

## PPEC MEMBERS GIVE BACK OVER \$12,000 WITH OPERATION ROUND-UP



Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager and Pam Frederick with American Cancer Society.

The Operation Round Up Board awarded \$12,333.00 to area agencies dedicated to making an impact on the lives of residents in this region. Operation Round Up is a program which allows members to have the option

to round up their bills to the nearest dollar every month, with those extra few cents going to benefit people in need within the co-op's service territory.

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## WOODBURN PARTNERSHIP FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

Woodburn McDonald's at Love's Truck Stop will support Woodburn's Partnership

For Downtown Revitalization (Indiana Main Street) with a fundraiser by donating a percentage of sales from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017.

These donations will support future improvement to Main Street projects including expanding sidewalks, lighting and flower plants along Main Street and Bull Rapids Rd.

Your support of this and future fundraisers is greatly appreciated. To get involved with the Main Street group contact City Hall, 260-632-5318 or cityofwoodburn.org to forward your ideas, name and contact information.

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**The Nathan Doctor Family would like to give a special Thank you to Antwerp EMS, Dr. Kuhn & Dooley Funeral Home for all the Support & Assistance**

## PARKVIEW SPORTS ONE 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALL STAR IN/OH HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME

Antwerp hosted the Parkview Sports Medicine 4th Annual All Star game Sunday, April 23rd. These all star players were chosen for their exemplary skills in the sport of basketball.



The boys three point contest was won by Will Moreau of Leo. More pictures at westbendnews.net



The girls three point contest was won by Abbie Heischman from Leo. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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## SEWING SEMINAR OFFERED AT THE OAKWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

The Cooper Community Branch of the Paulding County Carnegie Library system, located in Oakwood, Ohio, is sponsoring a Sewing Seminar on April 29th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Have you always wanted to learn to sew? Have an unfinished project? Or just want to discuss sewing with people who love to sew?

Due to funding by the Ann Sherry Foundation, sewing machines have been purchased as part of the library system's Maker and Creative Space grant. Ten machines and supplies are available for an easy sewing project. Beginners will be able to create a project to take home, while learning sewing basics. The beginner supplies for this session are free. Already know the basics? Intermediate sewers are invited to use our sewing machines to work on their own special projects.

This event is geared for ages 10 and older. Preregistration is encouraged. Machines are available on a first-come basis.

Call the library at 419-594-3337 to register or for more information.

## AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY HONORS HUSTED WITH TAXPAYERS' TORCH AWARD

The Ohio Chapter of Americans for Prosperity (AFP) honored Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted with the Taxpayers' Torch Award at their Path to Prosperity event. The award recognizes those who have shown excep-

## FIGGINS - SHARP



Felicia Figgins and Randy Sharp would like to announce their upcoming wedding.

Felicia is the daughter of Tony and Kayln Figgins, Edgerton, OH and Lori Hollandsworth, Antwerp, OH. Randy is the son of William

and Cynthia Sharp, Sherwood, OH.

They will be married at Antwerp Community Church, Antwerp, Ohio on May 6, 2017. The couple will honeymoon in North Carolina.

tional stewardship of taxpayer dollars and demonstrated conservative leadership in bringing about a more efficient, more effective government.

"While many politicians campaign for office on the

promise of a leaner and more efficient government, very few actually deliver," Secretary Husted said. "We have taken a fiscally-conservative approach to providing better services to Ohioans at a *(continued on page 5)*

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**OBITUARIES**

SCOTT, OH  
**Darrel F. Rhoad**, 68, of Scott Ohio Died Sunday April 16, 2017. Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home served the family.

HARLAN, IN  
**Tommy L. Higgs**, 60, died Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Born on October 31, 1956 in Defiance, Ohio, Tommy was the son of the late David and Helen (Shadrach) Higgs. Tommy was a graduate of Ayersville High School.

On October 3, 2000, he was united in marriage to Joyce Wrightsman and she survives.

Tommy was an inspector at Nemco Med in Ft. Wayne. Tommy enjoyed hunting, fishing, photography, coin and antique collecting, classic cars and was a talented wood-worker.

Tommy is also survived by a daughter, Stacy Stevens; two sons, Randy (Jessica) Bashore, Daron (Angie) Cupp; a brother, Terry (Joyce) Shadrach; two sisters, Joni (Dan) Decator, Jenny (Ron) Jones; three granddaughters; four grandsons; five nephews; one niece; one great nephew, and three great nieces.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Monroe.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 2:00 to 6:00 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice.

Online condolences may be shared at <http://www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com> www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

PAYNE, OH  
**Lupe Flores** 80, of Payne passed away Friday, April 21, 2017 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. Arr by Doolley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio 45880.

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 4/26 - 5/2**

4/26 - Pepper steak w/ white rice, Scandanavian blend, apple juice, tropical fruit, dinner roll, milk

4/27 - Brd. pork cutlet, mashed potatoes, California blend, grapes, dinner roll, milk

4/28 - Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, wax beans, apple juice, pineapple tidbits/dinner roll, milk; Liver Alt: Swiss steak

5/1 - Smoked sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, warm peaches, tomato juice, dinner roll, milk

5/2 - Turkey & cheese on rye, vegetable soup, coleslaw, cinnamon apples, crackers, oatmeal raisin bar, milk

**AREA 1ST GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVE TREE SEEDLINGS**

By: **Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist**

In honor of Arbor Day & Earth Day, first graders at Paulding, Oakwood, Payne, and Antwerp Elementary



Schools learned about the importance of trees to our environment during recent programs. As part of this program, each student was given a Colorado Blue Spruce seedling donated by the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District and packaged with assistance from the Wayne Trace FFA Chapter this year.

Students learned that trees are extremely valuable to our environment and need plenty of food, water, and nutrients in order to grow. Energy for trees to make food is obtained from the sun which starts the process of photosynthesis. Photosynthesis takes energy from the sun, combines it with carbon dioxide from the air to make food which allows the plant to carry out several processes needed to survive.

As a result of photosynthesis, oxygen is released for us to breathe. Students learned that just like they do, plants need water in order to carry out many other functions. Water helps carry much needed nutrients such as nitrogen or phosphorus taken up by plant roots to various parts of the plant where they are needed. Nutrients such as nitrogen or phosphorus provide additional energy to plants and help them carry out various functions such as producing leaves, seeds, and fruit among many other functions.

Students also learned some basic tree parts and some facts about each part. The leaves contain chlorophyll which is what gives trees their green color. The process of photosynthesis takes place in the leaves. The trunk of a tree (stem) gives the tree support and shape. Trunks contain a network of cells which carry food and water throughout the tree. Roots are very important to giving the tree support. When the trees start out, the roots will grow straight down to become established. The roots have millions of tiny root

hairs that absorb water and nutrients from the soil. At the tip of each root there is a root cap which protects the root as it pushes through the soil.

Bark covers the trunk of the tree. Branches and twigs of a tree and protects it from insects, disease, storm damage, and temperature swings. The crown of a tree consists of the leaves as well as branches at the top of the tree and filters dust and other particles from the air. It is also the function of the crown to cool the air, provide shade, and also slow raindrops during a storm. Students were asked if they knew how to tell the age of a tree. We look at the growth rings of a tree to determine age as each ring represents one year of growth for a tree. Several factors such as drought, excessive rain, fire, insects, injury, and air pollution can affect the growth of a tree and can be seen in the ring of a tree in the patterns of the growth ring.

Students were then given a paper plate which they used to draw their own growth rings according to their age. Next, we covered the value that trees provide to nature. Trees provide many services including: air cleaning, recreation & enjoyment, home for wildlife, and much more. In the process of photosynthesis, trees are taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen for us to breathe. When trees are taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, they are helping to remove harmful gases which help contribute to climate change. Trees also provide inviting and cool places for us to enjoy while also providing a home for wildlife.

Students learned that Arbor Day is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and that promotes the planting of trees. Trees can be helped in several ways including: using paper wisely, pack lunch in a reusable bag, planting a tree, and of course recycling paper! Of course there are many more ways to help protect trees!

After learning all about trees, students took part in an activity called "Every Tree for Themselves! In this activity, students learned the difficulty that comes with trees obtaining all the resources they need in order to survive. Colored squares were placed on the floor to represent water, sunlight, and nutrients which trees need to survive. Each student now became trees and positioned themselves around the room.

Students or "trees" reach with their roots and branches (arms and legs) to gather their requirements. Everyone was reminded that trees can't walk around. One foot (their tap root) must remain plant-

ed on their cross-section at all times. They were not allowed to slide their cross-section along the floor or step off it; they were disqualified for doing so. Thirty seconds were given for all requirements to be gathered. After the time was up, students recorded the amount of requirements they were able to gather.

Other rounds that were played depicted scenarios which there was drought conditions, lack of nutrients, and overcrowding trees. The results from each of these rounds was compared with the first round in which all requirements are available to show the difficulties that trees face in the environment when they are trying to get all the requirements they need to survive! Along with their free tree seedlings, students were given instructions on how to care for and plant their young seedlings.

**PODIATRIST JOINS PCH MEDICAL STAFF**



Dr. Nathan Hensley a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine has joined the medical staff of Paulding County Hospital. Dr. Hensley specializes in the management of diseases and conditions of the foot and ankle. He received his undergraduate degree at Miami University and his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine earning honors at both schools. He then completed residency at St. Rita's Medical Center and a fellowship at Foot and Ankle Specialists of Ohio in Cleveland.

Dr. Hensley is on staff with the Orthopedic Institute of Ohio. He will be holding clinics at Paulding County Hospital every other week. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-800-225-3921 or 419-222-6622 or 419-238-9764.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 4/10/17**

This 10th day of April, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Cindy Peters, Clerk  
**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**  
 Warrants documented as 232384 through 232461 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

Katie Sunday, EMA Poster Contest, Oakwood, Payne, Paulding, OH - April 11, 2017

Mark Holtsberry, NOCAC Meeting, Defiance, OH - April 13, 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 numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on April 10, 2017, Warrants numbered 232392 through 232446 in the amount of \$28,056.31; 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

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

—1 Peter 1:18-19

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**

Becky Suvar, Paulding County Waste Management and Education Awareness - Ms. Suvar, Director advised the Commissioners of the need to adjust the contract with Eric Recycling to a monthly billing instead of a quarterly billing through the end of 2017. Ms. Suvar also presented the solid waste first quarter report to the Commissioners. Ms. Suvar has been working with area daycares and kindergartners (dealing with social studies and math) on being good stewards of the earth. In addition, she has been working on WMEA newspaper articles that will be forthcoming. The Commissioners and Ms. Suvar also discussed signage at recycle locations stating what residents can and cannot take to the recycle drop off locations.

Sarah Noggle, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Extension Educator and County Director; and Michael Schweinsberg, 4-H Youth Development, Extension Educator - Ms. Noggle distributed the Ohio State University Extension of Paulding County 2017 First Quarter Report. Ms. Noggle reported that Master Gardener Volunteer meetings were held for January, February and March. Volunteers were updated on policy 1.50, education on pigweeds, planned for the year, set hours for Junior Master Gardeners along with the 4-H educator. Volunteers are developing additional education programs for junior master gardeners or in school programming. Twenty-seven participants attended January Northwest Ohio Livestock Producers (NWOLP) meeting. Dr. Brian Harr, ODA Veterinarian and Lynn Steiglitz of Milan Center Feed and Grain helped producers identify how their livestock operations would be impacted with the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) that went into effect on January 1, 2017. The annual Agronomy Day event was held in January with over 40 exhibitors and 65 attendees. A grant was received to host an ACRE (Agronomic Crop Research Experience) intern over the summer. The intern will assist with research plots. The NWOLP meeting for February was based upon mortality composting certification. The program certifies livestock producers who want to handle the death of their livestock in an economic as well as an environmentally beneficial way. In Ohio, there are four approved methods for disposing of livestock mortality; composting, incineration, burial and rendering. Thirty-nine farmers attended and received their certification. Seventeen participants were in attendance for the Pesticide applicator "Crash Course" taught by Ms. Noggle. Paulding County Extension will be hosting the 2017 Ohio Manure Science Review and Expo on August 2nd. There will be "Acres of Fun" exhibits during the county fair, including state, local and national agriculture entities. Topics are gardening, soil health, tree identification, cake decorating, the opiate crisis, agricultural marketing and pollinators with speakers still being lined up. There has been a new Master Gardener certification class with Defiance County with three Paulding County residents participating in a 50 hour training course. Continued water monitoring practices with three

farmers measuring phosphorus runoff during rain events through field tile on a monthly basis. Thirty-two are farmers recertified their private pesticide applicators license by attending an OSU Extension Paulding County training session. Over 145 farmers are licensed in Paulding County and must obtain 3 hours of recertification every three years. Ms. Noggle worked with Antwerp Conservation Club with sessions available for adults and youth for tree planting, tree pruning, soil health, vegetable gardening, rain gardens, urban small scale gardening, tree identification, wildlife habitats, cover crops, food plots for wildlife, beekeeping, pollinator establishment and Project WET/Project WILD. Continued level 2 food safety training and testing will continue to be offered in county. There are other numerous teachings, meetings and speaking around the county offered through OSU Extension. Erika Lee, Program Assistant for the SNAP Ed program offers classes to residents of all ages during January to March, 2017. Ohio Means Jobs, School programming, Cooking Matters curriculum. The Nutrient Plan Writer, Tony Cambell traveled to approximately 20 counties in the Western Lake Erie Basin and participated in approximately 6 Fertilizer Applicator Certification Trainings picking up 9 more plans for a total of approximately 8000 acres. 4-H enrollment in Paulding County stands at 362 members from 229 families with 53 certified volunteers helping with 13 4-H clubs, the Jr. Master Gardener Program and 4-H camp. Twenty-seven counselors are training and planning for 4-H camp with the theme being "Who Dunit?" at Camp Palmer. The 4-H educator continues to participate in monthly meetings with both the Jr. and Sr. Fairboards and camp Palmer board meetings. Mr. Schweinsberg has attended the Winter Shooting Sports training to become certified to conduct the Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports program in Paulding County. A shooting sports 4-H club will be developed and will meet at the Antwerp Conservation Club. Schweinsberg continues to meet and work with the counties area libraries to implement the STEAM Maker Spaces program. The 4-H educator presented training of the 4-H Cloverbud program, presented at Camp Palmer, working with teachers, published the 2016 family handbook. He continues to present the Clover Connection that is sent to all 4-H families in Paulding County. Mr. Schweinsberg has been appointed to the State 4-H Internal Advisory Committee. The 4-H educator held a horse project clinic for youth taking a horse 4-H project. Mr. Schweinsberg also worked with members of the Senior Fairboard to develop and conduct two Quality Assurance Programs for 4-H and FFA youth and their parents/grandparents.

Peggy Emerson, Paulding Chamber of Commerce - Ms. Emerson reported to the Commissioners a problem that was created when the new horse barns were built at the fairgrounds. The dump station now has limited accessibility and a brief discussion was held regarding a different location on the grounds, the costs involved in moving it and how it was going to be funded.

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Anyone's involvement is welcomed for new ideas and support.

