

Southern Fort Wayne's hottest new event venue, The Eden, invites the Community to an open house after an extensive renovation at The Eden property, 14013 Emanuel Rd. Hoagland IN 46745 After 4 months of reno-

fiance County. Teens stopped by the library and tied fleece blankets together as a project that would benefit their community.

vations from the previously known Quixote Hills, The Eden will open their doors to the public with an ribbon cutting ceremony and open house event on April 15th between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Special event vendors Mad Anthony, Shigs in Pit, Bakerstreet, The Hoppy Gnome, Calatblu, Conrad

Catering, Remember When Photography, Summit City Rentals, Dallich Entertainment, and Fort Wayne Chocolate Fountain will provide guests with samples and quality service. The Eden will serve cocktails, wine, craft, and domestic brews throughout the open house.

About the Company: Quixote Hills was sold to D&D Investment Group in December of 2016, later renamed The Eden. The Eden is invested in bringing life back to the former event facility by hosting several different types of private and promotional events. "We are excited for the new adventures that are yet to come here at The Eden. There are great opportunities of growth and advancement within the community and cannot wait to be a part of the each celebration held here at The Eden" said Stephanie Davis, owner of The Eden.

REPRESENTATIVES CRAIG S. RIEDEL & KRISTINA ROEGNER INTRODUCE PREVAILING WAGE BILL IN THE OHIO HOUSE

State Representatives Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) and Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) recently introduced House Bill 163 in the Ohio House, Representative Riedel's first bill.

House Bill 163 would allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education the choice to apply the prevailing wage law to public improvement projects. While prevailing wage law (the requirement to pay labor workers the wage and benefits of the area in which they are working) benefits many parties, it often drives up the cost of local capital projects.

"Representative Roegner and I introduced this bill because we believe in free and open competitive markets. This bill does not eliminate prevailing wage, but rather makes it permissive," said Rep. Riedel. "It gives local government entities and public institutions of higher education the ability to decide for themselves whether they want to use prevailing wage on a job by job basis."

This bill simply allows local decision-makers the option to participate in prevailing wage or not. Many

communities are suffering from either additional costs to the taxpayer or the failure of project completions due to increased costs.

"This common-sense piece of legislation restores local control by freeing local governments from the shackles of a state mandated wage. House Bill 163 will provide them the flexibility they need to get the greatest return for every tax dollar," said Rep. Roegner.

House Bill 163 now awaits a committee designation.

4-H SPAGHETTI SUPPER/ BAKE GOOD EVENT

The Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club will be sponsoring a spaghetti supper and bake good event on Saturday, April 8, at the Paulding County Fairgrounds Youth Leadership Building.

The menu will include Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Cookie and Drinks. A free will offering will be available for the dinner, which will run from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

PAULDING SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

More than 2,600 students will learn about water use with help from a \$2,800 Ohio EPA Education grant to the Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District. The money will be used to provide three-dimensional Enviro-scape table-top models and supplies.

Enviroscape models help demonstrate beneficial wetland functions, drinking and wastewater treatment processes and precipitation flow (as well as nonpoint source pollutants through watersheds). The three-dimensional details allow educators to answer questions about different scenarios related to how rain water and snow melt carry topsoil and other pollutants to streams.

Eight grants were issued statewide for a total of \$35,614. The Ohio Environmental Education Fund provides grants each year for environmental education projects serving kindergarten through university students, the public and the regulated community.

Eligible grant recipients include environmental groups, public and private

schools, colleges and universities, trade or professional organizations, businesses and state and local governments. Letters of intent for the next grant round are due to Ohio EPA no later than July 10, 2017, and applications are due no later than July 17, 2017. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the Ohio Environmental Education Fund online or at (614) 644-2873 to discuss project ideas.

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Information??? Contact Jane Sharp 419 594 2812 or Karen Jacobs 419 594 2138.

USDA OFFERS RENEWAL OPTIONS FOR EXPIRING CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM CONTRACTS

Acting Deputy Agriculture Secretary Michael Young announced that a contract renewal sign-up is underway for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), USDA's largest working lands conservation program with more than 80 million acres enrolled. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) made several updates to the popular program last fall. These changes help producers better evaluate conservation options that benefit their operations while improving the health and productivity of private and Tribal working lands.

"The changes made to CSP are providing even great-

er opportunities for stewardship-minded producers across the country to participate and bring their conservation efforts to a higher level," said Young. "The new tools and methods for evaluating operations, expanded options to address the producer's conservation and business objectives, and the focus on local resource priorities have resulted in a 30 percent increase in applications for this widely popular program."

Participants with existing CSP contracts that will expire on December 31 can access the benefits of the recent program changes through an option to renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. Applications to renew expiring contracts are due by May 5.

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, buffer strips, pollinator and beneficial insect habitat, and soil health building activities - all while maintaining active agricultural production on their land. Benefits to producers can include:

- Improved cattle gains per acre;
- Increased crop yields;
- Decreased inputs;
- Wildlife population improvements;
- and Better resilience to weather extremes.

"CSP is for working lands," said Young. "Thousands of people have made the choice to voluntarily enroll in the program because it helps them enhance natural resources and improve their business operation."

Producers interested in contract renewals or applying for CSP for the first time should visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp or contact their local USDA service center to learn more.

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