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TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

## SMITH - STEINER



Kimberly Ann Smith and Jarrison William Steiner were married on Wednesday, November 23, 2016. They celebrated with family and friends on Saturday, January 7, 2017 with a reception hosted by the groom's family.

Kimberly is the daughter of Camilla Smith of Antwerp, OH and Doug Pier of Monroeville, IN. She is a senior at Antwerp High School. She is employed by the Essen House restaurant in Antwerp. Jarrison is the son of

Bryce and Angel Steiner of Antwerp, OH. He graduated from Antwerp High School in 2016 and is currently employed with the family business, West Bend Printing & Publishing, Inc.

## **BIRTH ANOUNCEMENT**

Andrew and Chantelle Brown welcomed baby girl Libby Lynn Brown on January 7, 2017. She weighed 8 lbs 3 oz and was 19.3 inches. Libby has 3 siblings: Jude Rhaegan and Reed. Grandparents are Larry and Diane Brown, Arthur, OH; Carl and Kim Pease, Woodburn, IN; and Connie Smith, Payne, OH.



## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Antwerp Athletic Boosters is seeking a board member to volunteer their time and effort to finish and unexpired term through May 2017. If anyone interested they should come to the next board meeting on February 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the school's board room.

## CHANGES AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

With the new year underway, area schools, including three Paulding County districts, have begun looking at or implementing different projects as the new year starts.

As the second semester begins at Paulding Exempted Village Schools, communication is very much on the mind of Superintendent Bill Hanak. "We have new Twitter and Facebook accounts," he says, "to help us find better ways to communicate with the community."

The middle school picked up on the account idea before the rest of the district followed suit, he adds, but now everything large and small is now available for account subscribers, ranging from game scores to team and band trips out of state.

"We wanted to be better able to communicate," he says.

The middle school is also involved in a "growth mindset" professional development program which not only affects staff but students as well. "It's a positive way to look at yourself and learning," says Hanak, who said the program is all about teaching people at different educational levels... from "everyday" students to gift-



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ed and those in need of extra assistance.

"We want to try to be able, as teachers, to reach all of them," he says. "There's a lot of growth involved."

Something which was actually implemented last year but continues to receive a lot of emphasis is the high school initiative program for grades 9-12. The students are divided into four "houses" (or teams of sorts), with members of each grade taking part in a different house; each house competes to receive the most points on several levels including attendance, academics and other areas.

Winners at the end of each quarter get to take part in rewards ranging from movies to trips to the bowling alley. "The big thing last year was the trip to Cedar Point," Hanak says.

At the end of the quarter, the students have all gotten the chance to contribute and have hopefully grown as a result. "It's a way to contribute something positive," Hanak says.

To look at Antwerp Local Schools, most passers-by wouldn't see much physical change, but Superintendent Dr. Martin Miller assures that it's coming. "We're working with Energy Optimizers, Vandalia, Ohio," he says, "hoping to make sure we have all our ducks in a row."

The "ducks" of which Miller speaks are in the form of an area of school property which will shortly hold an array of solar panels which, when installed, will provide electricity to the school grounds. "We're hoping to have it done by June or July," he said.

"We're just leasing the land," he adds, "and the company will sell us electricity at a cheaper rate."

The solar field, says Miller, is not designed to produce any more electricity than is necessary to meet

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## COMMUNITY RECYCLING UNITS POSSIBLY COMING TO AN END IN WOODBURN



The City of Woodburn would like to make known an issue that has recently gotten out of control. Under the water tower on Front Street, there are three dumpsters that are to be used exclusively for recycling, not garbage. This location is designed for locals outside of the City limits. While we understand that, at times, individuals further from Woodburn will use these containers, we still

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of PPEC.

request a level of respect. This means that if the dumpsters are full, you do not make piles around them. The picture here shows what has occurred on multiple occasions lately and we will not allow this to continue. If you are found using this blessing inappropriately, expect to be cited and fined. This complementary service will be removed if, as a collective, we are unable to maintain it appropriately.

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and all employees are charged with ensuring that efficiency savings are part of the budget process. A big part of the budget is a review of our electric rates, which starts with an update of the cost-of-service study, or the COSS, by our accounting department each year. The COSS breaks down all the investment necessary to serve each rate class, identifies all the costs associated with each rate class, and compares it to the revenue

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## PAGE 2 - WEST BEND NEWS - JANUARY 10, 2017 OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OHIO **Betty Lichty,** 88, of Antwerp died December 28, 2016. Her family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.



ANTWERP, OHIO

**Beverly Jean (Eibling) Rose,** 68 of Antwerp passed on to her heavenly home on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

Bev devoted her time and energy to taking care of her husband, John "Bill" of nearly 50 years and her family. Bev always attended every event of her grandkids that she could whether it was a concert, grandparent's day program or basketball game.

Bev was a true Jeff Gordon fan for years. She even had #24 on her own car and wheelchair.

Bev was a part of the Payne Church of Christ family. She was known for her card ministry. You could always count on getting a card from her for your birthday, anniversary or get-well card.

Bev will be deeply missed by her loving husband, John "Bill" Rose; daughters, Tianne (Tad) Pendergrast of Antwerp & Michelle (Michael) Smith of Fort Wayne and grandchildren, Dustin, Chris & Marissa Smith and Brandon & Jon Pendergrast.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph & Margaret (Boyd) Eibling; daughter, Laurie Rose & brother, Dennis Eibling.

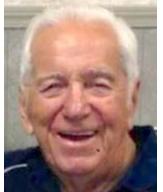
She will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne according to her wishes.

Please consider a donation in her memory to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or the Payne Church of Christ, PO Box 373, Payne, Ohio 45880.

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

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ANTWERP, OH John Lewis DeVore, 87, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, January 6, 2017 at Parkview Regional Medical Center. John was born in Chester,

PA on June 16, 1929 a son of the late William E. & Mary A. (Feeley) DeVore.

He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force and was a valued employee at Dana Weatherhead for over 30 years. Although John worked hard, he was more content cheering for the Philadelphia Phillies and the Notre Dame football team. He also enjoyed time with friends at the Antwerp VFW, Hicksville Eagles and the Amvets where he held lifetime memberships.

John will be sadly missed by his children, Linda (Tom) Wilhelm, Jack (Traci) both of Antwerp & Mike (Donna) of Payne; sister, Margaret Houseworth of Celina; aunt, Justa Olivier of Wilmington, DE; 8 grandchildren & 15 great grandchildren.

On March 30, 2002, he was preceded in death by his wife, Irene (Clarkson), whom he married August 11, 1949.

Service is Friday 11 am, with viewing one hour prior at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp. Viewing is also Thursday,

2-4 & 6-8 pm at Dooley Funeral Home.

He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery. Memorials are to Caring &

Sharing Food Pantry. Condolences and fond

memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

PAULDING, OH Nanci Coil, 58, of Paulding, passed away at home Saturday, January 7, 2017. Her family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

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being generated by the rates for each class. With the study completed, the board of trustees can review the financial performance of each rate class. And after a careful review of the proposed budget and the COSS, the board determined that no rate increase was necessary for 2017.

Stable wholesale power prices are the main driver to stable electric rates. Wholechange in power cost is about \$250,000.

Unfortunately, key indicators for 2018 are showing wholesale prices will rise. "The term "rate increase" is something no one wants to hear, but it may be a reality for 2018. Be assured though that we will continue to remain vigilant in operating your co-op with minimal expense, returning any excess funds back to our members in the form of capital credits. In fact, this past December we returned 1.4 million to PPEC members, bringing the total to nearly \$20 million over the last 17 years. This is one of the hallmarks of the "Cooperative Difference", and we plan to continue this practice as we are financially able to do so," added Carter.

## PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 1/11 - 1/17

1/11 - Bingo w/Community Health Professionals at 12:00 p.m.; Support groups starting at 12:15 p.m.; Trip to Vantage - leave Center at 8:00 a.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping 1:30 p.m.

1/12 - Bingo w/Paulding Hospital at 10:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

1/13 - Bible study 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11 - 2; Nutrition education at 12:00 p.m.

1/16 - Closed for Martin Luther King Day

1/17 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

### PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 1/11 - 1/17

1/11 - Johnny marzetti, Italian green beans, apricots, tomato juice, garlic bread, milk

1/12 - Ham & cheese casserole, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, hot applesauce, dinner roll, milk

1/13 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberries, dinner roll, angel food cake, milk

1/16 - Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/17 - Turkey & cheese on rye, chunky tomato soup, pineapple tidbits, pea salad, cookie, crackers, milk

### WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH BREAKFAST & LUNCH 1/11 - 1/17

1/11 - Mini pancakes/

milk, juice 1/16 - No school - Martin

Luther King Jr. Day 1/17 - Egg/cheese muffin,

milk, juice 1/11 - Walking taco w/ meat, cheese & iceberg lettuce, corn, refried beans, goldfish crackers, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

1/12 - Hot dog sandwich, french fries, carrot & celery sticks w/dip, teddy grahams, assorted juices, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

1/13 - Chicken quesadillas w/salsa, Romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

1/16 - No school - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/17 - French toast sticks, hash brown pattie, sausage links, orange juice, assorted juices, assorted canned and fresh fruit, milk; ALSO: Chef salad OR variety of sandwiches w/salad bar

## WT PAYNE, GH & DIVINE MERCY SCHOOLS BREAK-FAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/11 - 1/17

1/11 - Mini pancakes/ sausage, milk, juice

1/12 - Cheese omelet and toast, milk, juice 1/13 - Mini cin/apple bo-

sco stick, milk, juice 1/16 - No school - Martin

Luther King Jr. Day 1/17 - Egg/cheese muffin,

milk, juice 1/11 - Walking taco w/ meat, cheese and iceberg lettuce, corn, refried beans, goldfish crackers, fruit, milk, juice

1/12 - Hot dog sandwich, french fries, carrot sticks w/ dip, fruit, milk

<sup>1</sup>1/13 - Chicken or cheese quesadillas w/salsa, romaine lettuce salad w/dressing, celery & carrot sticks w/dip, fruit, milk

1/16 - No school - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/17 - French toast sticks, hash brown pattie, sausage links, orange juice, fruit, milk

### PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH 1/11 - 1/17

1/11 - Sausage, biscuit breakfast, juice, fruit, milk

1/12 - Coffee cake, juice, fruit, milk 1/13 - Sausage, egg &

cheese muffin, juice, fruit,

## Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." *Matthew* 6:19-21 NIV

## OAKWOOD ELM. STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD COLLECTION



The Oakwood Elementary Student Council held a canned and boxed food /personal hygiene collection before Christmas break. Hundreds of items were collected and delivered to some food pantries in the area. Shown unloading items for the food pantry in Melrose are sixth grade students Caydence Rue, Tyler Sherry, JB Rickels, Gage Lloyd, Mason Schlatter, and Colby Singer. Also assisting with the delivery is Oakwood Elementary bus driver Kris Blair. Assisting at the food pantry in Melrose is pastor Stan Harmon along with Mike and Jennifer Workman.

1/11 - Idaho nachos w/ meat, potatoes, cheese, breadstick OR Quesadilla pizza, refried beans; Toppings: Banana peppers, salsa & sour cream, assorted fruit, milk

1/12 - Potato soup, crackers, BBQ pork, bun OR Personal pan pizza, lettuce salad, assorted fruit, milk

1/13 - Breaded cod, bun, augratin potatoes, juice box OR Salad bar, garlic breadstick, assorted fruit, milk

1/16 - No school - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/17 - Grilled chicken tender salad, lettuce & cheese, tomatoes, garlic bread OR Asstd entree items, pickles, oven fries, assorted fruit, milk

### PEVS BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS 1/11 - 1/17

1/11 - Bkfst burrito, juice,

fruit, milk 1/12 - Wh gr muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit, milk

1/13 - Cereal or cereal bar, juice, fruit, milk

1/16 - Yogurt, goldfish grm, juice, fruit, milk 1/17 - Pancakes, juice,

fruit, milk

1/11 - French toast sticks, sausage, oven potatoes, tomato juice, fruit, milk

mato juice, fruit, milk

1/12 - Pizza burger on wh gr bun, oven potatoes, celery/carrots/broccoli, fruit, milk

1/13 - Cheesy bread, mamrinara sauce, green beans, fruit, milk

1/16 - No school - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/17 - Chkn fajita wrap, refried beans, lettuce/ cheese, salsa, crackers, fruit, milk

### OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH 1/11 - 1/17

1/11 - Mini pancakes, juice, fruit, milk

1/12 - Pancake on stick, juice, fruit, milk

1/13 - Asstd cereals, juice,

fruit, milk 1/16 - Wg muffin, juice,

fruit, milk 1/17 - Saus-egg burrito,

juice, fruit, milk 1/11 - Toasted cheese, to-

mato soup, celery stix, fruit, milk

1/12 - Pizza burger, wh gr bun, baked beans, celery stix, fruit, milk

1/13 - Cheese pizza, corn, raw veggie stks, fruit, milk 1/16 - No school - Martin

Luther King Jr. Day 1/117 - Chicken fajita, ro-

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stix, fruit, milk

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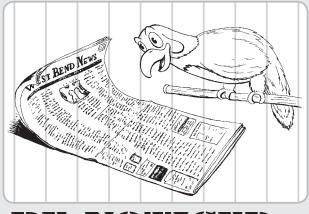
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## Phone: 419-258-2000 • Website: www.westbendnews.net LEADERS OF TOMORROW 4-H CLUB



The Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H club met on January 5 to do a community service project. They worked on three assembly lines where they put the designated amounts of flavoring, protein, and rice into

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the school's minimal needs, but even with that, a substantial amount of money is likely to be saved.