—Woodburn Partnership For Downtown Revitalization Committee

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**Antwerp Conservation Club Upcoming Events**



April 30th - Practical Tactical Rifle Shoot  
 Registration at 9am, First Shot at 10am  
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May 6th - 22 Rifle Silhouette Shoot  
 Registration at 11 - shoot starts at noon

May 11th - Club Meeting- Starts at 7pm

May 13th - Chili Dinner

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Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager and Susan Jewell with Antwerp School



Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager and Axel Gruen with St. John Emmanuel School



Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager and Supt. Martin Miller of Antwerp Local School



Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager and Dani Hoorman with Putnam County Special Olympics



Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager and Ed Bohn with Lions Club of Paulding



Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager and Taryn Stiltner with the United Way of Paulding County



Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager and Don Johnson with the Auglaize Fire Dept.



Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager and Chantal Monnier, Hannah Farr, Kalyn Strahley, Estee Miller with the Paulding FFA



Jeanne Beutler with United Way of Putnam Co.



Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager and Amanda Sizemore with Challenged Champions Equestrian Center.



Ed Bohn with the Paulding County EMA and Operation Round Up Chairman Bob Yager

grants: Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Paulding County Emergency Management Agency, Paulding FFA, Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services, Putnam County Special Olympics, Challenged Champions Equestrian Center, American Cancer Society, United Way of Putnam and Paulding Counties, Antwerp Local School, Auglaize Twp. Fire Dept., Lions Club of Paulding County, St. John Emmanuel Lutheran School. For more information on Operation Roundup, and how you can submit an application or how you, as a member can participate, please visit www.PPEC.coop.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEET

The Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter DAR met Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Allen Co. Library, Fort Wayne, IN. The meeting was called to order by Regent Barbara Harris. Patriotic exercises included the DAR opening ritual of the Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag of the USA, The American's Creed and the National Anthem.

The Pres. General's message was read by member, Caroline Zimmerman. The Regent gave her Annual Report and the Annual reports and Committee reports of the chapter were given for the year of 2416-17. Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter got a score of 763 for a Chapter Achievement National Score which was "very good".

The Membership Committee reported that help is always available. Each month a committee meets at the Fort Wayne Library (First Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) to help prospective members, also help is available thru mail and e-mail. Benita Steyer is the Chairman.

Nominating slate was voted on as a single slate. A motion was made to accept the slate as a single slate. Motion carried. The slate will be installed at the May meeting.

Under new business: Lap Robes for the Veterans Hospital - members were asked to help with this project. The VAVS had a very successful year per their report in "meeting and greeting" with Vets at the hospitals and passing out various items.

A Memorial service was given by the Chaplain, assisted by Benita Steyer for 3 deceased members. The candlelight service was called the "Cross symbol of our Faith".

A presentation and discussion was given on the DAR insignia pins and ribbons by Past Nat. Treas. Gen./Past State Gen. Martha Gee Barnhart. (The beautiful pins of Mrs. Barnhart's DAR career were on display at this meeting). The DAR pin/pins were patented in 1891. The Ribbon and pin are worn over the heart. The Insignia can be appropriately set or inscribed on the

tombstone of a proven DAR member.

Next meeting is May 6 at the Fort Wayne Country Club, 5221 Covington Rd., Fort Wayne, IN at 12:00 Noon. Awards Day and Installation of officers. RSVP.

As there was no further business, Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Caroline Zimmerman

ONLINE SURVEY BEING CONDUCTED BY MAUMEE VALLEY PLANNING

The Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO), designated as a regional planning and development organization, is seeking public input via an online survey. This survey is designed to gather opinions on the economic development issues in the five-county region, which includes Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, and Williams counties in Northwest Ohio. The survey asks participants a series of questions based upon the following topics: Competitive Regional Resources, Housing, Transportation, Employment, and Demographic Information.

The survey is brief and should take no longer than 10 minutes. The survey can be accessed online via the following link: www.mvpo.org/ceds. A printed copy may also be obtained by contacting MVPO at 419-784-3882 or email (mvpo@mvpo.org). The survey will be open now until June 1, 2017.

The survey results will be included in MVPO's update to its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This long-term strategic planning document was approved by regional leaders and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in 2012. MVPO applied for and received a grant from the EDA this past fall to update the CEDS by September 2018. The successful update and implementation of this plan will enable MVPO to apply to become an Economic Development District, which will ultimately provide greater federal funding opportunities for economic development projects in the region.

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doing Operation Round Up in July 2010. Currently, over 8700 of the co-op's 12,900 members participate and to date local charities have received over \$328,044.13. The board is made up of PPEC members representing all of our districts and the board was pleased to announce the following organizations

**PARSON TO PARSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**

Dear Parson,  
I am a vegetarian because I believe it is wrong to kill animals. Do you agree with my position?

If you have convictions about being a vegetarian, then by all means don't go against it and sin against your conscience (Romans 14:23). It is not sin to be a vegetarian, but it is wise to base your convictions on biblical truth rather than fallible thinking and teaching.

God has made it very clear that animals were provided for man to eat: "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things" (Genesis 9:3); Acts 10:12-15; "Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth;" (I Timothy 1:3) and many more.

The danger in placing man's traditions above God's truth was something that led the Pharisees into making up traditions that, in their minds, exempted them from having to obey commands of God that they didn't like (Mark 7:1-13).

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

**CLASS WARFARE CONSIDERED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ**

Societal class equality at home and abroad will be explored at Lifetree Café on April 27th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "Class Warfare: The Unending Struggle for Equality," features filmed interviews with three people who have personally seen and experienced India's caste system.

"Westerners can change

our destiny," says Melanie Hutchinson, a U.S. born teacher serving in India. "In the caste system, you can't. What you are born into is what you are. Your caste determines your job, who you marry, what you eat, and even how you dress."

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

Topic for May 4th: "Hey, Good Lookin' A healthy approach to body image."

**LADIES SOCIETY OF EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SUPPORTS MANY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

The Ladies Society of Emanuel Lutheran Church sponsors two events each year, April and September. The Society supports many charities including: New Haven Food Bank, Lutheran World Relief, Worship for shut-Ins, Lutheran Social Services, Emanuel's Vacation Bible School, Concordia Theological Seminary, Mission trips to Kenya and other charities

Emanuel Lutheran Church is located at 800 Green Street in New Haven, IN. Members donate many items, such as clothing, shoes, purses, linens, tools, kitchenware, games, toys, craft items, small furniture and small appliances.

The Event begins on Thursday April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday April 28 from 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m.

Outside items are available both days at 8:00 a.m.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun event, everyone is welcome.

**A GARDEN PARTY**

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

"Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the

other at the foot. They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?' "They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.'

At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 'Woman,' he said, 'why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?' Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said, ... Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her." John 20:10-18 (NIV).

Mary Magdalene comes sorrowfully to the tomb in order to complete the proper burial duties for Jesus and discovers the body is gone! Mary assumes someone has broken into the tomb, perhaps in order to make good money from the tomb of a famous teacher. Mary Magdalene was certain she knew what happened: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him" she told the other disciples. The two men disciples race to the tomb, and then leave. Mary then returns to the garden.

There is now no guard on this garden near the tomb of Jesus. Yet in its own way, it is a garden with the real tree of life, a peaceful place where the resurrection has occurred. When Mary arrives, she looks into the tomb and sees two angels. But she doesn't quite get it. These angels ask her why she is weeping. Mary replies, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Mary Magdalene turns away from the two. When she does, she sees someone else whom she mistakes for the gardener who takes care of the grounds surrounding the tomb. The still unrecognized figure asks Mary the same question posed by the angels: "Woman, why are you weeping?" He adds, "Whom are you looking for?" She repeats her fear that the body of Jesus has been stolen. Thinking perhaps this gardener is the culprit, she asks him where he has taken the body. A touching and powerful scene of revelation follows. Jesus simply says, "Mary," and she replies with his title, "Rabboni!"

The risen Jesus is not to be held in a sanctuary, a gentle garden, a place of beauty and repose. The risen Jesus wants us to get out of the garden. The risen Jesus is found where we doubt, where we live, where we work, where we question. The message of resurrection belongs out of the garden and in the world!

**BIBLE QUESTIONS**

**By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ**

1. Jude 1:6; What type of darkness is this verse talking about? Physical or spiritual? Ref. 2 Peter 2:4
2. Jude 1:6; Will physical chains hold spiritual beings?
3. Jude 1:6; Will light penetrate the darkness of hell? Yes or no?

4. Jude 1:6; What is the great day Jude is talking about here? Ref. Rev. 6:17

5. Jude 1:7; Who was saved from Sodom and Gomorrah? Ref. Gen 19:16

6. Jude 1:7; Was Lot's wife saved? Yes or no? Ref. Gen. 19:26

7. Jude 1:7; What does the word strange mean?

8. Jude 1:7; What does the word vengeance mean?

9. Jude 1:8; Discussion question: what is the word "dreamers" talking about?

10. Jude 1:8; What does the word dignitaries mean?

Jesus loves you and so does the churches of Christ.

Comments or questions please call James Potter 419-393-4775 or e-mail me at jsp1941@yahoo.com. Also there is Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022.

Answers to today's questions:

1. Spiritual; 2. No; 3. No; 4. Judgment day; 5. Lot and his two daughters; 6. No; 7. Forbidden flesh; Another of a different kind; male with male; female with female; humans with animals; 8. Punishment; 9. Means to have a fantasy, to imagine; 10. Means glorious ones or especially God himself and the Son of God (Jesus)

Bye for now and please continue to study the Bible and especially the New Testament for this is our road map to heaven. Love you!

**ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2017**

The following is work scheduled to occur on state highways within the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 which includes the counties of Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert. The schedule of work is dependent upon weather conditions and, unless otherwise noted, work will take place during daytime hours.

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**JOURNALISM DAY**



Pictured are senior co-editors Erica Meyer and Becca Johanns with their awards.

The Antwerp Archer Yearbook Staff, as well as broadcasting member Iris Sorrell, recently competed in Ball State University's Journalism Day (J-Day). Earning a Superior rating for their work were: Iris Sorrell, Broadcasting Feature; 2016 Yearbook Staff, Yearbook Overall; and Becca Johanns, Senior Ad Design.

Earning Excellent ratings were: 2016 Yearbook Staff,

Chronological Yearbook Design and Brayton Stuckey, Feature Photo.

Earning Honorable Mention nods were: Brooke Hatlevig, Feature Photo; Alex Hindenlang, Sports Photo; and Becca Johanns, Sports Photo.

Mrs. Amy Sorrell advises the yearbook staff, and Mrs. Kayla Bagley advises the broadcasting program.

**MINISTERIAL SOCIETY DONATION**



Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary has received a gift of \$250.00 from the Grover Hill Area Ministerial Society. The Library books purchased will go towards advancing the schools literacy efforts. Pictured here is Pastor Eileen Kochensparger checking out a new book.

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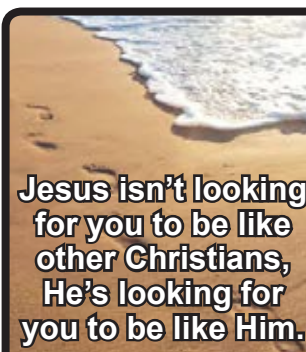
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# ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL PRESENTS SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL



Johannes Faust stands beside his self portrait of constructed cardboard. More pictures of this and the music festival online.



Pictured here is a chess set molded by Marris Elkins inspired by Dr. Who.

Fine arts is a craft that gives an outlet to the stresses of daily life. It is especially important in the growing up years for students to develop a well-rounded personality. Whether the art medium is paper, paint, clay, instruments or voice, they all lend a varying dimension to a person's life. The Antwerp Local School was teeming with talent on Saturday, April 22nd. The gym hallway was lined with donated auction items to raise funds for the Music Department. The concession stand was brimming with sandwiches, candy and popcorn for the art enthusiast or the enthusiastic family member to enjoy while they perused the various arts on display.

The auxiliary gym was filled with the Mrs. Girlie-Jordan's art students' creations for the 2016-17 school year. From paper drawings to intricate clay models, the talent was proudly exhibited. And then it was off to the au-

diteria where students from kindergarten up through high school performed musical numbers for the music listeners' pleasure.

The afternoon started off with the smallest Archers and culminated with the high school band and Antwerp Community Band in Stars and Stripes Forever by John Phillips Sousa. Community Band conductor, Steve Hahn, led the march for the two bands who became one for the evening. The Showstoppers show choir entertained the crowd with much loved favorites like Shut Up and Dance, Crazy Little Thing Called Love, and You're the One That I Want. But it was in Somebody to Love that the show was stolen. The epic voices of Amelia Miller, Maggie Wilson, and Mariah Elkins all took a turn at the mic for solo bits, with Evan Hilton owning his part solidly!

It surely was a night to be proud to be an Archer!

# MVNU ONLINE PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED BY ACCREDITED ONLINE SCHOOLS

Mount Vernon Nazarene University has been recognized as one of the best colleges offering online learning in the nation by The Community for Accredited Online Schools.

MVNU was evaluated by a scoring system that uses value-based methodology, analyzing several qualitative and quantitative data points that resulted in the recognition as Best Online Schools in Ohio with three programs highlighted: Ministry programs, Bachelor's in Business, and Master's in Healthcare Administration. MVNU ranked in the top 95 percent in each program.

"We wanted to highlight schools like Mount Vernon Nazarene University, who are providing exceptional education programs online," said Doug Jones, CEO and Founder of the Community for Accredited Online Schools.

"These colleges offer an outstanding educational experience, upholding rigorous accreditation standards and show an overall commitment to maximizing student success."

This recognition highlights MVNU's master's degree in Healthcare Administration which ranks 19th overall in a lineup of the top 50 degree programs across the United States. This degree offers substantial financial aid and prepares students for success as a skilled business professional as part of the university's Graduate and Professional Studies Program.

Throughout Ohio,

(continued from page 1)

lower cost to the taxpayer. I'm proud that those efforts have paid off and that we have freed up resources that can be put to better use."

As a result of wise financial management over the past six years, Secretary Husted announced in December 2016 that his office would be able to operate for the next two years without the use of taxpayer dollars. As a result, the Secretary's budget proposal for the 2018-2019 biennial budget requested a 100 percent cut in support from the state's General Revenue Fund.

"Secretary Husted has reminded us that all elected officials are responsible for the stewardship of tax dollars, even in offices we may not traditionally consider when it comes to tightening the purse strings," said Micah Derry, AFP-Ohio State Director. "State leaders in Ohio and across the country should take note of Secretary Husted's actions and follow his lead in practicing sensible financial management of their respective budgets."

During Secretary Husted's first term as the state's elections chief, he reduced spending by \$14.5 million, a 16 percent reduction when compared to the previous administration. Secretary Husted has also operated his office with nearly 32 percent fewer staff. With only 130 employees, down from 190 when Secretary Husted took office, payroll costs at the Secretary of State's Office are now at its lowest level in nine years.

MVNU was ranked 13th in Best Online Colleges due to its number of programs, cost, student-teacher ratio, and financial aid.

AccreditedSchoolsOnline.org has distinguished its ranking scale by using a Peer-Based Value metric that compares the cost of a program to the cost of other programs with the same (or a similar) qualitative score. It also compares the qualitative score of the program to the score of other programs with the same (or a similar cost).

For more information on MVNU's online degree programs visit [www.yourmvnu.com](http://www.yourmvnu.com).

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

# INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE BANKS ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. (OTCQX: IALB), the holding company of iAB Financial Bank, announced financial performance as of March 31, 2017.

Net income for the first

"With the Governor and legislative leaders war Lanning that the upcoming budget cycle will be challenging as tax revenues come up short, it is all the more important that every office and agency do their part," added Husted.

In 2015, the Secretary asked the state legislature to pass along the office's savings to Ohio entrepreneurs by reducing the fees associated with starting and maintaining a business in the state. This move has already saved Ohio businesses over \$3.6 million, more than was initially predicted (see also, March 2017 is Best Month On-Record for New Businesses in Ohio).

During the biennial budget for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017, Secretary Husted was the only statewide officeholder to request a reduction, not an increase, in his office's funding.

With the savings accrued by Secretary Husted's careful financial stewardship and ongoing revenue created by the state's record-number of new business startups, the Secretary of State's Office is now capable of operating without taxpayer dollars for the upcoming biennium.

Secretary Husted has a long history of demonstrating the conservative fiscal policies championed by the AFP. As Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, Secretary Husted shepherded passage of the most fiscally-conservative budget in four decades, which included the largest tax cut in the state's history.

# FRACTION TOURNAMENT AT WOODLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The students in Mrs. Price's 5th grade classroom at Woodlan Elementary School competed in a fraction tournament during the fourth quarter. The tournament was a double elimination, head to head, bracket tournament. Students competed against each other in adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. The tournament was a wonderful re-

view of curriculum standards for math before the second round of spring ISTEP tests. We would like to congratulate all of the students on their fine sportsmanship and academic achievement. The champion was Noah Beckman and the runner-up was Draven Brown. They were rewarded with gifts from the Spring Book Fair.

three months of 2017 was \$1.9 million, a 23 percent decline from first quarter of 2016 earnings of \$2.5 million, primarily due to approximately \$570 thousand after-tax expenses associated with our pending merger with First Merchants Corporation (Nasdaq: FRME). Earnings per share were \$.47 for the first quarter of 2017, compared to \$.60 during the same period in 2016. Return on average assets was .72 percent and return on average equity was 6.29 percent for the first quarter of 2017.

Highlights:

- Closing market price at the March quarter end was up to \$63.74 or 136 percent from 2016.

- Assets increased to \$1.08 billion during the first quarter compared to \$1.06 in 2016.

- Loans increased to \$746 million, or 4 percent from the end of March 2016.

- Deposits increased 4 percent to \$863 million compared to \$831 million during the same period in 2016

- First quarter 2017 non-performing loans experienced a positive decline to \$4.8 million, compared to \$5.2 million during first quarter 2016.

"As you may know, our Company announced the signing of a definitive agreement with First Merchants Corporation in February of this year," stated Michael C. Marhenke, President and Chief Executive Officer of IAB. "We are excited about

the business growth potential and momentum from the new and enhanced services that we will be able to offer our customers with our First Merchants partnership. We remain focused on servicing the needs of our customers as well as contributing talent and resources to the economic well-being of our local communities."

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**HORSEPOWER HOLIDAY**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
Dan and Traci Bowers tell me that they are sponsoring another HorsePower Holiday this year at the Paulding County Fairgrounds on May 5th, 6th and 7th - the first weekend in May.

This consists of tractor pulls of all types, from little ones up to the 1000 horsepower and anything that has a hitch and wants to pull.

There will be camping plots available, all kinds of demonstrations, food will be available and lots of entertainment going on all the time.  
See Ya!

**BEAVERS IN THE MAUMEE**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
Now that the sort of shock has worn off, I am pretty sure that there are beavers here in the Maumee River.

There are just too many folks telling me about the trees being gnawed away for me not to think some of it is for real. I know lots of fellows don't think so, but I think the beavers (of some type) are here to stay.

Now Jack DeLong reported seeing beaver marks a few months ago. Then Mike Culler brought in some pictures of some of the beavers' work. Then I got reports of beavers all the way into Indiana.

Jim Pendergrast, the main man in the drainage business in this area, stopped in the office the other day and we had a long informing talk on the beaver problem in this area.

Yes, he said we have had beavers around here for over 30 years. He said he has only seen one, but their work and evidence is all over.

He said some of the areas west of Fort Wayne and

some of the area around Cecil have a little drainage problem from the work of the banks beaver.

Jim says these beavers we have around here are not the same type that we are use to seeing on tv. They are not the type who build a dam and a little round house under the water.

These are called banks beavers and they usually build a slopping banks out of mud and sticks, but they don't build a little dwelling in the dammed up water. They live like a muskrat, maybe a mile away.

We contacted the DNR about beavers in the Maumee River and he said that is not true or words to that effect. But he did say they heard a report of beaver damage in the Cecil area and he talked of the type of gnawing on the trees that I have had reported to me.

Then later he said these are a smaller type of beaver maybe. But he too said we don't have a big rodent type of beaver that builds dams and little houses in the pond.

Now that is just what Jim said, and Jim called them the banks beaver. Jim has worked in that type of terrain for years and I am inclined to believe his version of this deal. Because I have seen pictures of the beavers' work on the saplings in the Maumee, I'm sure we have a beaver of some species along the banks of the Maumee.  
See Ya!

**SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES**

The Pancake and Sausage breakfast held annually by the Rotary International will be at the Saint Mary's Center on Memorial Day morning.

The big RibFest held by the A.C.D.C. will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. This will be around the firehouse as usual.

The big Town Wide garage sale will be June 9-10 You are asked to sign up so that your location can be advertised.

The Big Boy\$ Toy\$ cruise-in will be along about this time or maybe in July.

The home made ice cream social at the Bethel Methodist Church is usually around July.

In August the Chamber has the Day In The Park that is always a good time. Along about that time Dan and Traci Bowers have the big raft race on the Maumee River.

There's going to be some more big times too.  
See Ya!

**SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 29: BUFFALO, A BABY & TALKS**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
Well, I haven't written for a while. Gen. Kearney, and Lieutenant Morgan and the other soldiers went back to the fort a few days ago. All four of our soldiers have stayed here as they are to be here all summer. We all worked in the garden these last few morning and we can rest a few days now. We are well into the summer now, as this is the last part of June of 1853. We had a big scare the other day. A big herd of buffalo came across the prairie and headed for our camp. We were very lucky, as when the leaders of the group came to the bridge, they turned west and we didn't have any damage at all. If they had crossed the river, they would have trampled our camp down into the ground.

At the very end of the charge, hunter shot a young buffalo calf. That calf's mother was mad, and wouldn't leave the camp. It's a wonder she didn't charge towards us, but after a while she moved away towards the herd.

We have quite a bit of news today. Callie told me she was going to have a baby next February the 14th. All of us are excited and sat around the fire at night, and talked about our families, and the number of brothers and sisters we had.

I came from Mississippi and was a stage coach driver out of El Paso. When I left home at fourteen years of age, there was already eight youngsters in the family. Callie said, when she left Cape May, New Jersey, to work at her uncle's hotel in North Platte, Nebraska, she had two brothers and a sister.

Rooster came from Missouri and when he left to join the army, he thought there were eleven in his family. He can't recall all the names.

Farmer left home at fifteen because his father worked him like horse, and treated him like one. He came from down around Ina, Illinois. He said, "We never had anything, because Dad drank it up."

Hunter came from Tennessee, He said, "We had some bottom farm land. I thought if I left, there would be one less mouth to feed. Mom didn't want me to go, but she also agreed with me. If God has some angels, Mom will be there."  
Slim didn't say much, but he hated his Dad, and his new mother.

"She had five kids of her own, and when my real mother died, we had six. Dad forgot about that we had six, and he had to cater to her kids. When I was fifteen, I went down into Missouri and worked on a farm. The work was hard, but we all got along alright. I guess I did really like them. When

I was old enough, she signed for me to join the army. She took me in, and she had a half a dozen of her own. But I worked a lot, and it didn't hurt me."

We all sat around the campfire, Rooster made a couple of pots of coffee, and Callie told him to bring out some cookies she had made. It was a fine evening, and we got to know each other's backgrounds were pretty much the same.

I told the boys we were going to sleep-in in the morning, because we don't have too much to do right not.  
See Ya!

**LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER**

**Weed & Feed Products**  
Now that warmer weather is here, the time has come to feed your lawn -- either again or for the first time this season. In this article, I'll give you some information about pesky perennial weeds, picking a good Weed & Feed, and application tips to make your chosen product more effective.

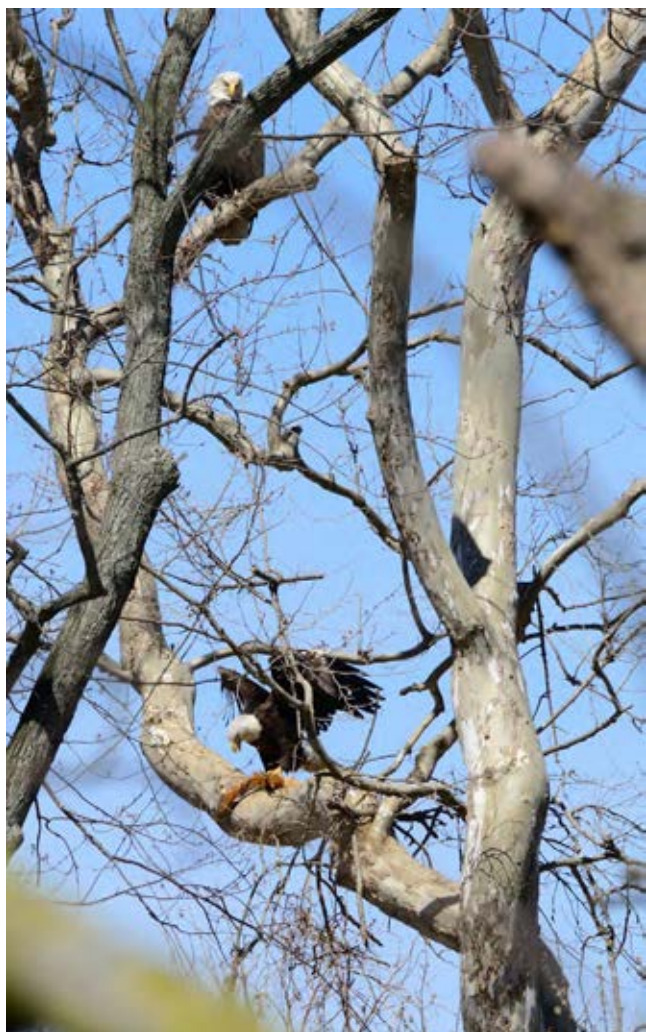
Perennial weeds, such as dandelion, plantain and clover, are present in the lawn all year long. In winter, the plants may wither and disappear, but their root systems are still alive and well. These noxious roots are lurking beneath the surface of your lawn, and waiting for warm spring weather to reappear as eyesores in the lawn. When warm (finally) arrives, new leaves begin to grow, and begin their "crowding out" tactics to take over the lawn. Summer annual weeds, such as chickweed, oxalis, spurge and purslane also begin to invade.

Control of these pesky weeds is done by applying a post-emergent weed control. Unlike digging or pulling weeds, weed controls get rid of weeds from the roots to help ensure the weeds cannot grow back from root stubs that may be left in the soil. This is not accomplished overnight. Instead, the weeds slowly disappear over a period of a few weeks as the weed control kills the roots. Weed controls come in both liquid and granular form. Whether liquid or granular, the weed control needs to have an opportunity to adhere to the leaves of the plant in order to be effective because the ingredients enter the weed primarily through the surface of the leaves.

For those who prefer a non-granular, fertilizer free post-emergent control for spot treating small areas, liquid controls provide an ideal option. Some are water-proof in hours. The ready-to-use and concentrate versions are effective for treating a host of broadleaf weeds without harming the lawn. Because the weed control is already in a liquid form, it adheres to the plant and absorbs into the weed more quickly than the granular versions.

The granular forms of the weed controls are typically combined with a grass fertilizer to feed your lawn—hence the name Weed & Feed. All granular applications should be made on a damp lawn in order to help the weed control adhere to the weed plant. Application after a light rainfall or early morning dew is ideal. Additionally if it's possible,

**SOME MORE ON THE EAGLES**



**By: Stan Jordan**  
This picture of the area where the second eagles nest was, was given to me by Roger Lilly. This picture was taken Saturday, April 8th and this is Thursday the 13th and I don't see any evidence that the eagles are rebuilding.  
You can see the female is

eating a squirrel and she is standing where the new nest was.

It is now Tuesday the 18th and I cannot see where the eagles are doing any rebuilding and the leaves are getting bigger and soon we will not be able to see any action.  
See ya!

apply the granular Weed & Feed to a freshly cut lawn. If within 24 hours of mowing, it will help the granules of nutrients and weed control absorb in the fresh cuts on grass and weeds alike. After application, avoid foot traffic on the lawn and hope the weatherman was right in predicting no rainstorms for 24-48 hours. The heavy rain and foot traffic with the 24-48 hour window could dislodge the granules and make the weed control less effective.

The timing of post-emergent weed control application is important if the lawn is to get the maximum benefit from the product. As a general rule, the application should be made when the weeds are actively growing. Application for the most northern part of the U.S. is recommended in mid- to late-spring. For our area this means an application should be made sometime in late April or early May when air temperatures are between 60-90 degrees F. An-

other time for applying weed controls is in the early fall. From mid-September to early October, weeds are actively growing. Weeds are susceptible to the weed controls in the fall because they are naturally translocating nutrients to their roots in preparation for winter dormancy.

The only times weed controls should not be used is on newly planted grass. Once that new grass has had time to grow and be mowed at least four times (approximately 20+ days), then you can apply a weed control to the newly seeded area. If you've already applied a weed control but need to overseed, it is best to wait one month after you last application. Whether liquid or granular, using a weed control will help ensure your lawn stays weed free in the warmer weather to come!

—Len Schrock  
Jonathan Green Lawn Consultant, Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

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Ohio boys took the win in this match. Photo by Joel Steiner. More pictures at westbendnews.net



The Indiana Girls won the tournament once again. This is now the 3 time the Hoosiers won over the last 4 years. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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The Hoosier ladies came on strong in the first period on this Sunday game when they scored 19 in the first half, lead by Indiana MVP Rain Hinton of Woodlan. The first half leader for the Buckeyes was Faith Vogel of Paulding when she added up five. The first half ended 19-10. The next half started with and the trend continued for western state when Rain added another 12 points in the bucket. Ohio spread their points across the players with Becca Johanns and Skyler McCullough both sharing the top spot from three point shots. The game finished with 46-27. Faith Vogel and Rain Hinton were named MVP's of their respective teams.

Indiana points by scorer:



Jon Sinn of Wayne Trace pulls off the final dunk and wins the contest. Photo by Joel Steiner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Sidnie Bienz 9; Rozlynn Everhart 2; Courtney Pulver 4; Ellie Kayser 2; Sammy Voors 6; Abbie Heischman 4; Rain Hinton 19;

Ohio points by scorer: Katelynn Berenyi 3; Faith Vogel 5; Allison Arent 2; Maggie Wilson 2; Becca Johanns 3;

Ashley Peter 2; Danae Myers 5; Peyton Short 2; Skyler McCullough 3.

In between the boys and girls matches was the three point contest, starting with the girls. There were several excellent contenders for this top spot but the one that ended up the winner was Abbie Heischman of Leo.

The next contest was between the boys and Will Moreau of Leo came in first after topping Matt Jones of Antwerp by two. Preston Engol of Paulding was there on the roster but he was injured the day before and was not able to participate on the court.

The boys game started following the three point contest

and the match was reversed as it was Ohio taking it all in from the beginning. The hoosiers did very well, but it was Ohio who took the game. Matt Jones was scoring all over the place for the game. The game was a 3 point match in the first half. Marcus Teeter from South Adams nailed three point baskets left and right - 5 altogether. The first half of the game was 54-44 and Ohio was on top. 19-3 pointers for the game and 8 for the Hoosiers. One of the refs commented on how they liked this game and wished all would go this well in a relaxed atmosphere.