"In six or seven years, we'll have the option of purchasing the facility," he says. "In 20 years, we could get the facility back for a dollar."

Solar power, he says, has certain advantages over other alternative energy sources such as wind. "Some schools have windmills," he notes, "and the windmills have movable parts. If they're not moving, then it's likely something's not working."

Not only does solar power not need moving parts to work, it doesn't cost the school anything, he says.

Another new Antwerp project is a habitat restoration area referred to as an outdoor science facility headed up by fourth-grade science teacher Linda Mabis; upgrades to the track and football field; and the building of a new baseball field. New programs are also underway in the fields of engineering and technology, arts education, yearbook upgrades and broadcasting, including announcement programs on TV each day.

"We're also teaching kids how to code," he says. "Creating programming is the fastest-growing job in the United States right now."

Although the three campuses which make up the Wayne Trace school system are in various stages of growth as well, Superintendent Ben Winans is emphatic when he says that many new projects are on the way, but they won't happen overnight. In general, he says, all three campuses are planning various upgrades, but "none are going to be built

tomorrow.' One area which definitely is in need of an overhaul, he believes, is the 100-year old performing arts facility located in Payne. Although in sound physical shape, an overhaul of the old building, including a location change, is in order, he says, particularly since the size of the stage is inadequate for

The bags will get transported to Indiana, where they will get ready to be shipped to Haiti.

a bag, then sealed it. In one

hour they packaged enough

meals to feed 10,000 people.

theatrical productions and the acoustics are somewhat lacking.

"We're working with Garmann-Miller architects on a site plan," says Winans, who hopes to see an upgrade over the next few years.

Arguably in greater need of attention is the transportation facility at Payne. The bus barn, which was once the ag shop at Payne High School, is in serious need of an upgrade, including a good deal more room for vehicular storage. Grover Hill elementary also has what Winans refers to as a bus corral, which he believes is also in need of expansion.

Also, although Winans believes the current athletic facilities look good, they are in need of locker rooms and storage for the football facility. The structure, he says, needs to encompass storage for outdoor maintenance equipment and tools, as well as a weight room and an indoor work facility.

"We also need minor elementary renovations," he says

Plans are to hold meetings with all involved in these facilities, with drawings of proposed new facilities provided in spring. Public input is not only welcomed but encouraged.

'The school board wants to hear what the public thinks about these facilities," he said. "We want to make sure our public is behind it."

Other newly-implemented ideas in Wayne Trace include the third-floor initiative at Payne Elementary. Like Paulding, Payne's fifth and sixth-graders are divided into houses, where they work as teams to solve problems and gain rewards.

"We're pushing co-teaching," he says, "getting struggling students help. Students learn from one another and see what their individual needs are."

literacy night had a great deal of community support and that engineering and math nights are on the way.

This is also the second month of a clubs initiative program in junior and senior high school. Clubs take part in different educational, enjoyable activities which promote leadership, goals, and other real world skills. "They're building different characteristics," he says.

Next week: a look at 2017 activities in a number of Defiance County schools.

## **THE ALLEN COUNTY** SOLID WASTE DISTRICT IS **HOSTING A FOOD WASTE REDUCTION SUMMIT!**

It has been estimated that 40% of food produced in the US ends up wasted. This occurs even though there are 1 million food-insecure Hoosiers per year. Wasted food costs families and businesses thousands of dollars per year, wastes resources, and produces methane gas. The District will share food saving tips, and get experts to answer your questions on some of the other issues surrounding food waste, like liability, permitting, and logistics of food donation and proper final disposal.

Tom Carpenter, Director of Sustainability Services at Waste Management, will give a "Bird's Eye View" talk on the state of food waste in the US and where Allen County fits in.

Following will be a panel discussion with experts representing some of the main components of the Food Recovery Hierarchy including the EPA, IDEM, local haulers, farmers, restaurants, groceries, and charities. We have also stocked the audience with more authorities on related topics. All are encouraged to join in the conversation!

Our event will close with a chance to network and make those connections that will get us out into the community to take action! All are welcome. This event is for any interested individual or organization because there is a role for everyone in food waste reduction.

**Opportunities** Available: • There will be several organizations in attendance with volunteer options if you'd like to get involved.

• If you have literature to share with our attendees to provide more information about your organization, please bring it. All interested organizations and residents are welcome to attend the Food Waste Summit. Please help spread the word! There is no charge, but we ask that you RSVP before January 13th.

ther their operations. The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) is committed to combating human trafficking in Ohio and took new steps this year to rescue potential victims.

Human trafficking takes two primary forms - labor trafficking, which involves compelling people to provide labor or services, and sex trafficking, which involves forcing individuals to perform commercial sex acts. Both use force, fear and coercion to keep victims working against their will. Both types occur in Ohio.

Just in 2015, law enforcement agencies across Ohio reported 102 human trafficking investigations. This led to 104 arrests, and 33 successful prosecutions, and the identification of 203 potential victims and 130 suspected traffickers.

Below is a list of OSHP's efforts to stop criminals from exploiting trafficking victims in Ohio:

 As truck stops are one of the leading areas where sex trafficking occurs, OSHP partnered with Truckers Against Trafficking to ensure that trucking schools in Ohio will be required to provide one hour of human trafficking awareness training for students obtaining a CDL for the first time. Truckers will be taught in the class to recognize the signs of human trafficking at truck stops.

• The Ohio State Highway Patrol has trained troopers to identify signs of human trafficking during traffic stops. In addition, state employees have been trained to identify, confront and prevent human trafficking, which was an objective of the Governor's Human Trafficking Task Force.

agents work with liquor permit premises on how to spot human trafficking.

To report a case of potential human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at 1-888-373-7888. This toll free number is available anywhere in the US 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Submissions can also be made via text messages to the BeFree text line at 233733 as well as online (https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/) and through email (nhtrc@polarisproject.org).

NHTRC hotline received

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calls regarding 592 potential human trafficking cases from Ohio, making Ohio the 5th highest total for potential cases reported among the states.

View OSHP's bulletin on human trafficking awareness statistics and the Ohio Department of Public Safety's video on human trafficking to learn more.

As always, the Patrol asks drivers to call #677 to report impaired drivers or criminal activity.

## LATTA VOTES TO GIVE **CONGRESS ABILITY TO STOP COSTLY REGULA-TIONS, ROLL BACK MID-NIGHT RULEMAKING**

WASHINGTON, D.C. Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives today in passing legislation to require Congressional approval on major regulations. H.R. 26, the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, requires any executive branch rule or regulation that has greater than a \$100 million economic impact to be reviewed and voted on by Congress.

In addition, Latta also voted to pass H.R. 21, the Midnight Rule Relief Act, which will provide more tools to Congress to roll back last minute regulations implemented by the Obama Administration. In many cases, these 'Midnight Rules' are not fully weighed and considered. While the Congressional Review Act gives Congress the ability to vote

to remove these regulations within 60 days, a large number of regulations would be difficult to consider in that timeframe. The Midnight Rule Relief Act allows Congress to consider eliminating multiple rules at once.

'Ohio's hardworking men and women who are business owners, manufacturers, and farmers have been crushed under the weight of new, massive regulations that the executive branch has placed on them most of the time with no input from Congress," said Latta. "Passing the REINS Act ensures that unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats can't put in place major rules without receiving the approval of Congress first. At the same time, the Midnight Rules Relief Act gives Congress new tools to roll back rules and regulations that are rushed through at the end of a Presidential term. It's time to take the shackles off of our economy, and that means putting an end to a runaway regulatory system."



to what is happening throughout the week.

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Grover Hill also did a literacy night in the fall, where students participated in different hands-on literacy-related activities. School staff came up with activities for the event. Winans said the



## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING A PRIORITY FOR OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL**

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which criminals profit from the control and exploitation of others. The same Ohio roads that are used legitimately are also used by human traffickers and smugglers to transport their victims and fur-

#### PAGE 4 – WEST BEND NEWS – JANUARY 10, 2017 **BIBLE QUESTIONS OBEDIENT TO GOD'S WORD**

## By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. 1st John 3:9; What does the word "seed" as it is used here, mean?

2. Discussion: John in writing this letter is demanding we live a life free

3. 1st John 3:10; What is the devil manifested in? 4. 1st John 3:10; What is

God manifested in? 5. 1st John 3:10; Can one who does not love his broth-

er, be of God? Yes or no. 6. 1st John 3:10; A person who is Christian that doesn't love his brother, is he of God or the devil?

7. Discussion: Is the absence of love for a brother in Christ a disqualification for membership in God's family?

8. Discussion: Since righteousness and love are inseparable in the character of God, are they also inseparable in the lives of Gods' children?

9. Discussion: Is this love an active or an inactive love? 10. Discussion: Should our love for a brother become a habit?

Comments, questions or need some help in your Bible study let us know. For James Potter call 419-393-4775 or e-mail jsp1941@yahoo.com also there is Lonnie Lambert who can be reached at 419-399-5022. Jesus loves all of you out there and so does the church of Christ.

Answers to today's questionst:

1. The word of God; 2. sin; 3. Not practicing righteousness; 4. Practicing righteousness; 5. no; 6. devil; 7. yes; 8. yes; 9. Active; 10. yes

Have you ever heard an old saying, "that settles it," well that is our study today, now let's see what we glean from this. Loved ones, maybe you have heard say someone say "God said it, I believe it, and that settles it." As good as that might sound, it does not properly reflect the truth.

The Psalmist David declared, "Forever, O Lord thy word is settled in heaven." Every time we read the Bible we have access to the "mind of Christ" (1st Corinthians 2:13, 16). If we refuse to do the will of the Father, Jesus will say in judgment, "I never knew you, depart from me. The true attitude we should have toward the Holy Scripture should, be God said it, that settles it, whether I believe it or not!" Do you believe God's words for you, does that settle the matter concerning religion, and once and for all are you living by God's word. "Ol' Baldy says bye for now, but please continue to pray, read and study the Bible. Luv Ya!

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

"When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' he said, 'take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.' So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son." Matthew 2:13-15 (NIV)

Joseph was a Jewish man whose faith meant everything to him. By the time our scripture unfolds, Joseph had already heard from an angel of the Lord who told him not to be afraid to take the pregnant Mary as his wife. In spite of the shame it would bring, Joseph did what God told him to do and went where God told him to go.

In the midst of the chaotic world in which Joseph lived as a devout Jew, he brought scorn on himself and his family by marrying Mary in her obviously pregnant state. And he went off on a 70-mile journey to Bethlehem with that very pregnant young woman to pay taxes to the government that was oppressing his people.

Joseph did the right things every time he was called upon to do so. He followed the rules of his government, he followed God when he was called, he did right by Mary and he trusted God through all of it because he knew the voice of God when he heard it.

Many of us, when we sense a call from God, wonder for a while, pray and think for a while longer. We may get up after a dream or a nudge from God and say to our self, "What a weird dream, what a strange idea, but surely God is not calling me to do that! God, was that you, or my vivid imagination? Are you really calling me, God?"

But Matthew says, "Joseph got up ...." That means, immediately after that dream he woke up and said, "Okay, God, whatever you say." And he went exactly where God had told him to go, to Egypt. It might have crossed his mind that since Herod's jurisdiction didn't extend to Galilee, he could simply take his family back to Nazareth and the baby would be safe there, where Joseph already had a home and means of making a living. But instead, he did exactly what God told him to do.

diately when he heard God's plan, and he did it every time God spoke.

As we go into the New Year, let us go listening for the call God gives to each of us. Let us be fully willing to get up and go, just as Joseph did. Let us go into the New Year knowing that God is with us, and we are listening and looking for ways to be obedient to his will.

## **EMBRYO ADOPTION EX-PLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ**

The adoption and implantation of human embryos will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Thursday, January 12th from 7:00 -8:00 p.m.

The program - titled "Playing God: Is Science Going Too Far?" - features a filmed interview with Ron Stoddart, an adoption attorney and embryo adoption advocate.

"An embryo is human life at its earliest stage of development," Stoddart says. "The real question is at what stage does that life deserve and have special protection under the law."

During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss whether embryo adoption is a viable adoption choice or a form of playing God.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at the Bachwell Center, 116 N. Washington Street, Van Wert. Please park behind the courthouse and enter on Court Street. Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about 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.

## **KENYON COLLEGE TO HOST** MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. **CELEBRATION BREAKFAST**

Mount Vernon Nazarene University, in conjunction with Kenyon College and the Knox County community, will host the 14th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Breakfast on Monday, January 16, 2017 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Thomas Dining Hall, Peirce Hall on the Kenyon College campus.

With the theme "How is Our Community Fulfilling its Dreams to all of its Citizens?" The breakfast and program will feature a cam pus and community panel organized by the Dr. King Legacy Committee. This event is free and open to the public. The morning's program will also include the Dr. King Legacy Committee; presentation of the 2016 Beulah Apostolic Award, MLK Essay contest recipients, and First-Knox National Bank book award winners.

Vernon, Ohio

• Tamara Anderson, Diversity Coalition of Knox County

• Rev. Scott Elliott, Pastor, First Congregational United Church of Christ

• Michelle Belt, Service Coordinator, New Visions Program, Knox Community Hospital

• Mr. William Seder, Superintendent, Mount Vernon City Schools

• Representative from the Mount Vernon Police Department

For more information or to RSVP, contact Lorie Shults at Kenyon College, 740-427-5846 or Jim Singletary at MVNU 740-397-9000 ext. 4606. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, January 12, 2017.

## **ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTERS INC.: DECEM-BER 7, 2016**

Attendance: Present: Scott McMichael, Christy Williamson, Deanna Wann, Shawn Brewer, Joe Savina, Shawn Schuette, Drew Altimus and Mandy Moore

Absent: Jason Landers, Michelle Dooley and Jerika Feasby

Shawn Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. November meeting min-

utes Mandy made a motion to

approve the minutes, Deanna 2nd, Accepted

Treasurer's Report

Budget report was handed out. Dueling Piano \$7278.01-profit Will go to the Spring complex Joe requested a breakdown of expenses/income

for future reference. Scott 1st/Joe 2nd, Accepted

Fundraising Report

Dueling Piano's profit -\$7278.01; 100 Club is full for 2017; 50/50-\$52 girl's game/ \$102.50 boy's game; Cake Raffle-\$116 boy's game Old Business

Nick Longardner will submit a bid after Christmas for the four (4) dugouts. Would start construction in April. This will include brick to match the field house.

It was suggested to put storage under the concession stand that the school is responsible for funding.

Question on what the \$65,000 is made up of from the quote that the architect provided. No specs have been provided.

The board recommended the field committee get multiple bids and bring back to the booster's board.

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On February 23rd the

Church Preschool located at

113 W. Central Ave in Van

Wert will be hosting an Art

Auction at Wassenberg Art

Center to benefit the pre-

school. From now until Feb-

ruary 20th we will be collect-

ing art donations, which can

on getting name plates for

the Cross Country pictures

contact for the schools web-

site. This has been updat-

ed No discussion about the

purchase another fryer and

to upgrade the current fryer

Girl's booster night

responsibility.

district

22 students for \$88 is the

Boy's night is scheduled for

pizza party for Meet the

team night. Drew contacted

Jerika on when a good time

champs shirts have been or-

The following steps were

Cheerleaders won the

Susan Jewell is the one to

in the hallway.

for safety.

booster's

would be.

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followed:

Volleyball

1. Dry fit t-shirt

3. State level-jacket

2. Pullover

Christ

January 16th.

New Business

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include but is not limited to paintings, jewelry, pottery and photography to be silently auctioned. If you or someone you know is artistic and/or crafty and would like to donate an item please contact Administrator April Ellerbrock at 419-238-0631 ext 308.

No MAC games will be played at the school.

Need a jh/hs track concession stand coordinator.

Scott thanked the booster's for the purchase of the new equipment for Hudl.

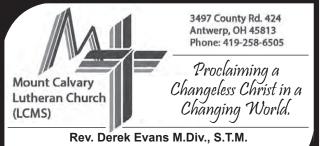
Motion made to adjourn by Deanna and second by Drew.

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Joseph answered imme-



9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Special panel guests include:

• Dr. Henry Spaulding, President, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

• Dr. Sean Decatur, President, Kenyon College

• The Honorable Richard K. Mavis, Mayor, Mount

Rob Welch would like to have a link available for people to purchase Antwerp apparel. After some discussion it was suggested that Rob come to our next meeting and explain the program. Shawn S. to contact Rob about the flyer and link that was setup for selling Antwerp Basketball apparel. This was understood to be a fund raiser for the basketball programs and it wasn't. Email account that the school setup for the booster's was tabled until January. Drew contacted the West Bend on pictures in the gym plus plexiglass to protect the senior pictures. (Please reference Jason's email) Al Welch has been contacted

## Fellowship Church

(Meeting at Riverside Family Center; Located at the corner of 192 & SR. 49, Antwerp)

Worship Service 6:00 pm Sunday Evenings

Pastor Max Begley

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Wednesday 7:00 n

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Website: www.westbendnews.net "A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION" AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST



On December 15th the children from the First United Methodist Church Preschool located at 113 W. Central Ave in Van Wert presented "A Christmas Celebration". The children worked hard learning songs, poems

### **JANUARY IS NATIONAL GLAUCOMA AWARENESS** MONTH

## By: Dr. Brandon Callow, Grabill Eye Center

January is National Glaucoma Awareness month. Glaucoma is an eye disease that, if not treated, can lead to permanent vision loss. Glaucoma is controllable with modern treatment and there are a lot of different options and ways to treat it. Any damage that has already occurred from glaucoma cannot be reversed, as nerve cells are lost, but further damage can be prevented. Generally there are no symptoms from glaucoma, especially in the early stages, so it's important to be screened for glaucoma in order to catch any damage or warning signs as early as possible.

Some risk factors for glaucoma include age, race, family history, and medical history. The older you get, the greater your risk for developing glaucoma, especially over the age of 60, but it can begin to occur at any age. Your risk for glaucoma is increased if you have

and dances celebrating the birth of Jesus to perform for their families.

For more information about the FUM Preschool contact Administrator April Ellerbrock at 419-238-0631 ext 308.

a parent, brother, or sister with the disease. If you have a history of high eye pressure, long term steroid use, or a previous eye injury you are at increased risk also, and should be checked at least yearly for the disease.

Glaucoma causes damage to the part of the eye called the optic nerve. The optic nerve sends information from your eyes to your brain. This damage can cause you to lose patches of vision, typically side vision. Damage to the optic nerve is generally caused by increased pressure within the eye. This most common type of glaucoma is Chronic Open Angle Glaucoma. Normal Tension Glaucoma is another type of glaucoma where a reduced blood supply to the optic nerve can play a role. In recent years, studies have found it is highly linked to sleep apnea and possibly cardiovascular disease. Finally, Secondary Glaucomas result from another eye condition or disease such as inflammation, a tumor, trauma, or diabetic changes.

Glaucoma treatment consists of medicine (eye

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drops), laser surgery, glaucoma surgery, or a combination of these. Prescription medicine (eye drops) is typically the first line of treatment. The eye drops are designed to lower pressure inside the eye, which can prevent further vision loss if the disease is caught early. These are eye drops that most patients will likely use for life. Sometimes the eye drops alone are not effective enough and surgery may be necessary. If glaucoma is not managed correctly it can have permanent effects on your vision. However, when managed effectively, glaucoma can be controlled and vision loss can be avoided.

Optometrists are primary eye care providers that are trained to evaluate you for any signs of glaucoma and initiate any treatment that may be required. They will usually measure your eye pressure, do a peripheral vision screening, and assess the optic nerve for signs of tissue loss in order to assess your risk. Glaucoma testing and treatment are generally covered under your medical insurance, including Medicare plans. If you are over-due for an eye exam or have questions about glaucoma, Dr. Callow can be reached at Grabill Eye Center, 260.627.1091.

## **PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 2ND 9WKS HONOR ROLL** 2016/17

### **SENIORS**

4.0: Leona Aldred, Allison Arend, Brittany Brown, Christine Clapsaddle, Daleigh Davis, William Deisler, Kameron Echols, Christopher Elder, Hannah Farr, Katlynn Fuller, Lauren Hill, Aaron Horstman, Preston Ingol, Emily Knodel, Skyler McCullough, Molly Meeker, Chantal Monnier, Ryan Nicelley, Bailey Pieper, Dayton Pracht, JoEllyn Salinas, Ashley Snipes, Ben Stuck, Faith Vogel, Beth Yates

3.5-3.99: Michael Dangler, Robert Deitrick, Hailey Dix, Thomas Farrell, Paige Fitzwater, Devin Gee, Kaleb Goshia, Austin Hartman, Preston Johanns, Karissa Lucas, Taylor March, Jared

Paschall, Morrisa Rue, Simeon Shepherd, Tatem Stallard, Devin Starry, Cameron Strahley, Kourtney Thomas, Brooke Weidenhamer

3.0-3.49: Matthew Karia **IUNIORS** 

4.0: Abigail Adams, Logan Bradford, Alexandra Brown, Madison Good, Brianna Gorrell, Jacee Harwell, Shawn Jackson, Michael Kohart, Audrey Manz, Brian Matson, Cade Mc-Garvey, Emma McMaster, Marcus Miller, Elizabeth Mobley, Caitlyn Myers, Kaylee Plummer, Gabriella Stahl, Jordan Weidenhamer

3.5-3.99: Isaac Baldwin, Jocelyn Camposano, Miah Coil, Abigail English, Stephanie Habern, Hallieann Hale, Kaylen Hale, Kaitlyn Harris, Kalen Kelly, Colton Llovd, Abbigaile Mc-Michael, Daviah Pessefall, Cassidy Posey, Stephanie Powell, Devon Smith, Hannah Vance, Hunter Vogel, Ryan Woodring

3.0-3.49: Taylor Akom, Blake Anderson, Allison Ankney, Ashley Bulka, Madison Parrett, Hunter Powell, Ethan Rhonehouse **SOPHOMORES** 

4.0: Charles Clapsaddle, Fletcher Cook, Katelyn Estle, Kamdyn Etzler, Eugene Hemenway, Macy Iler, Hunter Kesler, Courtney Luderman, Heather Manz, Shana Manz, Jaret Miller, Mary Panico, Sydney Price, Kristen Razo, Allison Reineck, Joseph Reineck, Zoe Shepherd, Kalyn Strahley, Mallory Taylor, Jessica Weller

3.5-3.99: Haley Apple, Asia Arellano, Lexie Beckman, Garrett Breininger, Haylee Dominique, Sierra Halter, Katelyn Hartzell, Casey Holman, Emma Horstman, Tristan Kinder, Abigail Leaman, Bailey Manz, Leah Nusbaum, Westen Phlipot, Ty Plotts, Carson Shull, Jennifer Stahl, Haleigh Stallbaum, Megan Tope, Victoria Valle, Dylan Vogel, Addison Wesley

3.0-3.49: Mya Andrews, Liza Carpenter, Jacob Eblin, Cole Heller, Erin Karlstadt, Alex Riethman, Adrian Simonin, Briana Townley

FRESHMEN

4.0: Jacob Deisler, Julianna Fife, Zoe Kochel, Kaela

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PTO moms pictured here: Kayla Miller, Joy Stoller, Mindy Miller, Julie Manz, Diane Sinn, Amanda Jewell, Kerry Shelton, Lisa Sinn, Sara Osborn and Joy Sinn

Grover Hill students along with the Grover Hill PTO took part in the Free Christmas Book Shop. The In-School Book Shop was held in the library for 2 days before Christmas, giving all kids the opportunity to

shop. PTO moms help students browse the selection of books for all ages of siblings and parents. The free books where wrapped and tagged. The students learned the joy of giving and reading a good book.

## PAYNE ELEMENTARY DECEMBER SOM



Front Row L to R: Olivia Zartman, Logan Lotz, Stella Laukhuf, Ryan Parker, Reece Morehead, Maliik Harding, Braden Miller, Brianna Draper. Back Row: L to R: Madison Watson, Cooper Wenzlick, Race Price, Tyson Gerber, Alea Johnson, Christian Bohland

Lucas, Julia McMaster, Savannah Shepherd, Katelyn Strayer, Jaden Verfaillie

3.5-3.99: Seth Dysinger, Kiarra Hawn, Brandon Jackson, McCailey Johanns, Sidney Kohart, Colin Lilly, Cole Mabis, Claire McClure, Sydney McCullough, Jordyn Merriman, Ivy Riggenbach, Joel Schneider, Kaylie Tressler, Alexis Varga, Samantha Wagner, MacKenzie Weible, Zoey Wright

3.0-3.49: Reagan Akom, Owen Carnahan, Riley Coil, Hannah Eckhart, Evan Edwards, Kolson Egnor, Maria Garcia, Diego Gonzalez, Shannon Hale, Madison James, Jacob King, Jordan Mudel, Riley Noffsinger, Matthew Schroeder, Olivia Stallard, Thomas Vargo

### **MEETING MINUTES FOR WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 12/30/16**

Meeting began at 12:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamell, as well as Councilman Watts, Voirol, Gerig, and Martin were in attendance. Councilman Renner was not present.

The purpose of this meeting is primarily to pay end of year bills. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor.

The mayor mentioned that the offer to the individual to become a new utility employee for the city has been denied and that an offer of employment is being extended to another candidate. More information will be coming in the future. Councilman Watts mentioned that there is a dead tree that is on a property off of Woodburn Road and is asking for follow up in the near future from the appropriate councilman and/or the mayor.

Watts Councilman moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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## THE LOCAL EAGLES

### By: Stan Jordan

Yes, our local eagle nest, just east of town, was destroyed by a violent wind storm on the night of November 28th.

I don't have anything to report on that, for sure, but this is what my readers have told me.

A few days ago a man, about four miles east of town, spotted five eagles in his back yard. Two adults and three young ones. Now you go by the white head, a bald eagle does not get white feathers on his head till he's about four years old.