The game started up again and Matt Jones had a fantastic 2nd half. Altogether the game finished at 103-68 and Ohio won the game. Ohio and Indiana are now 2-2 in this Parkview sponsored series.

Ohio Scorers: Matt Jones 24; Brady Stabler 13; Ryan Rager 13; Jon Sinn 9; Dylan Lautzenheiser 12; Ethan Linder 16; Logen Neidhardt 10.

Indiana Scorers: Austin Fancher 4; Rylie Schane 11; Marcus Teeter 22; Will Moreau 12; Josh Gerig 10; Weldman 6.

Matt Jones and Will Moreau were named the MVP's of the boys game.

At halftime of the boys game was the slam dunk contest. After several rounds the judges declared Jon Sinn of Wayne Trace as the winner. More pictures at westbendnews.net

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**HICKSVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**BASEBALL**

The Aces split a pair of games with Edon and Archbold on Saturday as Hicksville blanked the Bombers 11-0 but fell to the Blue Streaks 10-0.

Jake Greer allowed only one hit in a five-inning complete game effort to lead the Aces to an 11-0 win over Edon.

Hicksville plated four runs each in the third and fourth innings to open an 8-0 lead before scoring three more times in the fifth to seal the 11-0 victory.

Greer struck out six Bomber hitters as well for Hicksville.

Logan Thiel had three singles to lead the Aces offense with Greer hitting a pair of doubles. Logan Neidhardt and Zac Brickel also added a single and a double each for Hicksville.

Archbold scored eight times in the second inning as the Blue Streaks cruised to the 10-0 victory. The Blue Streaks chipped in one run in both the third and fourth innings as well.

Gage Yoder took the loss for the Aces, allowing nine hits and a walk in 1-2/3 innings.

Bryson Taylor recorded the win for Archbold, limiting Hicksville to one hit while striking out three and walking three.

**SOFTBALL**

Hicksville made the trip to Lincolnview on Saturday where the Lady Aces split a doubleheader with the Lancers.

In game one, Emily Captain recorded two singles and a home run while Riley Witte and Alexis Kerns added a single and two doubles each to lead the Aces to a 13-7 victory.

Taylor Gipple, Kennedy Villena and Laney Balsler all had two singles to aid the Hicksville cause.

Laney Balsler picked up the win on the mound, giving up a dozen hits and a pair of walks in seven innings of work.

Game two saw the Lancers rally for a 5-4 victory behind the efforts of senior pitcher Macala Ashbaugh.

The Lincolnview hurler scattered nine Hicksville hits and four walks while striking out five in a complete game effort.

Kylie Brickel had two singles for the Lady Aces with Emily Captain chipping in a single and a home run.

**HOST ACES TAKE SECOND IN TRACK INVITE**

The host Hicksville high school track teams each had successful days on Saturday as both the boys and girls squads posted second place finishes in the Hicksville Invitational.

Edgerton took home the boys title with 126 points, just nipping the Aces (117) while Edon finished third at 98 points. Evergreen (70), Hilltop (57), Antwerp (38) and Fayette (19) completed the list of schools scoring.

Hicksville's 3200 relay quartet of Michael Myers, Mason Van Atta, Alexander Haver and Devin Costilla claimed first place with a time of 9:05.5 while Logan Sanderson, Payton Tunis, Zak Witte and Hunter Evans teamed up to claim the title in the 400 relay, recording a time of 46.8.

Myers also picked up two individual championships, winning the 1600 run in 4:52.7 before capturing the 3200 run with a time of 10:21.7.

Evans (high jump and long jump, second), Witte (long jump, fourth), Vaughn Graber (pole vault, second), Cory Langham (110 hurdles, fifth and 300 hurdles, fourth), Tunis (100 and 200 dash, fourth), Sanderson (400 dash, second), Dylan Early (400 dash, fifth), Costilla (800 run, sixth) and Van Atta (800 run, second) also placed individually for the red and white.

The Aces 800 and 1600 relay teams picked up second place finishes.

In the girls portion of the meet, it was Evergreen who claimed the title with 152 points followed by the Aces at 135 and Edgerton with 87. Other schools posting points were Edon (68-1/2), Hilltop (36-1/2), Antwerp (28) and Fayette (8).

Madison Siebenaler was a double winner, capturing the shot put title with a toss of 31-9 and taking the discus after a throw of 122-2. Riley Figgins won the high jump with a leap of 4-10 and Har-

lee Shuman captured the long jump after posting a jump of 16-3-1/4. The Aces completed the sweep of the field events as Noelle Nuttle took the pole vault after jumping 7-0.

Makayla Sullivan was a double winner on the day individually, claiming the 3200 run championship with a time of 12:33.4 and the 1600 run in 5:50.5. She also picked up a sixth place finish in the 800 run.

Hicksville's 400 relay team of Cheyenne Hart, Sidney Slattery, Figgins and Shuman also took first following a time of 55.5.

Individual placers for the Lady Aces were Caitlin Gordon (shot put, sixth), Edith Avalos (discus, fifth), Katelyn Bergman (high jump, second), Figgins (long jump, third), Angela Betz (pole vault, third), Shuman (100 dash, fifth and 200 dash, fourth), Alexa Michael (300 hurdles, sixth) and Tiffany Chiapetta (400 dash, fifth).

The Lady Aces 3200 and 800 relay teams placed second while the 1600 relay squad finished third.

**PAULDING JV GIRLS SOFTBALL WINS**

On Tuesday, April 18 the Paulding Panthers played the Bryan Golden Bears in softball. The scores stayed close until the 3rd inning, when Paulding took the lead scoring 3 hits. Paulding won 6-2, with Haylee Dominique in the circle with the win.

Score by the Innings:  
Bryan - 0 0 0 0 2 0 = 2  
Paulding - 0 0 3 0 0 3 x = 6

Hitters of the Game:  
Bryan - H.Maxcy (3AB OR 0H OBI); S.Miller (3AB 1R 1H OBI); B.O'Neill (3AB 1R 1H 1BI); A.Shindledecker (3AB OR 2H OBI); H.Bostater (2AB OR 1H OBI); S.Flynn (1AB OR 0H OBI); A.DuBois (2AB OR 0H OBI); J.Easley (2AB OR 0H OBI); T.Molintierno (0AB OR 0H OBI); T.Wilson (1AB OR 0H OBI); K.Reasor (2AB OR 0H OBI); K.Turner (3AB OR 0H OBI)

Paulding - Mallory Taylor (4AB 1R 2H OBI); Kaela Lucas (4AB OR 2H OBI); Haylee Dominique (3AB OR 0H OBI); Megan Tope (4AB 1R 4H 2BI); Addison Wesley (4AB 1R 2H 2BI); Sydney McCullough (4AB OR 0H OBI); Olivia Stallard (2AB OR 0H OBI); Jen Trausch (1AB OR 0H OBI); Sam Wagner (2AB OR 1H OBI); Katie Estle (1AB 1R 0H OBI); Kamdyn (3AB 1R 2H OBI); Destine Carlisle (0AB 1R 0H OBI)

Losing Pitcher - S.Miller (6.00IP 13H 6R 1ER 1BB 0SO 0HR)

Winning Pitcher - Haylee Dominique (7.00IP 5H 2R 1ER 2BB 9SO 0HR)

Paulding Standings 4-7

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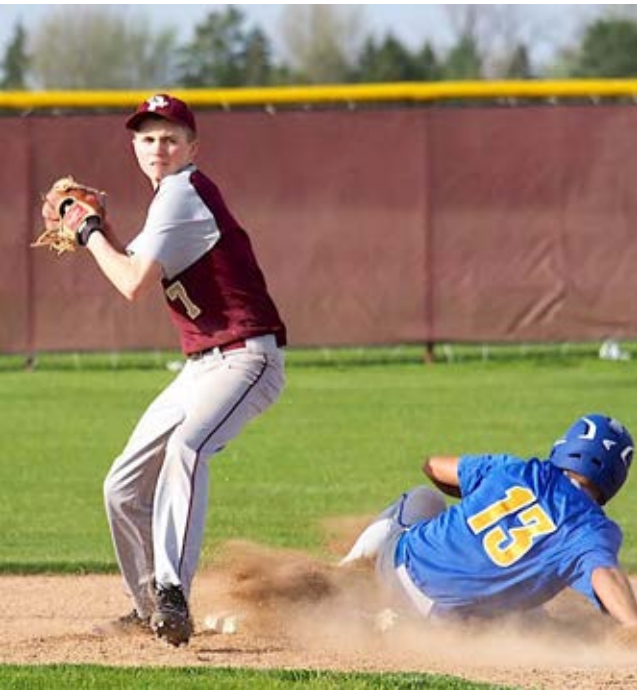
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# PANTHERS FALL TO PIRATES



**Short Stop Jaret Miller gets the out at second and throws the ball to first for a double play. More pictures at westbendnews.net**

On Tuesday, April 18 the Paulding Panthers played Continental Pirates in Baseball at Paulding's home. It was an exciting game between the two teams. The Panthers started the night off taking the lead, but losing it to the Pirates in the 4th Inning. Pirates won, 5 - 2.

Score by the Innings:  
Continental - 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 = 5; 5H, 2E  
Paulding - 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 = 2; 4H, 1E

Batting:  
Continental - Okuley (3AB 0R 2H 0RBI 1BB 0SO 0LOB); Potts (4AB 1R 0H 0RBI 0BB 2SO 3LOB); Dockery (2AB 1R 0H 0RBI 1BB 1SO 2LOB); Williamson (3AB 2R 2H 2RBI 0BB 1SO 1LOB); Williams (2AB 1R 0H 0RBI 1BB 2SO 0LOB); Weller (3AB 0R 0H 2RBI 0BB 0SO 0LOB); Brecht (3AB 0R 1H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 1LOB); Keck (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 2SO 2LOB); Murphy (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB

2SO 1LOB)

Paulding - James Mourey (3AB 1R 2H 0RBI 1BB 0SO 2LOB); Lupe Martinez (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 5LOB); Preston Johanns (3AB 0R 1H 1RBI 0BB 0SO 1LOB); Cameron Doster (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 3LOB); Jaret Miller (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 0LOB); Cole Heller (3AB 1R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 0LOB); Cade McGarvey (3AB 0R 1H 0RBI 0BB 0SO 0LOB); Westen Phlipot (2AB 0R 0H 0RBI 1BB 1SO 2LOB); Evan Edwards (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 2LOB)

Pitching:  
Continental - Weller (7.0IP 4H 2R 1ER 2BB 6SO 0HR)

Paulding - Jordan McGough (3.0IP 2H 3R 1ER 3BB 7SO 0HR); Marcus Miller (0.0IP 0H 0R 0ER 0BB 0SO 0HR); Preston Johanns (4.0IP 3H 2R 2ER 0BB 4SO 1HR)

Paulding Standings 6-6

# RAIDERS TAKE 2 AGAINST EAGLES

The Wayne Trace Raiders met on the mound with the North Central Eagles in a double header high school baseball game.

Game One: Wayne Trace 6, North Central 1

Score by the Innings:  
Wayne Trace - 0 0 0 1 4 1 0 = 6; 8H, 1E  
North Central - 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 = 1; 4H, 4E

Winning Pitcher - Korbin Slade (5-1/3IP, 4H, 1R, 7SO, 4W); other - Caleb Yenser

Losing Pitcher - Schmunk (7IP, 8H, 6R, 7SO, 4W)

Hitters of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - Korbin Slade (single), Reid Miller (single), Brady Stabler (single), Seth Yenser (single, double), Emil Stoller (single), Eli Sinn (two singles)

North Central - Pine (single), Cogswell (two singles), France (single)

Game Two: Wayne Trace 11, North Central 8

Score by the Innings:  
Wayne Trace - 0 4 1 0 0 5 1 = 11; 17H, 3E  
North Central - 0 5 0 1 0 1 1 = 8; 6H, 4E

Winning Pitcher - Jon Sinn (2IP, 3H, 1R, 1SO, 1W); other - Noah Toppe, Haydn Gillett

Losing Pitcher - Bailey (5-1/3IP, 14H, 8R, 3SO, 4W); other - Joyce

Hitters of the Game:  
Wayne Trace - Korbin Slade (2 singles), Reid Miller (2 singles), Brady Stabler (single, double), Blaine Jerome (3 singles), Eli Sinn (single, double), Grant Baumle (2 singles), Haydn Gillett (4 singles)

North Central - Bailey (single), Pinc (3 singles), Cogswell (single), Williams (single)

# LADY PANTHERS PILLAGED BY PIRATES IN HS SOFTBALL

On April 22nd, this Saturday saw Bluffton Lady Pirates travel to Panther territory for high school softball. Paulding just couldn't get the runs on this day leaving Bluffton to take a win back home. Final score: Paulding 1, Bluffton 9

Score by the Innings:  
Bluffton - 5 0 0 0 3 1 0 = 9  
Paulding - 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 = 1  
LOB - Bluffton 11, Paulding 9

ERR - L Schaadt, Karissa Lucas (2), Mya Andrews; 2B - A Siferd, Haylee Dominique; HBP - A Siferd; SB - G Nickels, A Siferd (2), A Rumer (2)

Pitching:  
Bluffton (W) - L Schaadt (7.00IP, 9H, 1R, 2BB, 3SO)  
Paulding (L) - Audrey Manz (5.00IP, 11H, 8R, 5ER, 3BB, 3SO); Haylee Dominique (2.00IP, 2H, 1R, 1ER)

PB - K Prater, Jen Stahl, Brianna Gorrell; SO - J Wilson (2), B Garmatter, Karissa Lucas, Mya Andrews, Brianna Gorrell; BB - G Nickels, A Parkins, A Rumer, Haylee Dominique, Bailey Pieper

# PAULDING PANTHERS FOR THE WIN

On Saturday, April 22 the Paulding Panthers played Bluffton in baseball. The scores stayed tied until Paulding took a giant leap ahead of Bluffton, scoring 7 points in the 5th inning. With the ending scores of Paulding 7 and Bluffton 1.