I have reports of the eagles sitting on limbs by the old nest, but I was just down that way and I didn't see any action at all.

I talked with a person this morning and he had seen five eagles yesterday just a short distance west of town. I surely hope this family of eagles stays together and stay in the area. They surely are a fine conversation piece.

See ya!

## WHAT IS JUSTICE?

## By: Stan Jordan

Somewhere in northern Indiana a lady killed her two children. As I understand the children had different fathers, but the fathers are seldom mentioned in the press releases.

I just can't fathom the fact that she did that job and planned on doing it. What was in her mind? She appears to be sane, at least at a level where she knew what she did was wrong and went to the police.

I know she was having man trouble, but to take it out on the children is just unthinkable. She has to be insane to some degree. She is their mother, she brought them into the world.

If she is brought to trial and is given the death penalty, that, to me, is the easy way out for her and the county judicial system. If they give her life without parole, in a small cell, with no entertainment facility to where her mind and conscious dwells 24 hours a day on what she has done, she will be insane in a few years. If she does have a conscious it will be on her mind 24 hours a day, that will be worse than death. If they give her the death sentence then she will automatically get an appeal and that could take twenty more years. Then the grieving grandmother of these children will not see any justice, but besides that, that county will have to pay about \$48.00 a day for 20 years to pay for her keep. Now where is the justice here?

If she gets life without parole and they put her in a cell with no entertainment facilities and all she can do is think about the wrong she has done, she will form a conscious and it will eat her up. She will probably develop suicidal ideas.

But I imagine the "Do Gooders" will claim that is cruel and unusual punishment and they won't let that happen. Where is the justice here?

It is sure that whatever the judge's decision, not everyone will be satisfied. See ya!



## SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 15: DE-LIVERING THE BLANKETS

### By: Stan Jordan

It is the usual hot weather that you get in Nebraska Territory in the summer. We are a train of three wagons. Callie and I in the first wagon, the other wagons are carrying the blankets and supplies from Fort Kearney to the Lakota people. The third wagon was of the engineer squad and they are back at camp building a bridge over the creek.

We got into the camp in the middle of the afternoon with the usual talking and making welcome and a couple rounds of smoking the peace pipe.

I sat down with White Elk and Limping Buffalo and told them why we came and the contents of the wagons. We have 164 blankets, one for each and every person in the camp. I would like to have Little Beaver to help with the registering of everyone and them receiving the blankets.

White Elk said he didn't think he would help and to let Little Beaver take his place. He said he was getting too old and he doesn't feel like it either. White Elk's color does not look good. We set all of the plans and instructions of the issuing of the blankets and requested for mid-morning.

Then Callie and I ate supper with the four soldiers, and I asked the boys if each one's name that he was known by such as Limping Buffalo and Little Beaver. It is almost impossible to pronounce some of those Indian names.

They were very glad to get a new blanket. This was their first from the U.S. government. We asked each lady if they would like a sewing kit. We also gave each a first aid kit. It took about three hours to give out the blankets. We worked right through the noon time.

Our soldier boys went down and helped with the garden as they had nothing to do.

I guess everyone took their blankets to their Wicki-ups and all the kids and some of the adults played games right up to supper time.

The Indian ladies had their version of vegetable soup and then a sort of a corn meal cookie. (Something like southern folks call hush puppies.) They were very good and ever better with a little honey on them. Some had a little onion and some even a little hot pepper. It seemed like each squaw had her own recipe and they were proud of their own.

We all met that next morning and paid our respects to White Elk. Even the 4 soldiers came and shook hands. White Elk even showed a little smile once.

White Elk spoke quite a bit through the interpreter, Little Beaver. "We are mighty grateful to the White Man leader for the blankets and other gifts."

He was really grateful but all the excitement wore him out.

We loaded up the two wagons and after a fashion we got started for home. Moe had ridden his horse over here and I gave him permission to go on ahead and ride home alone. With a steady lope he can be back at the agency and have supper with the Mess Sergeant.

We bounced along with Limping Buffalo and his son, Little Beaver, in one wagon on the return trail headed south to the agency. It was a nice day and rode right up to supper time.

After supper time. After supper we all sat around and talked about how the natives liked their blankets. They don't have many blankets, they only had deer skins and buffalo hides.

We left the camp we had

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Rural Development (RD) programs. The Ombudsperson seeks a fair process for everyone involved and helps USDA identify and address issues relating to program access by women and Hispanic producers, focused strategically on FSA, NRCS, and RD programs in California, Missouri, New Mexico and Texas.

"I strongly support this office and its functions in ensuring civil rights at USDA and continuing to improve service delivery to our stakeholders," said Vilsack. "The Ombudsperson is another avenue for producers to highlight their shared concerns, while also allowing key issues to be brought to USDA's leaders as early as possible and to help identify solutions to these shared concerns."

The office was created as part of the Keepseagle v. Vilsack settlement to serve Native American farmers and ranchers before directing efforts to serve women and Hispanic farmers. The Ombudsperson serves as an independent, neutral, confidential and informal resource and advocates within USDA for changes when the process, supporting information and data demonstrate a need. However, the Ombudsperson will not advocate for individuals, groups or entities or take sides in an issue or advocate for a particular outcome.

During his tenure, Secretary Vilsack built a new era for civil rights at USDA to ensure that all customers and employees are treated fairly, no matter their race, color, sex, national origin, religion, disability, or age and consistently supported efficient delivery and coordination across all of USDA's programs. The Ombudsperson:

• listens to concerns as a confidential neutral person with no agenda or bias;

• facilitates early calls with USDA program staff and managers;

• makes the connections with the right individuals who can answer the questions or address the concerns raised;

• shares systemic issues with the USDA managers and senior leaders; and

• helps identify recommendations on shared concerns.

More information about the Office of the OmbudPhone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net A TALK WITH GARY AND LINDA MABIS



### By: Stan Jordan

Gary and Linda Mabis came in the other day and we discussed "The Prairie" out at the Antwerp High School.

Linda got the idea of a place that would be safe for our native birds, bees and bugs. She had attended a seminar in Dayton called "The Midwest Nature Plan" and it is all about feeding and taking care of our little friends that are native to our area.

Linda talked it over with Mr. Manz and Dr. Miller and they offered her that 2 acre plot northeast of the school and attached to the school parking lot.

As I understand the grass in that area is no good for the native birds, bugs and other little varmints. They can't live in that type of fescue, no organism can live in that type of grass.

There is a pavilion that is 14 X 44 feet. This pavilion is helpful in many ways. Bench seats to rest, picnic tables and shelter from the sun and rain.

Now, that picture shows a bird house for the native Chimney Swift. They are use to nesting in chimneys, but in our way of living a chimney is a scarce item. That nest is also for blue birds, which are native to Ohio.

We talked about nature weeds and I asked about milkweeds and Linda told me the milkweed is very helpful. The Monarch butterfly will lay their eggs on the weed and other birds will not bother the eggs, for some reason birds will not bother milkweed.

The Monarch butterfly will migrate to Mexico or to southern California and there are many pitfalls for the Monarch: rain, wind, heat and mist.

All the plants and bushes that will be set out here are good for pollination or food, like bird seeds, sun flowers, purple cane flowers and the well known black eyed Susan.

All the trees and bushes will have printed name tags that tell what it is as all are native to the local birds and bugs. All the picnic area is open to the public at any time and you can park at the school parking lot.

Linda said that if you have a special type of plant you can set it out if you have a label for it, if it is native.

Teachers can use the Prairie as a lab and for field trips.

The Prairie is not finished yet. See ya!



it would be alright for Little Beaver to eat with us. I want him to learn all he can about us and as soon as he can. He wants to be a Shaman like his father, Limping Buffalo. We ate some of the Army Stew that the Mess Sergeant had sent along with some peaches.

We talked long into the night and knew we had a pretty good plan for tomorrow. It was a nice warm June evening and the time passed very quickly.

About 10:00 a.m. or mid-morning, everyone was lined up to the table where Limping Buffalo called each Indian's name in their dialect. Then Little Beaver called and wrote down at the river crossing and rode right on home to the agency.

Moe had put on a pot of beans and we tore into them. We didn't stop for lunch; it is about 3:00 p.m. now.

See ya!

## USDA OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE EXPANDS TO HELP WOMEN AND HISPANIC FARMERS AND RANCHERS RESOLVE ACCESS ISSUES TO USDA PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that the Office of the Ombudsperson is helping women and Hispanic farmers and ranchers with accessing Farm Service Agency (FSA), sperson is available at www. usda.gov/ombudsperson. The Ombudsperson, Joanne Dea, can be reached by phone at (202) 205-1000 or via email at ombudsperson@usda.gov.

## **NOTICE ON TOURNEYS**

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## Phone: 419-258-2000 • Website: www.westbendnews.net PAULDING SWCD BOARD MEMBER SWORN IN FOR NEW TERM



Brian Ruble of Grover Hill was reelected to a second 3-year term on the Paulding SWCD Board of Supervisors. He was sworn in recently by Board Chairman Matt Stoller at the Paulding SWCD Office. Pictured here is Stoller (left) swearing in Ruble (right). Landowners are elected to serve on the board to conduct business of the Paulding SWCD and Ditch Maintenance Offices.



## **FAIRVIEW GIRLS BAS-KETBALL @ THE BRYAN HOLIDAY CLASSIC**

The Lady Apaches competed in the Bryan Holiday Classic last Thursday and Friday. The varsity won their opening game against Paulding 40-30. Leading scorer was Mercedes Wagner with 16 points and a team high 13 rebounds. Kendra Schroeder added 9 and chipped in 7 boards and 3 steals. Carly Wendling and Katie Crites had 4 points each and Wendling a team high 4 assists. Rounding out the scoring was Katelyn Smith with 3 points and Riley Collins and Allison Vetter with 2 each.

In the championship game on Friday against Stryker the Lady Apaches fought to keep it close for 3 quarters but were out manned down the stretch and lost 64-42. Leading scorer and making the all-tournament team was Mercedes Wagner who finished with 16 points. Katie Crites added 11 points and a team high 6 rebounds. Kendra Schroeder went 3/6 from the field for 6 points and Carly Wendling netted 5 points and 4 assists. Both Allison Vetter and Kendall Baker had 2 points to conclude the scoring.

The JV girls on Thursday lost to Paulding 38-44. Leading scorers were Sami Kime with 18 points and Kendall Baker had 11. The JV girls also lost to Stryker in another close game 31-36. Riley Mealer, Sami Kime, and Audrey Hug each had 8

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points, Kendall Baker 5, and Sam McGlaughlin added 2 points.

## **FAIRVIEW GIRLS BASKET-**BALL @ EDON - 1/3/17

The girls basketball teams traveled to Edon for their first contest of 2017. The varsity won 55-29 after an explosive second half. Leading the Lady Apaches was Mercedes Wagner with 18 points and 9 rebounds. Allison Vetter finished with 12 points and 10 boards for her first double-double of the season. Katelyn Smith added 8 points and 2 blocks. Carly Wendling also had 8 points. Kendra Schroeder finished with 7 points and a team high 6 steals and Katie Crites added 2 points and 7 rebounds.

JV girls won 36-22 with strong rebounding and defense playing a major part in the win. Sami Kime was the leading scorer with 11 points and 3 steals. Taylor King had 7 points and 6 rebounds while Kendall Baker and Audrey Hug added 6 points and 6 rebounds each. Riley Mealer also had 6 points and a season high 9 rebounds.

## **HICKSVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSOR-ING YOUTH FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

All boys and girls ages 9 thru 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Two local competitions will be held Sunday January 15th at 1-:00 One at St. Michael Church Gym on Antwerp Drive (Rte 49) A Hicksville, Ohio, and one at the MAC Gymnasium, 204 Archer Drive, Antwerp, Ohio.

The Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through the local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state levels. All boy and girls 9 thru 14 years of age will compete in their respective age divisions. Division age groups are determined by age on January 1. Ages 9 thru 11 shoot from 12 feet on a 10 foot basket. All contestants are recognized for their participation in the event. All are required out fill out entry forms for the event. District competition will be held at Edgerton High School January 29, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal service organization, last year the Knights donated over 70 million volunteer hours and \$ 170 million to charitable causes, Sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, familes and youth.

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Lengacher amassed a record

of 1 win and 1 loss with 1 pin

on the day. Congratulations

to Trayce and all of the junior

high wrestlers for their hard

remind everyone that the

Antwerp wrestling club has

also started and is open to

any child in kindergarten

through 6th grade. The club

will run on Tuesdays and

Thursdays at the Antwerp

Wrestling Club starting at

5:00 p.m. We hope to see you

You have read in this

year's newspapers that the

Wayne Trace Raiders were

unstoppable and for good

cause. They were undefeated

over 9 games from the begin-

ning of the season. Very few

teams ever achieve that kind

of record. On Saturday, Jan-

uary 7, the Raiders travelled

to Napoleon to take on of the

largest school competitors of

the season. Napoleon hasn't

been that good this season,

and the first quarter showed

that. Ethan Linder and Jake

Kuhn performed very well

at the guest court when they

outscored the Wildcats 18-

26. The three 3-point baskets

began the slide for the Raid-

ers when they only scored

14 points to the Napoleon

17. Wayne Trace finished the

riods finished the victory for

Napoleon when they earned

another 17 in the third com-

pared to Wayne Trace's 10,

giving them a 2 point lead for

the fourth period when both

teams earned only 9 points.

The game finished with only

Wayne Trace: 26 14 10 9

Napoleon Scorers: Landon

Wayne Trace Scorers:

Brady Stabler 2; Eli Sinn

11; Josh Kuhn 4; Jon Sinn 5;

Ethan Linder 22; Jake Kuhn

Wayne Trace is now 9-1

Wayne Trace won the JV

The Raiders will compete

Willemann 12; Logan Shep-

ard 3; Brett Lauf 22; Reid

Sonnenberg 14; Chase Rich-

ardson 8; Alex Gerne 2;

and Napoleon is 2-6;

game 51-42

a 2 point difference 61-59.

Score by Quarter: Napoleon: 18 17 17 9 = 61

= 59

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The third and fourth pe-

Now the second quarter

helped a lot with that!

half in the lead 40-35.

there. Go Archers!!

**FIRST LOSS** 

**RAIDERS COLLAPSE IN** 

We would also like to

work over the weekend.

7th grader Trayce Lengacher, MEET THE NEWLY who is only a 1st year wres-ELECTED EACS BOARD tler, was able to place in the **OFFICERS** 2nd tournament of his young career by finishing in the runner-up spot at 86 pounds.

The newly elected EACS Board Officers for 2017 are as follows:



Mr. Robert Nelson, President



Mr. Tim Hines, Vice President



Mr. Chris Baker, Secretary



Mr. Todd Buckmaster

Mr. Todd Buckmaster was sworn in as a new member, replacing Mr. Arden Hoffman. Mrs. Gayle Etzler was also sworn in as a new board member replacing Mr. Leland Etzler who resigned from the Board citing health issues. (Mrs. Eltzler's photo is not available).

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## **ANTWERP JUNIOR HIGH** WRESTLING

Antwerp hosted its annual junior high tournament this past Saturday January 7, 2017 at Antwerp High School. Of the 3 archer wrestlers competing, 1 was able to place in the top 4 of his weight class.

against Edgerton in a conference match on January 12 at home.



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## PAGE 8 – WEST BEND NEWS – JANUARY 10, 2017 WAYNE TRACE DEFEATS ANTWERP



Raider's Ethan Linder goes to score and is guarded by Cole Seslar and Matt Jones. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Antwerp hosted the conference match between the Raiders and the Archers on Thursday, January 5. The bovs basketball game went to the Raiders when Antwerp took a while to get its wings. The first half was clearly in

was 6 for 6 on free-throws.

Matt Jones was once again looking good with 11 points under his belt. If Antwerp could have played the first half like the second, they would have been on top. The Raiders came out



Antwerp's Trey Mills scores on a jump shot while guarded by Jon Sinn. More pictures at westbendnews.net

favor of the Raiders and the second half was to Antwerp but not by enough to cover the losses of the first half.

In the first quarter, Wayne Trace easily outscored the Archers, playing on the home team's lack of getting rebounds and running back to score. Both teams were hitting baskets from the outside ring successfully. Brady Stabler and Luke Brewer both were tops on their respective teams for the 3 point baskets. The first half ended 47-16. The second half was a different game when roles were reversed. Antwerp came back out with Dylan Peters topping the Archer points continued to score both freethrows and field goals. No one can miss the Raider's top scorer Ethan Linder. He hit 35 points for the night and

victorious in this strong win 74-54.

Score by Quarter: Wayne Trace: 19 28 16 11

Antwerp: 9 7 2 1 17 = 54 Wayne Trace: Brady Stabler 11; Sli Sinn 9; Josh Kuhn

## LADY PANTHERS DEFEAT **SPENCERVILLE**

The Paulding Lady Panthers took on Spencerville High School on January 5th. Paulding had an outstanding first quarter which saved the game for them. Faith Vogel was incredible on this night with 8 field goals. The next quarter was dominated by the Bearcats when they outscored Paulding 5-10. The half time ended 21-18, and Paulding was still in the lead.

In the second half, the game started to heat up. The third period was very close when Paulding was only 1 point behind in scoring. Brianna Townley was also hitting baskets on this night. She hit 5 2-point field goals for the team. The third period ended up 31-29, and Paulding barely held on to the lead.

In the fourth period, both teams were turning up the defense and neither had a high scoring quarter. They both claimed 6 points. Great job to Paulding for picking up the 37-35 victory.

The Lady Panthers are now 2-9 overall and 1-2 in the conference.

Score by Quarter:

Paulding: 16 5 10 6 = 37 Spencerville: 8 10 11 6 =35

Paulding Scorers: Kaylen Hale 2; Kyler McCullough 7; Brianna Townley 11; Faith Vogel 17.

## TIGERS DOMINATE BOARD, **BEAT ACES**

The host Tigers dominated the rebounding battle 36-18 and took advantage to post a 56-49 win over visiting Hicksville in the Green Meadows Conference opener for both schools.

Jake Grim paced Holgate with 16 points as the Tigers improve to 5-2 overall and 1-0 in the conference. Bailey Hohenberger scored 13 points for Holgate with Jack Clady posting 11 markers.

Holgate jumped in front 15-9 after one quarter before Hicksville trimmed the deficit to 24-23 at the intermission.

The Tigers took control back in the third quarter, getting the ball inside to the trio of Clady, Grim and Hohenberger as Holgate expanded the margin back to 35-28 entering the final stanza.

Holgate continued to expand the lead to 44-30 with 5.02 in the fourth quarforts with 18 points, including three treys on the night, while Tunis chipped in ten markers.

Michael Myers (eight), Logan Neidhardt (six), Evans (four) and Parker Thiel (three) rounded out the Hicksville scoring.

Completing the list of Holgate scorers were Trey Jones (eight), Louis Gustwiller (four) and Sebastian Bristeno (four).

Each team shot 45 percent from the field as Hicksville was 19 of 42 and Holgate finished 18 of 40. However, the foul line proved to be critical as the Tigers were 17 of 29 (59 percent) compared to Hicksville's 7 of 17 (41 percent).

Both squads did a great job of taking care of the basketball as the Aces committed five turnovers while the Tigers had eight miscues.

Hicksville salvaged a split on the night as the Aces won the junior varsity game 30-19.

The Aces return to action on Thursday when they host Tinora in Green Meadows Conference action. On that same evening, Holgate will entertain Fairview.

## **ARCHERS ENJOY ANOTHER VICTORY**

The Archers boys basketball team travelled to Liberty Center on Saturday, January 7 for the 7th basketball game of the season. Antwerp, before this game, was 2-4 and Liberty Center was 1-5.

This first quarter was burning up the court for the Archers when Matt Jones and Cole Seslar were competing for points. Both boys hit a 3 point field goals and 2 2-point baskets. The Tiger's Carpenter was the top for the first period when he added 4 points. The quarter ended 16-13.

Neither team was hot in the second period when defense reigned and both teams only added 10 points. Jones again was the top scorer with 5 point. Trey Mills was up to four points when he was fouled and sunk both baskets. Luke Brewer was looking good here he scored two points and fouled on the shot, then sunk free-throw before the half. Antwerp was still in the lead in this close game at half-time 26-23.

Antwerp continued to shoot down it's rival when it gained a few more points the third period. Mills dominated this score when he posted a 3-point basket and a 2-point field goal. Dylan Peters picked up his first points when he added a 3 pointer too. The third period ended 38-32-still not a significant lead.

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opportunity to add their

foul shots they had been

practicing. Mills sunk 4 in

a row, Brewer also hit 2 of 2

and Seslar earned one also.

Antwerp hit 77% of the free-

throws in this match! They

scored 19 points and won

Antwerp: 16 10 12 19 = 57

Liberty Center: 13 10 9 13

Antwerp Scorers: Matt

Jones 16; Trey Mills 15;

Dylan Peters 5; Cole Seslar

8; Luke Brewer 5; Brandon

Pendergrast 2; Hunter Noel

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Score by Quarter:

the game 57-45.

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Liberty Center Scorers: C that widened the difference when The Tigers started Sonnenberg 7; C Chambers playing a different game 4; A Like 10; B Graber 6; Z Carpenter 7; B Tonjes 2; J by fouling to get the ball. It helped them only in the Krugh 9. sense they got more points, This game brought Antbut it also gave Antwerp the

werp's record up to 3-4. The next game for the Archers is at Ayersville on Thursday, January 12.

## **RAIDERS DOWN AR-CHERS IN CONFER-**ENCE MATCH

On Friday, January 6, the Lady Raiders hosted Antwerp for the conference match. The game was downright awful for the Archer team. Antwerp struggled from the first minute through the end while the Raiding party continued the fight.



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2; Jon Sinn 3; Blaine Jerome 5; Ethan Linder 34; Jake Kuhn 6; Seth Yenser 2.

Antwerp: Matt Jones 11; Austin Jones 3; Trey Mills 8; Dylan Peters 15; Cole Seslar 2; Luke Brewer 11; Brandon Pendergrast; Hunter Noel 2; The Raiders won the ju-

nior varsity match 41-32. The next game for the Archers is at Ayersville on Thursday, January 12. The Raiders will compete against Edgerton in a conference match on January 12 at home.

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ter before Hicksville made things interesting.

The Aces' Hunter Evans hit a jumper at the 4:46 mark and added a foul shot with 4:32 left to cut the deficit to 44-33.

Hicksville cut in to lead further with 3:09 on the clock as a Logan Thiel three-pointer pulled the Aces within 44-37.

Following a pair of Grim free throws, baskets by Payton Tunis and Thiel brought the Defiance County squad within 46-41.

The Tigers, though, would seal the victory by hitting 9 of 11 free throws down the stretch to wrap up the victory.

Thiel topped the Aces' ef-

It was the fourth period

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The first quarter Antwerp only scored 4 points to Wayne Trace's 16. Points by Danae Myers and Claire Sinn kept the points adding up on the board. Claire Sinn added a 3-pointer and so did Gracie Gudakunst. The first quarter ended 16-4.

The shining point for Antwerp was this second quarter when they nearly matched the opposing team. Karsyn Brumett performed quite well and when she 2 field goals and a three point basket. Gudakunst was fouled a couple of times and hit all four of her free throw attempts. The 1st half ended 29-16.

The third and fourth periods sunk the nail in the coffin on this game. Antwerp scored only 9 points in this half. Hope Smith is certainly a credit to the team when she posted 4 points to the score board.

The Raiders added 22 points in this half and they continued the pressure on Antwerp. Myers was also able to put in 4 of 6 freethrow baskets.

The game ended 51-25 and Wayne Trace increased their winning record. Score by Quarter:



= 51 Antwerp: 4 12 7 2 = 25 Wayne Trace Scorers: Claire Sinn 12; Miriam Sinn 1; Kaylee Shepherd 4; Gracie Gudakunst 7; Danae Myers 18; Brooke Sinn 6; Lily Sinn

Wayne Trace: 16 13 8 14

Antwerp Scorers: Rachel Williamson 2; Maggie Wilson 4; Becca Johanns 1; Krasyn Brumett 7; Hope Smith 4; Peyton Short 3; Ashley Miller 4

The Lady Raiders are now 9-1 and The Lady Archers are 5-4.

January 13 is Wayne Trace's next game taking place at Edgerton. Antwerp will play at home against Ayersville on the same night.

## CONGRESSMAN LATTA ANNOUNCES MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMI-NATIONS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) has announced his nominations from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District for consideration for acceptance into the United States Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military, and Naval Academies in the Class 2021: "I'm honored to nominate this group of outstanding young men and women from Ohio's Fifth Congres-

from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District for acceptance to our nation's prestigious service academies," said Latta. "These students represent our future leaders and should be applauded for the steps they are taking to serve our country. As the application process moves forward."