Score by the Innings:  
Bluffton - 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 = 1; 5H, 1E

Paulding - 0 0 0 0 7 0 x = 7; 6H, 0E

Batting:  
Bluffton - Bricker (3AB 0R 1H 0RBI 1BB 0SO 2LOB); Bowden (3AB 0R 1H 0RBI 1BB 0SO 2LOB); Myers (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 1BB 2SO 3LOB); Belcher (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 3LOB); Edwards (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 0SO 3LOB); Phillips (3AB 1R 1H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 0LOB); #4 (0AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 0SO 0LOB); Mclaughlin (1AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 0LOB); Reneker (1AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 0SO 1LOB); Bracy (3AB 0R 2H 0RBI 0BB 0SO 0LOB); Rayle (3AB 0R 0H 1RBI 0BB 1SO 3LOB)

Paulding - James Mourey (3AB 1R 3H 1RBI 1BB 0SO 0LOB); Jaret Miller (3AB 1R 1H 1RBI 0BB 0SO 3LOB); Westen Phlipot (1AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 1LOB); Preston Johanns (2AB 0R 0H 1RBI 1BB 0SO 3LOB); Cameron Doster (3AB 1R 1H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 1LOB); Cade McGarvey (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 3LOB); Marcus Miller (2AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 0SO 0LOB); Cole Heller (0AB 1R 0H 1RBI 1BB 0SO 0LOB); Carson Shull (1AB 1R 0H 0RBI 2BB 0SO 0LOB); Evan Edwards (2AB 1R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 1LOB); Lupe Martinez (3AB 1R 1H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 0LOB)

Pitching:  
Bluffton - Bricker (4.1IP, 5H, 3R, 3ER, 2BB, 2SO, 0HR); Brach (1.0IP 1H 2R 1ER 3BB 2SO 0HR); Reneker (0.2IP 0H 0R 0ER 0BB 1SO 0HR)

Paulding - Preston Johanns (7.0IP 5H 1R 1ER 2BB 6SO 0HR)

Bluffton Standings 6-7  
Paulding Standings 6-6

# LADY PANTHERS DEFEAT ARCHERS

A rescheduled game on Friday, April 21st took place at Antwerp. This was a shut out defeat for the Lady Archers with Panthers only chalking up 2 runs. Final score: Antwerp 0, Paulding 2

Winning pitcher - A. Manz (7IP, 4H, 2K, 2BB)  
Losing Pitcher - A. Fuller (1.5IP, 4H, 1K); other - C. Hanes (5.5IP, 5H, 7K)

Hitters of the Game:  
Paulding - H. Dominique (double), B. Pieper (2 singles), D. Davis (single, double)

Antwerp - A. Devore (single), C.Hanes (single),

R.Williamson (single); L.Bok (single)

Score by the Innings:  
Paulding - 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 = 2  
Antwerp - 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0  
Coach Ordway says, "We struggled some tonight, but I have lots of confidence in our team to bounce back and get the job next game!!"

# ANTWERP JH BOYS BASEBALL JUMPS OUT TO EARLY LEAD IN VICTORY OVER HICKSVILLE, MOVE TO 6-0 ON THE SEASON!

The Archers defeated Hicksville 19-5 thanks to a strong start. Antwerp scored on a double by Chase Clark, a double by Austin Lichty, and an error in the first inning.

Antwerp earned the victory despite allowing Hicksville to score three runs in the first inning.

Hicksville's big inning was driven by 3 walks.

The Archers scored eight runs in the second inning driven by a single by Clark, Luke Krouse, Dylan Hines, Hunter Sproles and Luke McDorman, a walk by Jason Geyer, Eric Thornell and Mason Steel, and a double by Jason Geyer as they batted through their lineup and then some.

Geyer earned the win for Antwerp. He threw one inning, surrendering three runs, zero hits, and striking out three. Three relievers helped Antwerp close out

the victory which included Mason Steel, Landon Lee and Luke McDorman who threw one inning each.

Antwerp had 12 hits in the game. Dusty Bidlack, Geyer, and Clark each collected multiple hits for the Archers.

The Archers tore up the base paths, as three players stole at least two bases.

# ARCHER BASEBALL TAKES THE WIN!

Antwerp Baseball competed against Hilltop on Friday, April 21. Antwerp took the game with a final score of Antwerp 9, Hilltop 6.

Winning Pitcher for Antwerp was Matt Jones (7IP, 5H, 6R, 4K)

Losing Pitcher for Hilltop was Jacob Champion.

Offensive Leaders for Antwerp:

Josh Paulson - 1 for 3 with 1 run scored, 1 RBI, and 1 stolen base

Cole Seslar - 1 for 3 (double) with 1 run scored and 1 RBI

Blake Schulte - 1 for 2 (double) with 2 runs scored and 2 RBIs

Records:  
Antwerp overall 4-3, GMC 2-1

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# RAIDER SOFTBALL CRUSHES JEFFERSON



**Pitcher Maggie Crosby scoops up the loose ball and throws it to first baseman Chelsea Sinn who gets the out. More pictures at westbendnews.net**

On Saturday, April 22 the Raider field played some high school softball double header action.

Game One:  
Game one ended in the Mercy Ruling after 5 innings: Wayne Trace 20, Delphos Jefferson 1

Score by the Innings:  
Delphos Jefferson - 1 0 0 0 0 = 1; 4H, 2E  
Wayne Trace - 4 9 0 7 x = 20; 12H, 2E

Winning Pitcher - Maggie Crosby (5IP, 4H, 1R, 0ER, 2SO, 1W)

Losing Pitcher - Kiya Wollenhaupt (1-1/3IP, 9H, 11R, 10ER, 1SO, 1W); other - Audrey North (2-2/3IP, 3H, 9R, 7ER, 0SO, 10W)

Hitters of the Game:  
Delphos Jefferson - Kaylin Hartsock (single), Madison Jettinghoff (single, RBI), Skye Stevenson (single), Ally Hast- ing (single)

Wayne Trace - Natalie Torman (2 singles, 2 runs, RBI), Keagann Parrish (single, 3 runs, RBI), Megan Moore (single, double, 3 runs, 2 RBI), Maggie Crosby (single, double, 3 runs, RBI), Chelsea Sinn (double, triple,

2 runs, 3 RBI), Brooke Sinn (run, 2 RBI), Kalin Gerber (single, 2 runs), Emily Dyson (2 singles, 3 runs, RBI)

Game Two:  
Game two ended again after the Mercy ruling: Wayne Trace 25, Delphos Jefferson 4

Score by the Innings:  
Delphos Jefferson - 1 0 2 0 1 = 4; 7H, 2E  
Wayne Trace - 0 1 9 15 x = 25; 11H, 2E

Winning Pitcher - Madilyn Brigner (5IP, 7H, 4R, 2ER, 6SO, 0W)

Losing Pitcher - Kaylin Hartsock (3-1/3IP, 6H, 16R, 10ER, 1SO, 9W)

Hitters of the Game:  
Delphos Jefferson - Kaylin Hartsock (home run, run, RBI), Abigail Parkins (single, run), Jayla Rostorfer (2 singles, 2 runs)

Wayne Trace - Natalie Torman (2 singles, 2 runs, RBI), Keagann Parrish (2 singles, 4 runs, 2 RBI), Madison Zartman (double, 3 runs, 2 RBI), Emily Dyson (single, 2 runs, 2 RBI), Trisha Strickler (single, 3 runs, RBI), Madilyn Brigner (2 singles, 3 runs, 4 RBI), Brooke Lelonek (single, double, 3 runs, 3 RBI)

# WOODLAN FALLS TO JAY IN SOFTBALL

On Friday April 21, Jay County met up with Woodlan for high school softball. Both teams kept it even after the 1st with 0 each. Then Jay County tipped the scales crossing home plate twice and Woodlan only once. In the 5th Woodlan rounded the bases 3 times with Jay only scoring once. Then Jay ramped up their competition scoring 3 in the 6th and 1 in the 7th with Woodlan only bring in 1 more run in the 7th. Final score for the afternoon: Jay County 7, Woodlan 5

Score by the Innings:  
Jay County - 0 2 0 0 1 3 1 = 7; 12H, 1E  
Woodlan - 0 1 0 0 3 0 1 = 5; 9H, 5E  
Pitching:  
Jay County - G.Butcher; E.Baughman

# PANTHERS FALL TO AYERSVILLE AFTER STRONG START

On Friday, April 21, the Paulding JV team traveled to Ayersville to play softball. It was a close game, but Paulding didn't come out on top, losing against Ayersville, 6-7, in the bottom of the 7th. Mallory Taylor took the loss in the circle.

Score by the Innings:  
Paulding - 0 0 5 1 0 0 0 = 6  
Ayersville - 1 0 0 4 0 0 2 = 7

Hitting:  
Paulding - Mallory Taylor (3AB 0R 0H 1BI); Megan Tope (3AB 1R 1H 0BI); Kaela Lucas (1AB 0R 0H 0BI); Kamdyn Etzler (5AB 1R 1H 0BI); Addison Wesley (3AB 1R 0H 1BI); Olivia Stallard(2AB 1R 1H 1BI) Jen Trausch(4AB 1R 3H 2BI) Kate Estle(3AB 1R 0H 0BI) McCailey Johans(3AB 1R 0H 1BI)

Ayersville - K.Tijerina (2AB 1R 0H 0BI); K.Dales (1AB 0R 0H 0BI) L.Wright (3AB 0R 0H 1BI); T.Addington (3AB 1R 2H 0BI); M.Shater (3AB 1R 1H 0BI); I.Joseph (3AB 1R 1H 0BI); L.Tijerina (3AB 1R 0H 1BI); H.Becker (2AB 0R 0H 0BI); C.Eschbach (1AB 0R 0H 0BI); L.Patterson (2AB 0R 0H 2BI); K.Vabeham (1AB 0R 0H 0BI); A.Alvarado (2AB 0R 0H 0BI); K.Grennay (1AB 1R 0H 0BI)

Losing Pitcher - Mallory Taylor (6.00IP 4H 6R 2ER 1BB 4SO 0HR)  
Winning Pitcher - I.Joseph (7.00IP 6H 8R 1ER 9BB 4SO 0HR)  
Paulding Standing 3-3

# PANTHERS WIN IN EXTRA INNINGS

High school rivals, Paulding and Wayne Trace, faced off on the mound recently in high school baseball. The Panthers overpowered the Raiders in 9 innings. Final score: Paulding 3, Wayne Trace 2

Score by the Innings:  
Paulding - 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 = 3; 8H, 0E  
Wayne Trace - 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 = 2; 8H, 4E  
Winning Pitcher - Lupe Martinez (8IP, 7H, 2R, 2ER, 6SO, 4W)  
Save - Preston Johans (1IP, 1H, 0ER, 1SO, 1W)  
Losing Pitcher - Grant Baumle (1IP, 1H, 1R, 1ER, 1SO, 3W); other - Braden Zuber (8IP, 7H, 2R, 0ER, 11SO, 2W)  
Hitters of the Game:  
Paulding - James Mourey (double, run); Preston Jo-

hanns (single, RBI); Jaret Miller (single); Cameron Doster (2 singles, run); Cade McGarvey (double, RBI); Carson Shull (single); Lupe Martinez (single, run)

Wayne Trace - Korbin Slade (2 singles, 2 runs); Jon Sinn (single), Reid Miller (double, RBI), Seth Yenser (single), Blaine Jerome (double), Haydn Gillett (2 singles)

# PAULDING JV PLAYS AT DEFIANCE

The Paulding JV Softball team played Defiance on Thursday, April 20, at Defiance home. It was an eventful game with the scores staying close, until Paulding lost in the bottom of the 7th, 6-7.

Hitting:  
Paulding JV - Mallory Taylor (4Ab 1R 1H 0BI); Kaela Lucas (4Ab 1R 3H 0BI); Megan Tope (2Ab 1R 2H 1BI); Kamdyn Etzler (3Ab 1R 1H 2BI); Bree Gorrell (4Ab 0R 1H 0BI); Sam Wagner (3Ab 0R 0H 0BI); Addison Wesley (2Ab 0R 0H 0BI); Olivia Stallard (2Ab 1R 1H 0BI); Jen Trausch (2Ab 1R 2H 0BI); Sydney McCullough (4Ab 0R 1H 2BI)

Defiance - Carlee (2Ab 0R 1H 1BI); Emalee (4Ab 1R 2H 0BI); Selena (3Ab 1R 0H 0BI); Janelle (3Ab 1R 1H 1BI); Mo (3Ab 0R 1H 1BI); Hannah (2Ab 0R 1H 0BI); Espo (2Ab 1R 1H 0BI); Amaya (4Ab 0R 1H 0BI); Isabel (4Ab 1R 1H 0BI); Trinity Blue (2Ab 1R 1H 0BI); Tori Grey (2Ab 1R 2H 1BI)

Losing Pitchers - Mallory Taylor (6.67IP 12H 7R 5ER 5BB 3SO 0HR)

Winning Pitchers - Janelle (4.67IP 4H 0R 0ER 2BB 2SO 0HR); Selena (2.33IP 8H 6R 6ER 4BB 2SO 0HR)

# LADY ARCHERS FALL TO TINORA

The Lady Rams took the field against the Lady Archers on Tuesday, April 18 for some high school softball action. This game was intense as the Rams scored 2 in the 1st inning while barring the Archers from any runs. The game continued from inning to inning without nary a score till the 7th when Tinora snagged another run and ended the game in their favor. Final score: Tinora 3, Antwerp 0.

Score by the Inning:  
Tinora - 2 0 0 0 0 1 = 3  
Antwerp - 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0  
Winning pitcher - A.Helmke (7IP, 4H, 5K, 2BB)  
Losing pitcher - C. Hanes (7IP, 2H, 12K)

Hitters of the Game:  
Tinora - Q. Slattman (2 doubles)  
Antwerp - Becca Johans (single), Carlie Hanes (single), Brooke Hatlevig (single), Lindsey Bok (single)

# ANTWERP ROTARY DEDICATES NEW TENNIS COURT TO TOWN



Numerous townspeople and area Rotaries congregated in the valley next to the Antwerp Village Town Hall on Saturday morning, April 22nd to support the Antwerp Rotary's dedication of the new and improved tennis court to the village of Antwerp. Antwerp's Rotary board members, Floyd Ramsier and Don Oberlin discussed the history of the land where the tennis court sits. Did you know, the area was originally built in the 1950s as an ice rink?

Many volunteer hours went into making this new court. Yensers, Clems, Mark Greenwood, and others were instrumental with their help of getting the area ready and finished. Longartners did a spectacular job with the concrete work. The VFW Post 5087 and the Village supported the Rotary's efforts to make this project a reality. With all the volunteer labor in this project, the Rotary saved around \$10,000. Rotary president, Don Oberlin, commented, "This town really sticks together when things need to get done."

Antwerp Mayor, Ray DeLong, accepted the dedication of the tennis court with a speech of appreciation for all

the hard work. After pictures of excitement from many in attendance, the court was cleared for a traditional first serve of the new court by Floyd Ramsier.

Stopping at the court, it is hard not to notice that there is another set of boundary lines along with the official tennis regulation lines. This is for a new game in this area that will was made for the whole family to enjoy. Bob and Lori Mueller, representatives of the Regional Pickle Ball Association demonstrated Pickle Ball to the onlookers on Saturday. Pickle Ball is played with wooden or plastic paddles that look similar to racket ball paddles and is played with a hollow plastic ball that has many holes in it. This is a low impact leisurely sport that is enjoyable without all the running of tennis. There are conflicting stories about the origin of the name Pickle Ball - either after the slowest boat in a race, the pickle boat, or for the family dog who would chase the balls as the family played the game. Whatever the true story is, it is definitely true that this game is a fun addition to the Village of Antwerp.

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# RAINBOW CHILD CARE TREATS CLINIC KIDS



Peggy Walker (Clinic Staff), Hannah Miller (Rainbow Assistant Director), Eli & Carter Miller, Mindy Conner (Rainbow Director), and Abi Sitko RN (Clinic Coordinator) enjoy viewing some of the gifts presented to Christian Community Health Care.

It began as a fun activity and turned into a community project. Rainbow Child Care of Leo, Indiana, asked their students to begin collecting used children's books, and the results were much greater than expected! So they decided to bless other kids in the community by donating their collection to Christian Community Health Care in Grabill, Indiana. Rainbow staff members were able to tour the clinic, meet CCHC medical personnel, and learn about clinic services. The donated books will be given to child patients that visit the clinic this year.