U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado

• Olga Budke, Findlay, Fostoria St. Wendelin High School

Bryce Cherko, Perrysburg, Rossford High School
Rosalie D'Onofrio, Sylvania, Northview High School

• Noah Flack, Bowling Green, Maumee Valley Country Day School

• Courtney Moreland, Sylvania, Southview High School

• Samantha Lolo, Perrysburg, Perrysburg High School

• Keegan Pipes, Sylvania, Northview High School

Allena Rose, Toledo,
Whitmer High School
Elizabeth Shaffer,

• Elizabeth Shaffer, Hicksville, Hicksville High School

• Nicolas Spieker, Findlay, Liberty-Benton High School

U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York

• Quintin DeWalt, Oak Harbor, Oak Harbor High

School • Annika Gerlach, Nevada, Bucyrus Wynford High SchoolAllena Rose, Toledo,

Whitmer High School • Elizabeth Shaffer,

Hicksville, Hicksville High School • Nicolas Spieker, Find-

lay, Liberty-Benton High School

• Abigail Yeager, Holland, Springfield High School

U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland

• Winifred Barchick-Suter, Perrysburg, Perrysburg High School

• Ethan Berlin, Oak Harbor, Oak Harbor High School

• Matthew Butson, Metamora, St. John's Jesuit High School

• Rosalie D'Onofrio, Sylvania, Northview High School

• Hayes Gatchell, Carey, Carey High School

• Annika Gerlach, Nevada, Bucyrus Wynford High School

• Samuel Kovaleski, Findlay, Findlay High School

• Sean Rattay, Monclova, St. John's Jesuit High School, Naval Academy Preparatory School

• Allena Rose, Toledo, Whitmer High School

• Madison Shimborske, Ottawa Hills, Ottawa Hills High School U.S. Merchant Marine

Academy at King's Point, New York • Zachary Bozinger,

Bowling Green, St. Frances de Sales High School • Annika Gerlach, Nevada, Bucyrus Wynford High School

• Samuel Kovaleski, Findlay, Findlay High School

A nomination does not guarantee acceptance to an Academy; that responsibility rests with their admissions office. Additional information regarding the academy nomination and application process may be obtained from Congressman Latta's website

## LATTA VOTES TO REBUKE UN'S ANTI-ISRAEL RESO-LUTION

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleague in passing bipartisan resolution, а H.Res. 11, that condemns the United Nation Security Council's recent resolution regarding Israel's building of settlements. That resolution, which passed the U.N. Security Council by a 14-0 vote, was made possible due to the Obama Administration refusal to veto. H.Res. 11 passed the House by a 342-80 vote. "Standing with our closest ally in the Middle East, Israel, has been a longstanding, bipartisan tradition," said Latta. "The Security Council's resolution was another tired attempt to undermine Israel at the U.N., and I was profoundly disappointed that the President and his Administration stood by idly as this occurred. Today's vote by the House shows the strong support that exists for the Israeli people and their government. It's time to turn the page on the last eight years, and I welcome a new Administration that has made it clear that they value rebuilding this critical relationship.'

WILD RIDE FOR THE ARCHERS AGAINST WARRIORS



Open for the shot is Peyton Short scoring for the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

more gaming experience un-

der the belt compared to the

only 7 points scored by An-

twerp in the first period.

The Warriors had 9 points

on their side. This was a

strange period when the ref-

erees appeared to be calling

This game began with

Archers.

The game at Antwerp against the Warriors took place on Tuesday, January 3. Woodlan has come into the match with a significantly ton Short. Again, foul shots were quite a contribution to the Lady Archers score. The third quarter ended 28-20. In the fourth quarter

In the fourth quarter Woodlan had their best period. Hinton posted 6 points and Samantha Houser, Bayman, and Kayla Reidenbach all ad field goals. Antwerp had another good quarter with Smith and Williamson having four and Becca Johanns picking up a field goal. The final score was 39-32.



Woodlan's Samantha Voors looks for an open player to pass to avoid the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net



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calls inconsistently for both sides. A Technical was called in the second period against Woodlan's coach Gary Cobb, giving Antwerp's Rachel Williamson the opportunity to shoot free-throws and score. Nearly as many points were scored on free-throws in the second period with all of the fouls called against the Warriors. Woodlan also had the opportunity for freethrows and Rain Hinton scored the one Woodlan. The half ended 18-14 in this state-line rivalry.

The third quarter was not great for Woodlan when they only scored 6 points. Addison Bayman scored four of those points. Antwerp gradually added another 10 with field goals by Williamson, Hope Smith and PeyScore by Quarter: Antwerp: 7 11 10 11 = 39 Woodlan: 9 5 6 12 = 32 Antwerp scorers: Ranel Williamson 17; Becca

chel Williamson 17; Becca Johanns 2; Hope Smith 13; Peyton Short 7

Woodlan scorers: Kei'anna McGettigan 2; Samantha Houser 2; Addison Bayman 6; Kayla Reidenbach 2; Samantha Voors 2; Rain Hinton 18.

Antwerp will play at home against Ayersville on January 13.

Woodlan will play next in the ACAC tournaments. The Warriors received the bye and will play the winner of Southern Wells/Adams Central in the Friday night semi-finals match.

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## PAGE 10 – WEST BEND NEWS – JANUARY 10, 2017 WOODLAN BREAKS LOSING STREAK— WINS BIG



Aaron Hahn adds a 3 point basket to the Warrior score on Saturday night's game. More pictures at westbendnews.net

It's been a tough couple of weeks for the Woodlan Boys Basketball team. They haven't been able to pull out a win since they took on Adams Central on December 16. After suffering a trio of big losses to Fremont, Wayne Trace and Churubusco, Woodlan got back on track Saturday night as the Warriors rolled past Bluffton 58-31

The Warriors hosted Bluffton High School of Indiana on Saturday, January 7.

The game started with Woodlan grabbing the tipoff and sinking a 3 point basket right off. The Tigers retaliated with 3 point basket of their own. Warriors was able to hold them off and the first quarter ended 12-7.

The first quarter was good but the second quarter was great! Points by Trevon McCarter and Aaron Hahn made this game stay on track. The cheerleaders were keeping the crowds cheering for the boys team, all doing great tonight! The first half ended with Woodlan leader 32-13.

The second half continued

## LATTA NAMED CHAIRMAN **OF E&C SUBCOMMITTEE** ON DIGITAL COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTEC-TION

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) has named Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection. The subcommittee's jurisdiction includes interstate and foreign commerce, oversight of the Federal Trade Commission, manufacturing, data security, and consumer affairs and protection. The Digital Commerce well for the home team, not scoring as much but still more than the Tigers kept the Warriors on path for victory. The final score of the game ended 58-31. Woodlan turned the tide on the record. Coach David Randall was happy with his team winning this match.

Score by Quarter:

Bluffton: 7 6 3 15 = 31 Woodlan: 12 20 9 17 = 58

Bluffton Scorers: Rylie Johnston 4; Max Corle 1; Zach Cummins 3; Mitchell Kuhlenbeck 3; Evan Baumgartner 2; Jackson Ingle 3; Cole McConnell 3; Hudson Shalley 9; Landon McClish 3. Woodlan Scorers: Deon-

tae Biggs 6; Trevon McCarter 8; Trevor Wiedenhoeft 2; Ah'lan Howard 10; Matthew Elias 2; Micah Robbins 3; Noah Gerig 1; Lucas Bertsche 6; Aaron Hahn 18; Kyle Nahrwold 2

Woodlan is now 6-5 while Bluffton's record is 4-7.

The Warriors will go on to play at South Adams on Saturday, January 14.

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and Consumer Protection Subcommittee also has jurisdiction over many policies related to the Internet of Things. Latta has served as Co-Chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee's IoT Working Group since early last year.

"I'm honored to be named Chairman of the Digital Commerce and Consumer

try receive the benefits and protections needed to grow our economy.

"At the same time, I'm excited to continue to serve in a role that helps shape policy relating to the Internet of Things and data security. There is incredible potential in new technology and ensuring that the Federal government takes the right approach to allow the private sector to innovate is essential. I'd like to thank Chairman Walden for this opportunity, and I can't wait to roll up our sleeves and get to work on the important issues we face."

"The Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection has an important role in terms of both empowering consumers and boosting economic activity here at home," said Chairman Walden. "Bob will do an outstanding job in ensuring that consumers are protected, products are safe for families, and policies are promoted that support and encourage commerce."

## PAULDING COUNTY **BOARD OF COMMISSION-ERS MEETING MINUTES** 12/28/16

This 28th day of December, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 229994 through 230056 and 230057 through 230060 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:04 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting yea.

At 8:28 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on December 21, 2016, Warrants numbered 229865 through 229893 in the amount of \$52,286.76; 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 RE-SOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section \$121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on December 28, 2016, Warrants numbered 229997 through 230054 in the amount of \$37,342.14; 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

pursuant WHEREAS, 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 RE-

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

Revised Code. IN THE MATTER OF WELLNESS BENEFITS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

Paulding WHEREAS, County offers health insurance to its elected officials and employees through CEBCO; and

WHEREAS, CEBCO offers incentives through a Wellness Grant for those who chose to participate in its wellness programs; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that, as of this date, wellness benefits may be awarded to and accepted by employees and elected officials who have successfully completed the requirements of the wellness program.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING A HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby adopt the following holiday schedule for 2017 and will be closed on said days as follows: January 2, 2017, Monday, New Year's Day; January 16, 2017, Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr.; February 20, 2017, Monday, President's Day; April 14, 2017, Friday, Good Friday (close at 12:00 p.m.); May 29, 2017, Monday, Memorial Day; July 4, 2017, Monday, Independence Day; September 4, 2017, Monday, Labor Day; October 9, 2017, Monday, Columbus Day; November 10, 2017, Friday, Veterans' Day; November 23 & 24, 2017, Thursday & Friday, Thanksgiving; December 25 & 26, 2017, Monday & Tuesday, Christmas

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PAULDING COUNTY DE-VELOPMENTAL DISABILI-TIES BOARD

WHEREAS, Ms. Kelly Tumblin was appointed to serve as board member of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tumblin does not wish to be reappointed; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Com-



Protection Subcommittee and look forward to tackling the challenges before us in this new role," said Latta. "Technology is changing the face of commerce, and this subcommittee will give us the opportunity to ensure that manufacturers and consumers across the coun-



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missioners does hereby appoint the following to serve as board member of the Paulding County Development Disabilities Board for a four year term, beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2020; to-wit: Mr. Joe Cramer, 24297 Road 12, Cloverdale OH 45827

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PAULDING COUNTY DE-VELOPMENTAL DISABILI-TIES BOARD

WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Henriott was appointed to serve as board member of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2005, and ending December 31, 2008; was reappointed on January 1, 2009, for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2012; was reappointed January 1, 2013 for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henriott has served the maximum of three terms (12 years) and is not eligible for reappointment; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint the following to serve as board member of the Paulding County Development Disabilities Board for a four (4) year term, beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2020; towit: Mr. Kevin Albright, 13166 Rita Street, Paulding OH 45879

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PAULDING COUNTY DE-VELOPMENTAL DISABILI-TIES BOARD

WHEREAS, Ms. Jane Gochenour was appointed to serve as board member of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2005, and ending December 31, 2008; was reappointed on January 1, 2009, for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2012; was reappointed January 1, 2013 for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gochenour has served the maximum of three terms (12 years) and is not eligible for reappointment; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby appoint the following to serve as board member of the Paulding County Development Disabilities Board for a four (4) year term, beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2020; towit: Mr. Timothy Sinn, 3984 Road 117, Haviland OH 45851

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 AN-NUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-030)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following, to-wit; 001-030-00008/General Fund/Insurance/Loss Control/ Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$100,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 AN-APPROPRIATION NUAL (FUND 023)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Common Pleas-Computer Research Fund (Fund 023), towit; 023-001-00001/Common Pleas Research/Research Ex-

#### AMOUNT: \$1,000.00 pense IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 AN-NUAL APPROPRIATION

(FUND 048) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Library Fund (Fund 048), to-wit; 048-001-00001/Library/ Library Expenses AMOUNT: \$2,325.65

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 AN-APPROPRIATION NUAL (FUND 096)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Prison Diversion 408 Fund (Fund 096), to-wit; 096-001-20101/Prison Diversion 408/Personnel AMOUNT: \$5,433.08

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-NUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-011)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-011-00004/General Fund/Probate Court/Equipment

TO: 001-011-00010/General Fund/Probate Court/PERS TOTAL: \$487.74

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-NUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 001-011)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-011-00004/General Fund/Probate Court/Equipment

TO: 001-011-00013/General Fund/Probate Court/Medicare TOTAL: \$50.88

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-APPROPRIATION NUAL (FUND 001-013)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-013-00008/General Fund/Coroner/ Workers' Compensation TO: 001-013-00007/General Fund/ Coroner/PERS AMOUNT: \$

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-APPROPRIATION NUAL (FUND 001-014)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County CommisRepairs TO: 009-001-00033/ Engineer-Gas Tax/Medicare AMOUNT: \$24.30

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-APPROPRIATION NUAL (FUND 015)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Auditor-Estate Tax Fund (Fund 015), to-wit; FROM: 015-001-00003/Auditor-Estate Tax/PERS TO: 015-001-00006/Auditor-Estate Tax/ Medicare AMOUNT: \$.07

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-NUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 048)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Library Fund (Fund 048), to-wit; FROM:

048-001-99990/Library/Real Estate Fees TO:048-001-00001/ Library/Library Expenses AMOUNT: \$2,816.47

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-NUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 048)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Library Fund (Fund 048), to-wit; FROM: 048-001-99991/Library/Moblie Home Fees TO:048-001-00001/ Library/Library Expenses

AMOUNT: \$142.56 IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-APPROPRIATION NUAL (FUND 048)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Library Fund (Fund 048), to-wit; FROM: 048-001-99993/Library/Wind Farm #2 TO:048-001-00001/ Library/Library Expenses AMOUNT: \$3.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-NUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 048)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation

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New Haven hosted the Panthers from Snider on January 4th. The game was close but New Haven put the game away with 3 point baskets, winning the match 63-51. Shown here is Brecar Clark scoring 2 points under the basket. More pictures at westbendnews.net

and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Library Fund (Fund 048), to-wit; FROM: 048-001-99994/Library/Blue Creek Wind Farm TO: 048-001-00001/Library/Library Expenses AMOUNT: \$46.06

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-NUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 062)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Emergency 911 Fund (Fund 062), to-wit; FROM: 062-001-99990/Emergency 911/Real Estate Fees TO: 062-001-00006/Emergency 911/ PERS AMOUNT: \$89.31

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIA-TION (FUND 062)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Emergency

911 Fund (Fund 062), to-wit; FROM: 062-001-99990/Emergency 911/Real Estate Fees TO: 062-001-00008/Emergency 911/Medicare AMOUNT: \$358.95

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-APPROPRIATION NUAL (FUND 062)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Pauld-

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> \$2.83 IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-APPROPRIATION NUAL (FUND 009)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; FROM: 009-001-00004/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contracts/

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## PAGE 12 – WEST BEND NEWS – JANUARY 10, 2017 OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL HONORS MEN-**KE AND SCHEIRER**

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Joshua T. Menke has been selected the 2016 Trooper of the Year at the Van Wert post.