Rainbow Child Care and Christian Community Health Care are both committed to providing area families with the best care possible. The Rainbow Child Care center in Leo is part of a network of over 100 schools in 15 states that offer accredited programs for Infant through Pre-K kids, plus before and

after school programs. Rainbow believes that each child is a special gift and offers a "home away from home" for families in need of quality childcare. Their Leo center is located at 14621 Amstutz Road, across from Leo Jr-Sr High School. You can learn more about their school by calling them at 260-376-1023 or by visiting their website at RainbowCCC.com.

Parents at Rainbow Child Care have been invited to visit Christian Community Health Care any time they encounter difficulties with healthcare needs. Over 100 volunteer medical providers and support staff offer free access to basic healthcare services at CCHC for patients of all ages throughout northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio, and kids are especially welcome. Information about clinic services and schedules are available by visiting ChristianCommunityHealthCare.org or calling 260-627-2242.

## ANTWERP JH TRACK COMPETES IN TRI MEET

The Antwerp Jr. High track teams competed on 4-18-17 at Paulding against the Panthers and Edgerton. On the boys side Edgerton were the winners with 71.5 points, the Archers coming in 2nd with 47.5 points and the Panthers a close third at 34 points. Jordan Buerkle had an outstanding night winning the high jump, 200 meter run and being a member of the winning 4x2 relay team with Owen Sheedy, Tucker Franklin and Kaden Recker. Gaige McMichael also was victorious in the pole vault hitting the 7 foot mark. Justin Shaffer had a solid meet placing 2nd in the high jump and 3rd in the 400 meters.

The Lady Archers continued their winning ways by scoring 76.5 points to a very game Panther squad with

60.5 points and Edgerton finished with 13. Winning events for the Archers were Trinity Weiland in the long jump, Shaelin McCrea in the high jump, Leslie Pollack discus, Madyson Bauer running the 200 hurdles and the 4x1 and 4x2 relay teams. Some other Lady Archers having some personal best were Alicia Maag(discus), Madison Ruen(1600 & 800) and Kennadi Recker (1600 and long jump). Ali Reinhart tied the pole vault record with a jump of 6 feet.

## ANTWERP JH BOYS BASEBALL MOVE TO 5-0!

Three Pitchers Combine In No-Hitter As Antwerp Archers JH boys Defeats Defiance 7th Grade

Antwerp Archers three pitchers didn't allow a single hit, as Archers defeated Defiance 7th Grade 16-1 on

Saturday. Gaige McMichael induced a groundout to get the last out of the game.

The Archers took the lead on a wild pitch in the first inning and scored nine runs in the second inning. We scored on an error, a single, a triple by Hunter Sproles, and a single by Luke McDorman.

Luke Krouse earned the win for the Archers. He threw two innings, surrendering one run, zero hits, striking out two, and walking one.

Antwerp had 11 hits in the game. Austin Lichty, McDorman, Krouse, and Sproles each collected multiple hits for the Archers.

Antwerp stole five bases during the game as two players stole more than one. The Archers didn't commit a single error in the field.

## ANTWERP TAKES WIN OVER VAN WERT IN HS SOFTBALL

Antwerp squared off with Van Wert in High School softball on April 17. Antwerp took the win with a final score of Antwerp 14, Van Wert 11

Winning pitcher - C. Hanes (5IP, 10K, 8H, 0BB); other - Alyssa Fuller, Callie Perry

Losing pitcher - Capile (5IP, 8H, 0K 4BB); other - Moore (2IP, 8H, 1K, 1BB)

Hitters of the Game:

Antwerp - A. Devore (double); C. Hanes (double, 2 singles); B. Hatlevig (2 singles); E. Phillips (single, double, triple); R. Williamson (2 doubles, single); K. Miller (double); B. Johanns (double); L. Bok (single, double)

Van Wert - Moore (2 singles); Dickson (single, triple); Capile (4 singles); Hall (single, double); Kline (2 singles)

Coach Ordway's comments, "Wow what a game, super proud of our girls for never giving up and just continued to push though all seven innings!!"

## PAULDING SOFTBALL AT DELPHOS JEFFERSON

Paulding played Delphos Jefferson in softball on Monday, April 17. It was an exciting game for the Paulding Panthers as they took the lead from the start and kept it till the end. With Paulding scoring 14 and Delphos Jefferson scoring 0.

Score by the Innings:  
Paulding - 3 0 3 4 4 0 = 14  
Delphos Jefferson - 0 0 0 0 0 x = 0

Hitters of the Game:

Paulding - Asia Arellano (3AB 1R 1H 0BI); Audrey Manz (4AB 2R 1H 1BI); Haylee Doninique (3AB 2R 1H 0BI); Leona Aldred (1AB 0R 0H 0BI); Mya Andrews (4AB 3R 4H 1BI); Bailey Pieper (3AB 3R 1H 0BI); Daleigh Davis (2AB 2R 2H 2BI); Sam Wagner (1AB 0R 0H 0BI); Karissa Lucas (4AB 1R 1H 3BI); Jen Stahl (2AB 0R 1H 2BI); Brianna Gorrell (1AB 0R 0H 0BI); Ashlynn Rice (3AB 0R 2H 2BI)

Delphos Jefferson - A.Parkins (2AB 0R 1H 0BI); S.Marcow (2AB 0R 0H 0BI); A.Hastings (1AB 0R 0H 0BI); K.Hartsock (2AB 0R 1H 0BI); M.Jettinghoff (1AB 0R 0H 0BI); M.Rode (2AB 0R 0H 0BI); A.North (1AB 0R 1H 0BI); J.Rosterfen (1AB 0R 0H 0BI); K.Wollenhaupt (2AB 0R 0H 0BI); K.Gossett (1AB 0R 0H 0BI);

L.Grothaus (1AB 0R 0H 0BI) Winning Pitchers - Audrey Manz (5.00IP 3H 0R 0ER 4BB 5SO 0HR)

Losing Pitchers - K.Wollenhaupt (3.00IP 8H 10R 3ER 3BB 3SO 0HR); A.North (2.00IP 6H 4R 4ER 0BB 0SO 0HR)

Paulding Standings 4-7  
Delphos Jefferson 2-10

## COUGARS TOPPLE PANTHERS

On Monday, April 17th the Paulding Panthers competed in baseball against the Jefferson Cougars. Jefferson started off the game scoring their first point in the 1st inning and Paulding scoring theirs in the 3rd. The scores stayed close until the Cougars came in for the win on the last inning. With the ending scores of 3-2.

Score by the Innings:  
Paulding - 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 = 2; 5H, 3E

Jefferson - 1 0 0 1 0 1 x = 3; 6H, 3E

Batting:

Paulding - James Mourey (3AB 1R 1H 0RBI 1BB 1SO 0LOB); Lupe Martinez (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 0SO 0LOB); Preston Johanns (3AB 0R 1H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 2LOB); Cameron Doster (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 3LOB); Jaret Miller (3AB 1R 2H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 0LOB); Cade McGarvey (1AB 0R 0H 1RBI 0BB 0SO 0LOB); Marcus Miller (3AB 0R 1H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 1LOB); Carson Shull (2AB 0R 0H 0RBI 1BB 0SO 1LOB); Evan Edwards (3AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 1SO 2LOB)

Jefferson - Mohlie (4AB 0R 0H 0RBI 0BB 2SO 4LOB); J.Boop (3AB 1R 1H 0RBI

# OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SNAP CIRCUIT DAY



The fourth grade students at Oakwood Elementary School participated in the 2nd annual Snap Circuits Day. Parent volunteers helped students build electric

circuits using Snap Circuits kits purchased through a Cooper Grant. Students and parents enjoyed making circuits that lit up, played music, and turned a fan.

0BB 0SO 0LOB); Stockwell (2AB 0R 0H 0RBI 1BB 0SO 1LOB); J.Boop (3AB 0R 0H 1RBI 0BB 1SO 2LOB); Haehn (3AB 0R 1H 0RBI 0BB 0SO 0LOB); Simpson (3AB 0R 1H 0RBI 0BB 0SO 2LOB); Shurelds (3AB 2R 1H 0RBI 0BB 0SO 1LOB); Anspach (2AB 0R 1H 0RBI

1BB 1SO 0LOB); Scalf (3AB 0R 1H 1RBI 0BB 1SO 1LOB)

Pitching:  
Paulding - Lupe Martinez (6.0IP 6H 3R 2ER 2BB 5SO 0HR)

Jefferson - Stockwell (7.0IP 5H 2R 0ER 2BB 6SO 0HR)

Paulding Standings 6-6



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# VAN WERT STUDENT HISTORICAL FAMILY STORY SELECTED FOR PUBLICATION



Alex Baughman, a fourth grader at Van Wert Elementary School, has had his historical family story selected for publication in "Grannie Annie, Vol. 12," to be released in May by The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration. Volume 12 will be published as a paperback book, an eBook, and a PDF book. In addition, the stories in Volume 12 will be posted on The Grannie Annie's website and shared in social media throughout the year.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in St. Louis, The Grannie Annie invites students in U.S. grades 4 through 8, and homeschooled and international students of comparable ages, to write about something interesting they discover from their family's history based on their interviews with older relatives.

Alex's story, "The Black Lincoln," tells how his great-grandmother reacted in 1970, when during her son's service in the Vietnam War, a black Lincoln pulled into her driveway.

The thirty-eight stories in "Grannie Annie, Vol. 12," represent the 522 submissions received this year from young authors in nine states. The published stories, which took place in twelve countries on five continents over a span of 136 years, include personal accounts of historic events as well as fond recollections of everyday activities.

"The Grannie Annie connects people in powerful ways," said Connie McIntyre, Executive Director of The Grannie Annie, "first by strengthening bonds between young authors and their family members, and then by leading readers of the stories to find they have something in common with people they may have dismissed as 'different.'"

All students who submitted stories or illustrations for "Grannie Annie, Vol. 12," will be honored at The Grannie Annie's Family Stories Festival at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis on June 4. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Complete details about The Grannie Annie, and all of the stories published throughout the years, can be found at www.TheGrannieAnnie.org. Stories to be considered for publication in "Grannie Annie, Vol. 13," must be submitted by February 1, 2018.

## ARCHER BASEBALL STOPPED BY FORT JENNINGS ON APRIL 17

Fort Jennings dominated the field against Antwerp in high school baseball.

Final score: Antwerp 6, Ft. Jennings 20

Winning Pitcher - Austin Luebrecht

Losing Pitcher - Keaton Altimus

Ft. Jennings Offensive Leaders - Brandon Wehrl 3 for 5; Sam Vetter 2 for 3

## ANTWERP HOSTS QUAD MEET

On the warm spring afternoon of April 17th, Antwerp hosted a high school quad track meet with Hicksville, Crestview, and Continental. Hicksville dominated the track and field events this day in both boys and girls divisions.

### TEAM SCORES:

Girls - Hicksville 122.5, Crestview 44.5, Continental 35, Antwerp 33

Boys - Hicksville 102, Crestview 70.5, 44, Antwerp 28.5

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

#### Girls:

4x800 relay - 1st Hicksville 11:20; 2nd Crestview 11:53

100m hurdles - 1st Smith, A, 16.32; 2nd Keller, C, 17.32; 3rd Hughes, CV, 17.75; 4th Thomspson, A, 17.97

100m dash - 1st Shuman, H, 13.41; 2nd Hart, H, 13.92; 3rd Slattery, H, 14.09; 4th Thompson, A, 14.27

4x200 relay - 1st Continental 2:00.47; 2nd Hicksville 2:02.38; 3rd Crestview 2:08.12; 4th Hicksville 2:08.17; 5th Hicksville 2:16.49

1600m run - 1st Sullivan, H, 5:46; 2nd Harting, CV, 5:52; 3rd Steiner, 7:49

4x100 relay - 1st Hicksville 55.86; 2nd Crestview 58.47; 3rd Antwerp 59.14

400m run - 1st Bagley, CV, 1:08.62; 2nd Collier, C, 1:10.11; 3rd Contreras, H, 1:11.21; 4th Chiappetta, H, 1:11.91

300 Hurdles - 1st Keller, C, 51.8; 2nd Hughes, CV, 56.28; 3rd Michael, H, 59.73; 4th Keezer, CV, 1:04.2

800m run - 1st Sullivan, H, 2:46; 2nd Betz, H, 2:52; 3rd Saul, A, 2:56; 4th Black, CV, 2:57

200m dash - 1st Hart, H, 30.01; 2nd Prowant, C, 30.28; 3rd Contreras, H, 31.27, Collier, C, 31.28

3200m run - 1st Sullivan, H, 12:30; 2nd Payne, H, 15:51

4x400 relay - 1st Continental 4:44.91; 2nd Hicksville 4:46.72

Shot Put - 1st Siebenaler, H, 32'7.5"; 2nd Gordon, H, 27'10"; 3rd Manella, A, 26'5.5"; 4th Schneider, A, 26'2.5"

High Jump - 1st Figgins, H, 4'10"; 2nd Smith, A, 4'6"; 3rd Taylor, CV, 4'6"

Pole Vault - 1st Betz, H, 6'

Long Jump - 1st Shumann, H, 14'8"; Figgins, H, 14'6"; 3rd Taylor, 13'11.5"

# FIRST GRADERS DELIVER CARE BAGS TO AREA HOSPITAL



Back Row: Mrs. Amy Hammer, first grade teacher (far left); Mrs. Brittini George, first grade teacher (second from right), and Mr. Tim Manz, elementary principal (far right). Front Row: Wyatt Cline, Hudsyn Bagley, Clara Rohrs, Bryceton Barker, Noah Lucas, Braxton Peters, Kinzey Parrish, and Avery Honigford

On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, first graders from Antwerp Elementary School delivered 50 care bags to the NICUs at Dupont and Parkview Hospitals in Fort Wayne. This was the culmination of a persuasive project that lasted for sev-

eral weeks. The entire first grade launched, promoted, and advertised a popcorn fundraiser at the school to raise money to purchase items for the bags. They also made phone calls to local businesses and families to raise additional funds. Once

everything was purchased, students assembled the bags and wrote letters to the families to include in the bags. The staff at the hospitals were very appreciative of the first graders' efforts to care for families with a baby in the NICU.