The selection of Trooper Menke, 27, is in recognition of outstanding service during 2016. Fellow officers stationed at the Van Wert post, chose Trooper Menke based on his leadership abilities, professional ethics, courteous treatment of others, enthusiastic work attitude, and cooperation with supervisors, peers, and the public.



Trooper Menke joined the Highway Patrol in 2011 as a member of the 151st class. Originally from Delphos, Trooper Menke is a graduate of Delphos Jefferson High School and the James A. Rhodes State College Police Academy. Menke serves as a field training officer and has also been awarded the patrol's physical fitness award.

Trooper Menke and wife, Kristina, reside in Van Wert County with their daughter Violet.



Radio Dispatcher Meghan L. Scheirer has been selected the 2016 Dispatcher of the Year at the Van Wert dispatch center. Scheirer joined the Highway Patrol in 2013 and is assigned to the Van Wert dispatch center. She is a graduate of Defiance High School and Defiance College.

Scheirer, 37, was honored in recognition of her outstanding service over the past year. Supervision and dispatchers chose Scheirer based on her technical job knowledge and ability, enthusiastic work attitude, teamwork, and prompt and courteous response to the public's request for information and assistance.

Scheirer and her family reside in Defiance County.

Both Menke and Scheirer are in contention for district and state honors as Trooper of the Year and Dispatcher of the Year. Those honors will be announced at a later date.

## **PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION-ERS MEETING MINUTES** 12/14/16

This 14th day of December, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

### ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 229722 through 229770 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** 

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to go into executive session at 8:00 a.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting yea.

At 8:08 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF AP-PROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAY-MENTS

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on December 14, 2016, Warrants numbered 229740 through 229758 in the amount of \$973.66; and

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

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

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

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

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein to go into executive session at 9:01 a.m. with the County Prosecutor to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Holtsberry. All members voting yea. At 9:07 a.m. all members pres-

ent agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; 009-001-00008/Engineer-Gas Tax/Equipment AMOUNT: \$4,390.00

THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 017)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2016 Annual Appropriation by appropriating the following in the Eaton Farm Fund (Fund 017), to-wit; 017-001-00007/Eaton Farm/Other Expenses AMOUNT: \$1,028.69

IN THE MATTER OF MODI-FYING THE 2016 ANNUAL AP-**PROPRIATION (FUND 009)** 

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; FROM: 009-001-00003/ Tax/Equipment Engineer-Gas AMOUNT: \$6,800.00 FROM: 009-001-00021/Engineer-Gas Tax/Contract Projects AMOUNT: \$4.650.00 TO: 009-001-00008/Engineer-Gas Tax/Equipment TOTAL: \$11,450.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODI-FYING THE 2016 ANNUAL AP-PROPRIATION (FUND 009)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; FROM: 009-001-00005/Engineer-Gas Tax/ Travel AMOUNT: \$760.00 FROM: 009-001-00020/Engineer-Gas Tax/ Contracts/Services AMOUNT

\$2,750.00 TO: 009-001-00008/ Engineer-Gas Tax/Equipment TOTAL: \$3,510.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODI-FYING THE 2016 ANNUAL AP-**PROPRIATION (FUND 009)** 

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; FROM: 009-001-00023/Engineer-Gas Tax/ Other Expenses TO: 009-001-00010/Engineer-Gas Tax/Insurance AMOUNT: \$2,500.00

#### IN THE MATTER OF MODI-FYING THE 2016 ANNUAL AP-PROPRIATION (FUND 009)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Engineer-Gas Tax Fund (Fund 009), to-wit; 009-001-00012/Engineer-Gas Tax/Advertising TO: 009-001-00033/Engineer-Gas Tax/Medicare AMOUNT: \$859.00

IN THE MATTER OF DESIG-NATING THE OFFICIAL REPRE-SENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION-ERS' ASSOCIATION OF OHIO

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and WHEREAS, in designating to Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate; now, therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Roy Klopfenstein is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Paulding County; and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Mark Holtsberry is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Paulding County.

IN THE MATTER OF SE-LECTING A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION FOR **REQUIRED LEGAL PUBLICA-**TIONS

WHEREAS, whenever a political subdivision of the state is required by law to make any legal publication in a newspaper, the newspaper shall be one of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney has deemed that both the West Bend and the Paulding County Progress meet the criteria for a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving quotes from both newspapers and following the general practice of accepting the lowest bid, it was recommended to accept the bid from the West Bend News; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to utilize the West Bend News, P O Box 1008, 101 North Main Street, Antwerp OH 45813 as their newspaper of general circulation for the calendar year 2017.

IN THE MATTER OF VACAT-ING A PORTION OF 4-H DRIVE, TOWNSHIP OF PAULDING, COUNTY OF PAULDING, STATE **OF OHIO** 

WHEREAS, a petition dated December 7, 2016, was filed in the Board of County Commissioners' Office by Mr. Larry Colley, President of the Paulding County Agricultural Society, on behalf of the Paulding County Agricultural Society, requesting to vacate a portion of 4-H Drive in the Township of Paulding, County of Paulding, State of Ohio; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners will hereby conduct a view and public hearing to consider vacating a portion of 4-H Drive in the Township of Paulding, County of Paulding, State of Ohio, according to Ohio Revised Code Section 5553.04; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the view will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 11th day of January, 2017, and the hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of January, 2017, in the Office of the Paulding County Board of Commissioners.

Meeting Notes of Appointments Deb Guilford, Paulding County Board of DD; Megan Sierra, Ericka Willitzer, and Pat Ross, Paulding County Workshop, Inc.; and Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor - Ms. Guilford reported the transition of the PC Workshop from being under the jurisdiction of the Paulding County Board of DD to being a private, non-profit entity is going smoothly. The PCBDD set the date of December 31, 2016, as the date of finalization before Ms. Guilford came on board as director. Ms. Guilford explained the transportation van the PCBDD had been leasing from Williams County Board of DD has been purchased by the PCBDD. They will lease it to the Paulding County Workshop. Ms. Guilford commented she and Ms. Sierra have been spending many hours pouring over the financials. PCBDD will present an offer to support the PC Workshop as they move toward privitization. PCBDD levy dollars will be utilized to supple ment the PC Workshop. Ms. Guilford explained how the levy dollars are used to 'match' state Medicaid dollars paid for services rendered. She explained those Medicaid dollars are received not only for Paulding County residents who are working at the PC Workshop, but also for those working at other entities. The clients are free to chose where they work and some chose to go out of county. Ms. Sierra stated she has been working with her board and Ms. Guilford to create a budget, as well as a business plan, for 2017. Commissioner Zartman commented educating the taxpayers is vital during this transitional period. He noted the expectation is that the levy dollars will support both Parc Lane and PC Workshop. Ms. Guilford and Ms. Sierra both emphasized the levy will be used to match Medicaid dollars for all Paulding County recipients of services. The projected \$700,000 match dollars will be needed for 2017.PCBDD member Pat Ross commented the PC Workshop's goal is to be self sufficient within five years.During that time, they plan to educate the public on the services they provide to County residents. Discussion then focused on the PC Workshop building. Commissioner Zartman stated the PC Workshop, Inc. needs to take ownership of the building.

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could get on its feet. Commissioner

Zartman asked about a rent to own

agreement. Ms. Guilford asked if a

year's lease would be appropriate.

Commissioner Zartman had con-

cerns about the cost of insuring the

building and vehicles. Ms. Guil-

ford noted they have strict rules

about transportation, restricting

services to clients only due to liabil-

ity issues. She also noted there has

been some improvements to the PC

Workshop and vehicle upgrades. Ms

Sierra stated the employees at the

Workshop were somewhat uneasy

about the transition. However, they

understand there won't be many

changes for them.Ms. Sierra em-

phasized having a 'comfort zone

is very important to the workers.

Commissioner Zartman expressed

his respect for Ms. Guilford and her

work with Ms. Sierra and the PC Workshop board. Commissioner

Holtsberry emphasized educating

the public on all services provided to

the community and highly recom-

mended using the local media as a

tool. Ms. Sierra stated the PC Work-

shop is planning an open house after

the building updates. Ms. Ross not-

ed that Ms. Sierra's monthly report

to the board is very informative. The

Commissioners requested copies of

the report so they can be better edu-

cated and equipped to answer basic

questions from the public. Ms. Guil-

ford noted the PCBDD has had an

Sheriff - Sheriff Landers presented

the financial reports and his 2016

Projections report for November.

He also submitted the Sheriff's Re-

port for the month of November as

prepared by Captain David Cline.

Forty-two total inmates were held

during the month of November

with an average stay of twelve days.

The total number of inmates trans-

ported was seventy-one. There were

a total of forth-seven people kept in

the Paulding County Holding Fa-

cility. thirty-three trips were made

to Putnam County (2,211 miles) to

transport inmates. Sheriff Landers

reported the jail flooring will be re-

surfaced as soon as the area can be

cleared. He has contacted Mobile

Mini for prices on a mobile storage

unit. The Harrison Street facility is

another option for storage. Sheriff

Landers says his goal is to have the

jail opened by July 1, 2017. He noted

the dates of the corrections academy

will be a factor when determining

the date of the jail re-opening. The

Commissioners and Sheriff Landers

also discussed potential locations

Paulding County Economic Devel-

opment - Mr. Zielke introduced Ms.

Steele as the PCED's newest staff

member. He then announced the

2017 Career Opportunity Showcase

is scheduled for April 4 at the OSU

Extension Building. He noted that

all county Sophomores, Juniors,

and Seniors are invited to come

and explore their career opportu-

nities. Mr. Zielke reported that all

the offices in the Innovative Small

Business Center are now occupied.

He also said the new wind farm in

Blue Creek Township has started on

Technologies - Mr. Gardner met

with the Commissioners to discuss

copy machines. He quoted his pric-

es for a regular machine and color

machine as well. The Commission-

Luke Gardner, MT Business

access roads.

Jerry Zielke and Vicky Steele,

for adult probation officers.

Jason Landers, Paulding County

interesting/challenging year.

Commissioner Klopfenstein asked ers are not currently interested in if the building could be leased for changing copy machine providers. a couple years so the PC Workshop

Travis McGarvey and Aaron Timm, Paulding County Engineer - Mr. McGarvey reported the wind farm roads are in good shape. The Commissioners discussed the petition filed to vacate a portion of 4-H Drive. Mr. Timm noted one of the chair dollies (built for the OSU Extension Building) is completed and the steel has been ordered to make the others. Mr. McGarvey updated the Commissioners on several road/ bridge/culvert projects:

1) Culvert work on CR 87 ad CR 220 is underway.

2) The bridge on CR 123 and T 28 will be done in 2018. Mr. McGarvey noted 100% funding has been obtained.

3) Culvert on CR 108 involves two culverts, an arch, and concrete pipe. Mr. McGarvey advised this is a Township issue.

Mr. McGarvey said the new excavator head is working well. The Commissioners asked if the Engineer's Office is willing to maintain the parking lot across from the Fair Ground. Discussion followed regarding the purchase of a tractor/ mower for that purpose. Mr. Timm reminded the Commissioners the county parking lot will need to be sealed the summer of 2017.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS' LUN-CHEON

The following were present at an elected officials' luncheon: Judge Rister, Ann Pease, Carol Temple, Claudia Fickel, Lou Ann Wannemacher, Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Cindy Peters. The Commissioners shared the Prosecutor's opinion regarding having a clerk present to take meeting notes. Several topics were discussed.

Reaction from the general public regarding Courthouse security is positive. Most people are glad to see a deputy on duty and comment that it was time. The Security Officers help guide and direct the public as they conduct their Courthouse business. There was a question as to whether or not the Courthouse employees go through the metal detector. At this time, Courthouse employees do not have to go through the detector.

Claudia Fickel, County Auditor, announced the final day to purchase 2017 dog tags is January 31, 2017.

Ann Pease, Clerk of Courts, noted a retirement of one of the Title Office employees. A retirement celebration will be on January 6th. The position will not be filled immediately due to the state's implementation of a new computer system.

County Court Judge Rister announced a new security system at the County Court Annex, specifically at the front entrance.

The Commissioners, along with Sheriff Landers, are searching for office space for the adult parole officers.

Their offices are currently at the jail; and, with the passage of the levy, will need to relocate.

There is currently an RFP to operate the Jacob Eaton Children's Home as a place for higher risk children.

The Commissioners and the Director of Job and Family Services have determined there is a need for housing for that population.

The next scheduled Elected Officials' Luncheon is Wednesday, January 11, 2017.