## The West Bend News READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

### OHIO LOCATIONS

**Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Genesis House, 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:** Hickory Hills Golf Course, Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center  
**Latty:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center  
**Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store  
**Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware  
**Paulding:** Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW

Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe  
**Payne:** 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

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**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales  
**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank  
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**Woodburn:** Clip -N- Tan, Sam & Carter's Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners, Love's Travel Center, Feders, Heckley Outdoor

Discus - 1st Siebenaler, 113'11"; 2nd Manella, A, 98'7"; 3rd Bradford, C, 91'9"

#### Boys:

4x800 relay - 1st Hicksville 9:07; 2nd Crestview 9:49; 3rd Antwerp 9:50

110m hurdles - 1st White, CV, 16.36; 2nd Langham, H, 18.09; 3rd Pruet, CV, 18.30; 4th East, A, 18.92

100m dash - 1st Evans, H, 11:32; 2nd Witte, H, 11:98; 3rd Irwin, CV, 12:50; 4th Lawhorn, A, 12:50

4x200 relay - 1st Hicksville 1:40.29

1600m run - 1st Myers, H, 5:02; 2nd Recker, C, 5:06; 3rd Richardson, CV, 5:10; 4th Sparks, CV, 5:15

4x100m relay - 1st Hicksville 47.22; 2nd Continental 53.93; 3rd Crestview 57.51

400m run - 1st Keller, C, 53.26; 2nd Sanderson, H, 57.97; 3rd Irwin, CV, 59.43; Allen, H, 59.73

300m hurdles - 1st White, CV, 43.02; 2nd East,

A, 45.96; 3rd Langham, 47.23; 4th Updegrove, CV, 48.04

800m run - 1st VanAtta, H, 2:13; 2nd Castilla, H, 2:15; 3rd Richardson, CV, 2:17; 4th Sparks, CV, 2:19

200m dash - 1st Tunis, H, 24.48; 2nd Keller, C, 24.54; 3rd Witte, H, 24.68; 4th Friend, H, 26.23

3200m run - 1st Myers, H, 10:46; 2nd Laney, A, 11:26; 3rd Puckett, CV, 11:41; 4th Haver, H, 11:45; 5th Geyer, A, 11:50

4x400 relay - 1st Continental 3:47.82; 2nd Hicksville 3:51.40; 3rd Crestview 4:05.27; 4th Antwerp 4:09.38

Shot Put - 1st Sellers, CV, 40'11"; 2nd Mansfield, A, 38'8.5"; 3rd Germann, CV, 37'0.5"; 4th Gonzalez, CV, 36'10.5"

High Jump - 1st Recker, C, 5'10"; 2nd Evans, H, 5'10"; 3rd Springer, CV, 5'10"; 4th Landers, A, 4'10"

Pole Vault - 1st Krendl,

C, 11'; 2nd Graber, H, 8'; 3rd McClish, H, 8'

Long Jump - 1st Evans, H, 20'; 2nd Tunis, H, 17'11"; 3rd Butler, C, 16'11"

Discus - 1st Gonzalez, CV, 90'2"; 3rd Slattman, C, 86'11"; 4th McCreery, A, 84'4"

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# PARC LANE PRESENTS UPDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION



On Thursday, April 20 PARC Lane in Paulding hosted a feature with the Ohio Treasurer's office showing how much people can now save who previously were not allowed to when collecting disability. The event brought in families from around the county with disabilities and the advantages that are able to be received with updated laws.

STABLE was brought in to show what can happen with investments now versus several years ago. The nationwide enrollment is now available in Ohio for all qualified people with disabilities that occurred prior to age 26. These are tax free savings plans for disability related expenses and they can save and invest without losing their needs based benefits that otherwise would have been lost.

The three criteria that must be followed: They must be eligible to receive SSI or SSDI due to disability; have a condition listed on SSA's "list of Compassionate Allowances Conditions"; or self certification. Each person can have 1 account.

Self Certification includes physical or mental impairment that causes, "marked and severe functional limitations" (listed SSA's Blue book). They would also have to certify that the condition has lasted or is expected to last for at least 1 year and provide your Physician's information along with the date of diagnosis.

This year Online Enrollment makes it much easier and takes only about 20 minutes and a \$50 opening deposit. This can also be authorized by a Legal Representative (ALR). An ALR can be a parent, guardian or a power of attorney.

The annual and lifetime savings limit has been significantly increased and this is good news for everyone! People can even gift into the account. The annual limit for deposit and/or gifting is \$14,000. The lifetime limit is \$426,000.

There are different investments available from savings with FDIC protection to very aggressive where the investment could be lost if there is a downturn in the market, but otherwise a high interest rate. The funds invested in Stable are able to be transferred to a personal checking or savings account or to the STABLE card (debit) that has a lot of control put on it. For example. It Does not pull directly from the account. It has protection limiting of merchants and not cash access and no overdraft. There is also no cash access so it can only be used for items needed.

When purchases are made on the card there is a now online spending records and each transaction can be noted for tax purposes at the end of the year.

There are several SSI considerations and one is that balances over \$100,000 count as a resource and will suspend

SSI but it won't be terminated. The Medicare benefits will not be affected regardless of the amounts.

The presenter stated that if the account holder passes away, the account could be transferred to another sibling with a disability or it would go to the account holder's estate and be distributed as other assets would be.

There are maintenance fees associated with the account of \$30 annually and that is about

These are tax free benefits without losing Social Security Disability payments. PARC Lane did a great job hosting to the community this event showing the new benefits!

For more information on these changes or to enroll, please visit <https://www.stableaccount.com>

## PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC ENCOURAGES SAFE TREE PLANTING

Spring is here and it's the best time of year to start planting young trees. Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op knows that planting trees is a great idea. However, as beautiful as trees can be in certain places, everyone always need to be aware of the best place to plant them based on their



height. Understanding spread distance and mature height of the tree being planted will prevent any dangers that could happen in the future. Trees that mature over 25 feet can cause shock, fire hazards, power outages and so many more dangers when planted too close to power lines. Just because the tree is short and far away from the power lines now, doesn't mean it will be 5 years from now.

When deciding what trees to plant in a specific location, consider planting a minimum of 20 feet away from power lines. Trees that have a mature height of 15 feet are recommended to place near power lines, such as shrubs and bushes. Small trees that have a height/spread within 25 feet include Star magnolia, Crabapple, and Lilac. Medium trees that are 25-40 feet in height/spread include Dogwood, Eastern Redbud, and American Arborvitae. Large Trees that have a height/spread over 40 feet include Maple, Birch, and Oak.

Another location to be aware of when planting trees is near underground utility services. The tree roots grow just as much as the tree itself does. As the roots continue to grow, they can interfere with underground pipes, cables and wires. If these roots cause damage to the underground wires, it could harm other plants or trees, possibly lead to removal.

When planting trees this

season, take the time prior to understand the tree and the location that the tree is being planted. Make sure that it's the correct distance so that utility services have easy access and the spread doesn't grow into power lines. Call ahead to 811, the Ohio and Indiana underground utility locator service to confirm that it's safe to dig so there isn't any accidental contact with underground wiring. And, if you spot a tree getting into the lines, call Paulding Putnam Electric at 1-800-686-2357.

## VILLAGE OF ANTWERP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 4/10/17

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 7:45 a.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons Present: Keith West, Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Steve Derck, Larry Ryan and Council President Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Village Administrator Sara Keeran and EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougall. Media present: Peter Greer of the Crescent News. Visitors: high school government students.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held March 20, 2017, were reviewed.

Motion made by Reeb, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the minutes from the March 20, 2017, regular council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The March disbursements were reviewed. Discussion on expenses.

Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by West, to approve the March reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Police Report  
Police Chief George Clemens provided a written report showing 83 calls for service for the month of March.

EMS Report  
EMS Billing Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing collections of \$11,545.33 For the month of march and a year-to-date total collected of \$23,362.73 With 35 ems runs for march and a total of 87 ems runs for 2017.

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

Second reading of ordinance no. 2017-08: An ordinance allowing inspections of golf carts and other under-speed vehicles by the police department of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio. This ordinance is in regard to the Antwerp police department conducting golf cart inspections at the police department for a \$25.00 inspection fee.

Ordinance no. 2017-11: This ordinance is in regard to amending the zoning ordinance to prohibit medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries in the village. There was no reading of this ordinance. It was tabled for consideration at a future meeting after a public hearing is conducted on the proposed amendment.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2017-12: An ordinance amending ordinance no. 2016-33, Amending section 1 of ordinance no. 2016-14 Authorizing the charge of sewer rates, tap fees and re-connect fees for the Village of Antwerp, County of Paulding, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency.

Discussion on ordinance no. 2017-12. See administrator's report below on considerations for increasing minimum charges for sewer services to users/consumers in the village, with the increases effective January 1, 2018, and January 1, 2019, in order to apply for certain grant dollars available to the village for improvements to the

sanitary sewer infrastructure. Motion made by Ryan, seconded by Derck, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2017-12. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Ryan, to accept ordinance no. 2017-12. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Administrator's Report  
See attached report.

Update on sanitary sewer grant application and proposed sewer rate increase to meet the application requirements:

The village is working with Maumee Valley Planning Organization who is preparing a \$134,169.00 grant application for the final piece of financing for the sanitary sewer project to be constructed this summer. At the present time, the total project cost is estimated to be \$660,846.00. To date, the financing in place is a grant from OPWC of \$199,999.00, An EPA loan of \$295,846.00, And a CDBG grant of \$134,169.00. The annual repayment obligation would be \$16,315.60 for 20 years.

Without the CDBG grant, the EPA loan amount would increase to \$460,846.00 And require an annual repayment obligation of \$23,042.30 For 20 years.

The CDBG grant requires that the village's combined water/sewer rates average \$68.00 per resident per month. The village's combined water/sewer rates are currently \$59.91 Per resident per month.

The \$68.00 figure is the state median water/sewer rate. With the passage of ordinance no. 2017-12, The sewer rates will increase with the minimum charge increasing by \$4.00 per month for 690 customers starting January 1, 2018, and another \$4.30 per month starting January 1, 2019. Attached is a sheet showing the additional amount these rate increases will bring into the village for 2018 and 2019. Please note the increases in the minimum charges will bring in more than the annual loan repayment obligation of \$16,315.60, But as noted during budget meetings, the village is only carrying approximately a \$35,000.00 surplus in the sewer revenue line. The village is expending more for the chlorination and de-chlorination of the sewer lagoons, and will be adding phosphorus reducing chemicals

after the project is completed. The village needs to build the sewer revenue fund for these expenses and also any unanticipated expenses and projects that will arise with a 40-year-old plant.

Administrator Sara Keeran will reschedule the public hearing as required by the zoning ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance to prohibit cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of medical marijuana. Ordinance no. 2017-11 will be read at a future council meeting after a public hearing is conducted on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance. One resident contacted the administrator with concerns that council was discouraging new businesses, and this resident is in favor of having medical marijuana dispensaries in the village.

Compost site is open. Hours are weekly Monday and Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cameras have been installed and violators will be forwarded to county prosecutor.

The sale of the Oswalt lots is currently being advertised. Bids will be opened at noon on April 25, 2017.

Resolution on central municipal income tax collection has been sent to local state representative and Ohio municipal league representative, which resolution exhibits the village's opposition to this legislation.

Antwerp 8th grade student council will be doing a service day on May 9, 2017, with projects for the Village of Antwerp.

Water project will be let for bids in June, with money being received July 1, and project awarded after grant agreement in place.

Committee Reports  
No reports.  
Mayor's Report

No mayor's court report. Discussion had on Ohio checkbook. Com presentation and mayor requested council members to consider whether the village is interested in utilizing the capabilities of this website for the village's financial reporting.

Motion made by Derck, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

## VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

passed ORDINANCE NO. 2017-12 on April 10, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-33, AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-14 AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE OF SEWER RATES, TAP FEES AND RE-CONNECT FEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, COUNTY OF PAULDING, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2016-33, amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2016-14, and increases the minimum charges for sewer services effective January 1, 2018 (minimum charge will be \$65.00 per quarter), and January 1, 2019 (minimum charge will be \$77.25 per quarter).

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

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.

## ADOPTION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO JUDGE MICHAEL A. WEHRKAMP

In the Matter of the Adoption of Kayla Faye Mullins  
Case No. 2017-5003  
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADOPTION BY PUBLICATION

To: Eric Michael Collins, natural father of Kayla F. Collins  
You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of April, 2017, Chad A. Mullins filed in the Court an Application for Adoption of Kayla F. Collins, a minor whose date of birth is 5/16/2001. This Court, located at Paulding County Courthouse, 115 N. Williams Street, 2nd Floor, Paulding, Ohio 45879 will hear the Petition on 30th day of May, 2017 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. It is alleged in the Application, pursuant to O.R.C. 3107.07 that Eric M. Collins is an unsuitable parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than de minimis contact with the minor child or has not provided for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition.

A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR, AND, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTION PETITIONER AND RELATIVES OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER IS A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S FORMER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING.

This notice is being issued pursuant to Rule 4.4 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure and will be published once a week for six (6) consecutive weeks. The last publication will be made on May 23, 2017.  
Date: April 14, 2017  
Michael A. Wehrkamp, JUDGE  
Sally D. Wommacher, Deputy Clerk

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### SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,  
PAULDING COUNTY:

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,  
vs.

JESSICA R. McKEEVER aka  
JESSICA McKEEVER, ET AL.,  
Defendants,

Case No. CI 16 067.

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 11th day of May, 2017 at 10:10, the real estate located at:

507 West Daggett Street,  
Antwerp, Ohio 45813  
Parcel Number: 12-34S-030-00  
and 12-34S-031-00

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

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

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 25th day of May, 2017 at 10:10. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,  
PAULDING COUNTY:

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,  
vs.

WILLARD W. WOODY, ET AL.,  
Defendants,

Case No. CI 17 010.

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 11th day of May, 2017 at 10:15, the real estate located at:

225 North Hyman Street,  
Payne, Ohio 45880  
Parcel Number: 19-12S-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 Twenty-one Thousand and No/100 (\$21,000.00) 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 25th day of May, 2017 at 10:15. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
www.pauldingohsheriff.com  
Bethany L. Suttinger, Attorney for Plaintiff

## DANCING SCIENTIST VISITS ANTWERP ELEMENTARY



On Friday, April 21st, students at Antwerp Elementary School enjoyed an assembly with the Dancing Scientist (Jeffrey Vinokur). He is a nationally renowned act and has been on NBC's Today Show, The View, America's Got Talent, Discovery Channel's Daily Planet, Rachael Ray, The Queen Latifah Show,

Home & Family, AMHQ, and Fox & Friends. He also has 25+ million YouTube views and dozens of local news features. Students watched in excitement and awe as Vinokur conducted several experiments--some loud and messy--in front of them.

time; ALS vacated; Shall pay \$100 per mo commencing 5/26/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; Community Control Two; 30 hrs community service; Thinking For A Change; Third Millennium Alcohol course; 170 jail days reserved  
**Charles L. Campbell Jr**, Hicksville, OH; Traf dev/signs; Dismiss; Count B is dismissed  
**Christopher J. Schrader**, Grover Hill, OH; D.O.C. per-sitent; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; No unlawful contact with victim; Complete 30 hrs community service; Complete Thinking For A Change; Shall report to probation today; Anger management classes  
**Nicholas R. Sullivan**, Paulding, OH; F.R.A. susp; Guilty; Defendant pled guilty; Waived right to counsel and right to trial; If progress on O.L. \$150.00 can be suspended \$50.00 monthly payments 5/26/17; Pay of collections 9/29/17  
**Nicholas R. Sullivan**, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Dismissed; Count B dismissed  
**Brandon M. Cooper**, Oakwood, OH; No O.L.; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 8/25/17 or will be sent to collections; Community Control Two; 20 hrs of community service; Warrant & warrant block recalled; Report to probation w/in 48 hrs of release; 30 days jail reserved

trial; Defendant tendered a plea of guilty; Pay or collections 5/26/17  
**Bonita Y. Dashkovitz**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Joshua T. Brown**, Melrose, OH; 12 point susp.; Pled no cont., found guilty; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 5/26/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; Community Control Two; Secure a valid driver's license; Report to probation office today, 4/13/17; 87 jail days reserved  
**James T. Fisher**, Cecil, OH; Burglary; Prel-waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; Case shall be bound over  
**Gabriel R. Wobler**, Antwerp, OH; Possession drug; Prel-waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court  
**Michelle L. Walter**, Payne, OH; Possession drug; Prel-waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; Case shall be bound over  
**Michelle L. Walter**, Payne, OH; Possession drug; Prel-waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio  
**Alfonzo D. Jackson**, Fort Wayne, IN; Possession; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed of put to legal use by the arresting agency  
**Gerald W. Elliott**, Lima, OH; F.R.A. susp; Dismiss; Count A dismissed  
**Sandra S. Bair**, Paulding, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Joshua L. Lawrence**, Otta-

## THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

wa, OH; F.R.A. susp; Guilty; Defendant pled guilty; Placed on probation under standard terms to obtain OL, and to complete 20 hrs c/s; Pay \$50.00 per month; Pay beg 5/26/17 or collection 2/23/18  
**Colt A. Daugherty**, Hicksville, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Marcel C. Hegyi**, Sterling Height, MI; Littering; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**April S. Hollinger**, Antwerp, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Avrial M. Sawyer**, Antwerp, OH; Seat/belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

4/21/17:  
Mark E. Adams, trustee; Sec. 34, 1.283 acres, 1.14 acres; To: Reuben Stoller  
**Brown Twp.:**  
4/21/17:  
Edward D. Merriman & Sheila Y. Merriman; Sec. 29, 10.045 acres; To: Michael C. Merriman  
4/18/17:  
Bradley A. Singer; Sec. 7, 1 acre; To: Jared & Marie Balbaugh  
**Carrall Twp.:**  
4/18/17:  
Ronald E. & Nicole R. Gerken; Sec. 31, 5.828 acres; To: Jacob L. Gerken  
**Jackson Twp.:**  
4/20/17:  
Garry L. LaFountain, Sr. & Dorothy LaFountain; Sec. 4, 33.36 acres; To: Gary R. Jackman, et al  
**Washington Twp.:**  
4/19/17:  
Peggy Jo Schroeder; Sec. 20, 1 acre; To: Clara Sue Warren

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

**Antwerp Village:**  
4/21/17:  
Roger D. Pier; Lot 2, 0.1612 acres; To: Charles M. McGuire  
**Paulding Village:**  
4/17/17:  
Charles WJ Vogelsong & Lota P. Vogelsong; Lot 15, 0.2 acres; To: James E. McCoskey  
4/18/17:  
Brian Alan Miller; Lot 11, 0.2 acres; To: Brenden M. Foy & Courtney L. Foy  
4/20/17:  
Jaimie L. Larson; Sec. 12, 0.239 acres; To: The Sherwood State Bank  
Floyd M. Heubner; Lot 119, 0.2583 acres; To: Alyssa Gonzales  
4/21/17:  
Linda K. Neer; Lot 81, 0.2583 acres; To: Gregory Neer, et al  
**Oakwood Village:**  
4/20/17:  
ECM Enviroscope, LTD; Lot 59, 0.047 acres; Lot 73, 0.1 acres; To: Amy A. Warnimont Frederick W. & Dawn M. Workman; Lot 32, 0.2985 acres; Lot 33, 0.564 acres; Lot 34, 0.2864 acres; To: Jeffrey E. Bradford  
**AuGlaize Twp.:**  
4/20/17:  
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#### Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

**Osha D. Southward**, Toledo, OH; F.R.A. susp; Pled no cont., found guilty; \$100 suspended if valid O.L. shown by 9/29/17; Pay all fines and costs by 9/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Defendant

shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 4/28/17  
**James Altizer**, Marysville, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Carrie Dysinger**, Paulding, OH; Pass bad check; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; With prejudice  
**Charles L. Campbell Jr**, Hicksville, OH; O.V.I./under inf; Guilty; Jail 3 days hard

### VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, May 8, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE DEPOT, 503 W. RIVER STREET, ANTWERP OHIO. PROPOSED VARIANCE ISSUE: Please be advised that the Genesis House has filed a variance request with the Village of Antwerp requesting a variance of requiring a state building permit for their guest house project. It is felt no state building permit is needed for such a small project. A variance public hearing has been set for Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Depot, 503 W. River Street to receive any opposition and/or comment on this request

Detailed information may be viewed at the Village Administrator's Office located at the Depot, 503 W. River, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

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

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**Brandon M. Cooper**, Oakwood, OH; Fictitious reg.; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 8/25/17 or will be sent to collections  
**Frank D. Clafin**, Canastota, NY; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant  
**Cody Fitch**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant waived right to counsel and waived right to

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# WAYNE TRACE FFA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



On April 1, 2017 the Wayne Trace FFA chapter held their annual awards banquet. Awards were given, CDE teams were recognized, and new officers were installed. Last year's officers (2016-2017) were as follows: Clark Laukhuf (Sentinel) Ethan Crosby (Parliamentarian) Alec Anderson (Chaplin) Jake Kuhn (Secretary) Joe Schmidt (President) Alli Hefner (Treasurer) Kacey Reinhart (Vice President) Alisa Elliott (Historian) Haleigh Stoller (Reporter) Madison Chastain (Vice President) Racheal Ringler (Student Advisor) and Leah Maassel (Vice President)



On February 15, 2017 the Wayne Trace FFA chapter had a team compete in the Ag Sales contest. Contestants were Haleigh Stoller, Ethan Crosby, Alec Anderson, and Clark Laukhuf.



On March 25, 2017 the Wayne Trace FFA chapter had a team compete in the horse evaluation CDE. Contestants were Autumn Banks, Haleigh Stoller, Emma Pease, Alisa Elliott, and Trisha Strickler.

**Paulding FFA and FFA Alumni Plant Sale**  
 The Greenhouse will be open on the following dates:

- April 28th 10am-6pm
- April 29th 9am-1pm
- May 5th 10am-6pm
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On March 15-16 Haleigh Stoller from Wayne Trace and Kacy Reinhart from Paulding participated in the Ohio Youth Capital Challenge. On May 12 they will be competing against other teams in hopes of moving on to the state level.



On March 11, 2017 Haleigh Stoller and Kacey Reinhart from Wayne Trace along with Hannah Farr from Paulding participated in the Ohio State Officer practice Interview. Hannah and Kacey will be interviewing for a spot on the Ohio State Officer team on April 8.

## WOODLAN SPORTS ROUND-UP

**BASEBALL**  
 The Warriors dropped a 15-5 decision to Allen County rival New Haven last week as the Bulldogs jumped in front early and cruised to the victory.

New Haven led 3-0 after one inning before the Warriors trimmed the deficit to 3-1 at the end of two innings.

After Woodlan put up four runs in the top of the third to grab a 5-3 advantage, the Bulldogs quickly answered with a seven-run frame in the bottom of the inning to post a 10-5 lead.

New Haven then put the game away with two more runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth to seal the 15-5 victory.

Cody Bratten, Blake Bontrager and Connor Waterman all had doubles for the Warrior offense, which totaled ten hits in all.

The Warrior baseball team picked up a pair of victories on Saturday as Woodlan swept games by scores of

10-3 and 6-3 over Lakeland.

In game one, Woodlan jumped in front 3-0 after one inning before the Lakers cut the lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the second.

The Warriors answered with two in the top of the third to widen the margin to 5-1 but Lakeland picked up one in the bottom of the third to get within 5-2.

After the Lakers added another run in the fourth to make it 5-3, Woodlan sealed the victory with four runs in the sixth and another in the seventh to set the final margin at 10-3.

Connor Waterman picked up the victory on the mound for the Warriors. Austin Fancher had a double for the Warrior offense, which totaled a dozen hits in all compared to Lakeland's ten.

Game two saw the Warriors jump in front 4-0 in the second inning before the Lakers trimmed the deficit to 4-1 in the third.

Each team then scored a run in each of the fourth and sixth innings to set the final margin at 6-3.

Freshman Cameron Sprunger picked up the win on the mound for the Warriors.

Fancher, Blake Bontrager and Cody Bratten each had a double for Woodlan as well.

**TRACK**  
 Woodlan and South Adams split in high school track action as the Warrior boys posted a 68-55 victory over the Starfires while South Adams won the girls meet 81-42.

Justin Durkes was a triple winner for the Warriors, capturing the 110 hurdles (16.1), 300 hurdles (45.6) and long jump (18-4).

Ahlan Howard took first in the 100 dash (11.6) with Amarion Hicks winning the 200 dash (23.2). Jack Stuckey also picked up an individual title with a leap of 10-0 to take the pole vault while Wilson grabbed first in the 400 dash (54.2).

For the girls, McCarter picked up a pair of first place finishes by capturing the 100 dash (12.6) and 200 dash (27.2).

Van Landingham took the 300 hurdles title in 47.9 and Sarrazine won the shot put with a toss of 32-9.

**GIRLS TRACK**  
 Woodlan took part in the Turtle Town Relays on

Saturday where Manchester claimed the championship with 91 points while Garrett finished second at 84-1/2 points.

Central Noble (82), Eastside (77-1/2) and Woodlan (64) rounded out the top five schools.

Van Landingham was a double winner for the Lady Warriors, capturing the 100 hurdles in 16.33 while taking first in the 300 hurdles in 48.19.

**BOYS GOLF**  
 South Adams captured a quadrangular golf match as the Starfires shot a 191 to get past second place Adams Central's 201.

Heritage finished third with a 211 and Woodlan took fourth at 238.

Grabber paced the way for the Warriors with a 50 while Vance added a 58 and Swymeler carded a 60. Hershburger and Lehman chipped in rounds of 70 and 80, respectively, for Woodlan.

**SOFTBALL**  
 Belmont's Macy Montgomery tossed a no-hitter to lead the Braves to a 10-0 win over Woodlan in high school softball action.

The Braves scored twice in the first to take control and added two more runs in the third for a 4-0 advantage.

Bellmont then wrapped up the victory with a four-run fourth and two more in the fifth to set the final margin at 10-0.

## WAYNE TRACE SOFTBALL LOSE BY 1

Miller City bested Wayne Trace in high school softball recently. Final score: Miller City 7, Wayne Trace 6

Score by the Innings:  
 Wayne Trace - 0 1 1 0 0 4  
 0 0 0 0 = 6; 10H, 6E  
 Miller City - 0 0 0 4 0 2 0  
 0 1 = 7; 7H, 3E

Winning Pitcher - Kylie Berner (4-1/3IP, 4H, 0R, 7SO, 1W); other - Taylor Roth (5-2/3IP, 6H, 6R, 4ER, 3SO, 5W)

Losing Pitcher - Maggie Crosby (9-1/3IP, 7H, 7R, 4ER, 8SO, 2W)  
 Hitters of the Game:  
 Miller City - Tiffany Welly (single, double), Megan Warnimont (single, double), Abbey Schroeder (double), Makenna Ricker (double), Amanda Heuerman (single)

Wayne Trace - Natalie Torman (single, double), Alex Fast (2 singles), Brooke Sinn (2 singles), Maggie Crosby (double), Emily Dyson (single), Megan Moore (single), Keagann Parrish (single)

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**PRINCE & PRINCESS OF THE PARK & SHOP LOCAL AT ANTWERP CHAMBER MEETING**

At this April meeting of the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce excitement is beginning to build for all the events in place for the upcoming year. Tawnya English will be chairing a Prince & Princess of the Park Pageant on July 29th at the MAC Gym from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This pageant will be for children ages 4-8.

A new addition to the Day in the Park will be Cutie Contest. To enter, provide a 4x6 picture and a donation and submit it by August 11th. The location of submissions is to be announced. The Business and Industry Tent will be open again this year with Michelle Waggoner and Sue Fowler in charge. It was also decided that the Chalk Walk will be tabled for the 2017 Day in the Park for reorganization and further research to make it better received by attendees and local artists.

A review booklet was passed out by Sara Keeran for PCED director Jerry Zielke titled Shop Local Campaigns for Small Towns. The author talks about the weaknesses and strengths of small businesses as well as strategies to get people to encourage people to shop local.

Chamber membership is up four at now 50 members. On May 9th, the Antwerp NHS students will be working around town for some service hours. The Village and the Chamber made a list of odd jobs around the village for them to do.

The new sign is mounted on the building wall at the corner of SR 49 and CR 424 (Main St & River St.) which has the Chamber email address, antwerpchamber@

gmail.com. Use this address for communication with Chamber members or to get a message put up on the sign.

**WOODBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

Woodburn Historical Society will meet at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Woodburn branch of the Allen County Public Library located on SR 101 Woodburn, IN.

The program will be open discussion by all guest on family research, questions and local history. Caroline Zimmerman will bring information on some local families. Woodburn Booster newspaper will be available to view.

Please come and share. Members and guests are welcome.

**FREE COYOTE INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR AT GORMAN NATURE CENTER**

Whether reviled or revered, coyotes are very clever and adaptive animals. The public is invited to learn more about the lives of coyotes during a free informational seminar provided by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) on Monday, May 8 in Mansfield.

Topics to be covered by ODNR Division of Wildlife officials include coyote biology, ecology, population trends and current status, dispelling myths about coyotes, and what to do if you encounter a coyote. Preventing, reducing, and eliminating conflicts with urban wildlife, including coyotes, will also be addressed.

The seminar will be held at the Gorman Nature Center at 2295 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, 44907 and will run from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Preregistration is required, as seating will be limited. Please call the ODNR Division of Wildlife District Two Headquarters at 419-424-5000 to register.

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**FINANCIAL PARTNERS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MAKES AWARD-WINNING**

Local students are getting a free education in how to manage their money. Financial Partners Federal Credit Union is working with Banzai, a national award-winning financial literacy program, to make curriculum available to Woodburn, Leo, Antwerp, Hoagland, and Paulding areas completely free.

"Banzai is a web-based financial literacy program. Kids get their own accounts, and they work through assignments that are based on real life," Morgan Vandagriff, co-founder of Banzai, said. "But because Financial Partners Federal Credit Union is sponsoring it, local schools get it for free. More than ever, it's important that kids develop sound financial skills to prepare them for the real world, and Financial Partners Federal Credit Union realizes that and they're doing something about it."

Banzai is an interactive, online program supplemented by printed workbooks which aligns with state curriculum requirements for personal finance education. It has become the largest program of its kind, servicing more than 27,000 teachers and available in all 50 states.

Financial Partners Federal Credit Union has offered time, money, industry experience, and a variety of credit union resources to help local schools teach personal finance in the classroom. Students using the program are exposed to real-life scenarios where they learn to pay bills and balance a budget - but it's not always easy. Students must learn to manage unexpected expenses such as parking tickets, interest charges and overdraft fees. The educational program also introduces students to auto loans, bank statements, entertainment costs, savings and more.

"Too often students get out of school and they just

**Sudoku solution from page 13**

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

aren't ready for the financial roller coasters life can give us," Vandagriff said. "Banzai teaches students to navigate those twists and turns and come out on top. We're excited to work with Financial Partners Federal Credit Union to improve financial literacy in local schools."

"This is an exciting, interactive financial curriculum that gives the students a taste of real-world financial issues that face their families every day. We are excited to provide Eastern Allen County and the surrounding schools an opportunity to expose students to this very valuable educational experience. From a teaching perspective the curriculum adheres to Indiana State guidelines. So this is truly and win-win for the teachers and students," adds Dave Shuey, President and CEO of Financial Partners FCU.

Financial Partners Federal Credit Union is also giving the students, teachers, and employees of the area schools savings and loan incentives through the end of the school year. "We want to be able to give back to the communities that we serve, and there is no better way than through savings specials for the students and loan specials for the teachers and employees," states Shuey.

Teachers interested in using the Banzai program can visit [financialpartnersfcu.teachbanzai.com](http://financialpartnersfcu.teachbanzai.com) or call 888-8-BANZAI. For more information on the other financial programs of the credit union individuals can go to [financialpartnersfcu.org](http://financialpartnersfcu.org).

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