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**NOTICE OF** PUBLICATION IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO Lou Ann Wannemacher, Plaintiff, VS.

### Tycen Jones, et.al. Defendants,

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

TO: TYCEN JONES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TYCEN JONES AND UN-KNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND EX-ECUTORS OF TYCEN JONES

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

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by TYCEN JONES to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by you. The real property in question is situated in the Village of Latty, County of Paulding, and the State of Ohio and

more fully described as follows: Situated in the Township of Latty, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio:

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

## **SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26 THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: THE SHERWOOD STATE BANK, Plaintiff, VS.

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

Case No. CI 16 128.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action. I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the Second day of February, 2017 at 10:05, the

real estate located at: 320 West Caroline Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 Parcel Number: 30-34S-008-02 A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engi-

neer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Said premises appraised at Sixty Thou-

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

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

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

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

south line of the Southwest guarter of Section twenty-four (24), a distance of thirty and zero hundredths (30.00) feet to an iron pin; thence continuing North 0°00'00" East, on a line being at right angles to the south line of the Southwest quarter of Section twentyfour (24) a distance of two hundred twenty-three and thirty hundredths (223.30) feet to an iron pin; thence North 90°00'00" East, a distance of one hundred seventy-three and eighty-eight hundreds (173.88) feet to an iron pin; thence South 0°06'03" East, a distance of two hundred twenty-three and thirty hundredths (223.30) feet to an iron pin; thence continuing South 0°06'03" East a distance of thirty and zero hundredths (30.00) feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described, containing 1.012 acres of land, more or less, excepting therefrom all easements, zoning restrictions of record and legal highways. The bearings used herein are for the purpose of describing angles only

netic North. Parcel ID No. 24-24S-016-00 Property Address: 18385 SR 114, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849

and are not referenced to true or mag-

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of you real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

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

Such lim Hart By: Deputy

Respectively submitted

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

### **SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE** General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

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

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

Case No. CI 14 066. Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 19th day of January, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., the real estate located at:

103-109 South Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio 43813 Parcel Number: 12-10S-003-00; 12-10S-004-00; 12-10S-005-00; 12-10S-006-00; 12-10S-007-00; 12-10S-008-00; 12-10S-009-00; and,

12-10S-009-01 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 Second of February, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. 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 com-

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, Plaintiff, VS.

### Laura Schoenherr, et. al. Defendants.

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

TO: LAURA SCHOENHERR AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA SCHOENHERR

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

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

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

## **PAULDING COUNTY COURT** RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Ionathon M. Villarreal, Cecil, OH; Assault; Guilty; Shall pay all costs; Placed on standard probation; Complete Thinking For A Change; 30hrs community service; Firearm may be returned to the defendant; Shall repay ct. appt. fees; Continue treatment; No alcohol; No bars; Good behavior

Jonathon M. Villarreal, Cecil, OH; Agg menacing; Dismis; Counts B and C dismissed

Jonathon M. Villarreal, Cecil, OH; Weapon/intox; Dismis; Counts B and C dismissed

Christina R. Smith, Antwerp, OH; Domestic violen; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Complete Hands Down book; Continue at Westwood; No unlawful contact with victims; 40hrs community service; Thinking For A Change program; remain med compliant; 3rd mil

of Lot 8, Proxmire's Payne Allotment and the West line of Lot "A" McGrew's Parcels, two hundred seventy-eight and sixty hundredths (278.60) feet to an iron pipe found on the Northerly right of way of East Orchard Street; thence continuing South 0°11' West, twenty-five and seventy-two hundredths (25.72) feet to a point in East Orchard Street; thence North 74°51' West in East Orchard Street, seventy-seven and twenty-one hundredths (77.21) feet to a point; thence North 0°14' East, twenty-five and seventy-two hundredths (25.72) feet to an iron pipe found on the Northerly right of way of East Orchard Street; thence continuing North 0°14' East, two hundred fifty-eight and eighty hundredths (258.80) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.503 acres of land, more or less, but subject to all legal highways, easements, zoning regulations and restrictions of record. The forgoing premises was surveyed by Paul J. Westhoven, Registered Surveyor No.

Parcel ID No. 19-06S-013-00 Property Address: 421 E. Orchard Street, Payne, Ohio 45880

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of you real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

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

Such lim Hart By: Deputy

Respectively submitted Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106) Paulding County, Ohio

Case was waived by defen-

Bradie Strawser, Van Wert, OH; Possession; Dismis; Case dismissed per state at defendant's costs; All contraband shall be forfeited and the same shall be destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Bradie Strawser, Van Wert, OH; O.V.I /under inf; Guilty; Shall pay \$50 per mo commencing 1/27/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; Community control; 40 hrs of community service; reimburse ct appointed counsel fees; Secure a valid driver's license; 170 jail days reserved; Proof of insurance by 1/6/17

Bradie Strawser, Van Wert, IN; DUS (O.V.I.); Guilty; Shall pay \$50 per mo commencing 1/27/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; Jail days to run concurrent with Count A; License suspension to run with count A

Bradie Strawser, Van Wert, IN; Seat belt/drive; Dismis; CT D dismissed at states request

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

## **REPRESENTATIVE RIEDEL SWORN IN AS** STATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 82ND HOUSE DISTRICT



State Representative Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) was sworn in January 3rd as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives for the 132nd General Assembly. He represents the 82nd Ohio House District, which includes Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert counties, as well as part of Auglaize County.

"I am honored and humbled to represent and serve the 82nd House District," said Rep. Riedel. "I promise to work hard for the people I represent."

Representative Riedel grew up on a farm just outside the small town of Attica, Ohio. After earning a civil engineering degree from the Ohio State University, he enjoyed a 27-year long career with Nucor Vulcraft Group. He retired in June of 2015 in

vacated, fee waived; Shall pay \$50 per mo commencing 1/27/17; Has a POC date of 12/29/17; Community Control Two; Community service, 40 hrs; 170 jail days reserved

Tommy Warncke Jr, Paulding, OH; Marked lanes; Dismis; CT B dismissed at states request

Woolbright,

also an officer with the Defiance High School Athletic Boosters and is a member of the Defiance Rotary Club. Representative Riedel and his wife, Danette, have two adult children, Steve and Renee. They are both graduates of Defiance High School and the Ohio State University. They have been married for

public service and represent

his fellow citizens in north-

ious communities, Repre-

sentative Riedel was a youth

football, basketball, and base-

ball coach. He was a member

of the Defiance St. Mary Pas-

toral Council and currently

serves as a Eucharistic minis-

ter. Representative Riedel was

Actively involved in var-

western Ohio.

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ance.



Paulding, Ohio 45879 419-399-8270 defendant Andrea Alafa, Defiance, OH; Fail control; Guilty;

Prosecuting Attorney 112 1/2 N. Water St.

dant

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 davs. within which the defect of title may be corrected.

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

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

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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 Michael C. Jones, Attorney for Plaintiff

Thomas A. Santos, Defiance, OH; Dom violence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall serve 91 days on EMHA and SCRAM; Placed on standard probation; No contact with victim or Village of Melrose; 30hrs community serv.; Thinking For A Change; Hands Down book; 3rd mil alcohol

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

Fawn R. Taylor, Convoy, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Fawn R. Taylor, Convoy, OH; Regist viol; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott S. Clemence, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

Bradie Strawser, Van Wert, IN; O.V.I/refusal; dismis; CT E dismissed at states request

Lucas N. Keegan, Cecil, OH; Phys control; Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of jail, comply by 3/31/17; Proof of insurance provided; Shall pay \$100 per mo commencing 1/27/17; Has a POC date of 6/30/17; Community Control Two; 20 hrs community service; 87 jail days reserved

Lucas N. Keegan, Cecil, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 6/30/17; Shall pay \$100 per month commencing 1/27/17

Tommy Warncke Jr, Paulding, OH; O.V.I/under inf; Guilty; May attend the DIP Program in lieu of 3 days jail, complete by 3/31/17; ALS

Shawn M. Continental, OH: Seat belt/ drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert A. Wagner, Defiance, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott A. Guerrero Sr, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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## PAGE 14 – WEST BEND NEWS – JANUARY 10, 2017 PAYNE DARE GRADUATION



The Paulding County Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E. program held its graduation for Payne Elementary fifth graders on December 21, 2016. Each student was required to write an essay before they could graduate. D.A.R.E. program consist of 12 lessons and the essay gives the students a chance to reflect back on the lessons.

Essays describe what they learned and how the D.A.R.E. program can help them make safe, responsible choices. "Once I receive all the essays, winners are selected and they receive a prize. This year the two essay winners were Adrian Laukhuf and Colin Beebe," says D.A.R.E. Deputy Mendez, "I am proud of each and every student and hope they will always be safe and responsible." Each 5th grader who completed the essay received a Certificate of Completion at graduation as well.

"I truly appreciate our Paulding County Commissioners assisting the D.A.R.E program and covering majority of the costs beyond grant monies and donations," said Sheriff Jason K. Landers. Individuals and organi-

zations can send D.A.R.E donations to Paulding County Sheriff's Office, 500 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. All donations are deposited directly into the D.A.R.E fund account.

Below are the two winning essays:

When I was in D.A.R.E. I learned a lot of new thins that I haven't learned before. I've learned that making the right choice is usually the best thing to do. That I should not put bad things in my body so my body stays healthy. I also learned that I should be responsable at all times and to support other people and what they think even know that they may be different. I've learned that when you are bullied you should eather stand up to the bully or tell a teacher. When you need help you should ask a teacher or an adult. In D.A.R.E. I've have fun learning a talking

When I think about my decision, I think I made the right choice.

I plan on continuing to use the Dare Decision Making Model in the future to help me make smart and responcible choices in the future. I plan on helping my friends, family, others to make smart responcible choices in the future.

In conclusion I learned that drugs, alcohol and cigarettes are bad for me. I learned a great way to help me make good choices. That I plan to use have and in the future. So I know that using what I learned in the Dare Program. That I will always try to make good choices.

- Adrian Laukhuf

What will happen to me in the future? I wonder if I will make responsible choices, or if I will make bad choices.

During my time in the Dare Program I learned that drugs, cigarrettes and alcohol are bad. They can make you lose you family your family, friends and even your life.

We also learned strategies to avoid peer pressure to make bad decisions.

It was great to learn about the Dare Decision Making Model. The Dare Decision Making Model.

Define - describe the problem challenge

Asses - what are the choices

Respond - make a choice using facts and info

Evaluate - review your decision

I used the Dare Decision Making Model for my speech. The problem was I wanted to stop trying with my speech. I thought about my problem. My choices were to either give up and stay with b ad speech or to try harder at speech therapy and have my speech get better. I decided to try harder cause I want my speech to get better.

When I plan to use the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model is when I'm older and are faced with hard deci-

## **PAULDING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MIUTES 12/21/16**

This 21st day of December, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Tony Zartman, Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Warrants documented as 229863 through 229926 for County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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

At 8:21 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASE OR-DERS AND PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on December 19, 2016, Warrants numbered 229784 through 229835 in the amount of \$26,766.50; 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 RE-SOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commission-County of Paulding, ers 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.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. Upon the call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-010-00009/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Other Expenses TO: 001-010-00006/General Fund/Juvenile Court/Child Support TOTAL: \$886.50

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-017-00002/General Fund/ Sheriff/Salaries, Employees-Sheriff TO: 001-017-00003/General Fund/Sheriff/Salaries, Employees-Jail TOTAL: \$1,777.99

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds, to-wit; FROM: 001-017-00002/General Fund/Sheriff/Deputies Wages

001-017-00008/ TO: Fund/Sheriff/ General Equipment AMOUNT: \$20,000.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIA-TION (FUND 003)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Health Department Fund (Fund 003), to-wit; 003-001-00007/ FROM: Health Department/PERS/ Medicare TO:003-001-00006/Health Department/

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Travel Expenses AMOUNT: \$40.00

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIA-TION (FUND 062)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Emergency 911 Fund (Fund 062), to-wit; FROM: 062-001-00013/Emergency 911/Health Insurance TO:062-001-00010/Emergency 911/Dispatch Wages AMOUNT: \$7,366.21

Meeting Notes of Appointments

• Jared Renollet, Paulding County Dog Warden; Del Schwab and Jim Henriott - Mr. Renollet reported he is ready to meet with the County Prosecutor regarding the adoption policy. He presented a draft for the Commissioners' review. Mr. Renollet noted he has spoken with five neighboring counties and he feels his policy is comparable. He has been working with volunteer groups, considering their input as he creates the adoption policy. Mr. Renollet reviewed the draft, em-

phasizing the following: - Perspective dog owner must present dog tags proof of purchase before adoption

can proceed - \$100.00 non-refundable adoption fee will be charged.

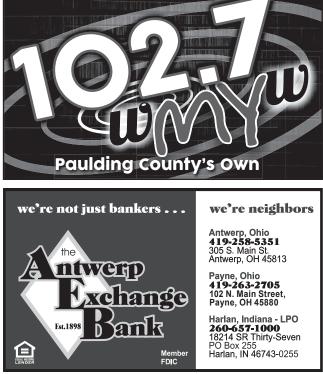
– \$75.00 non-transferable voucher to be presented at a participating veterinarian for the spaying or neutering of the dog.

Vouchers will have a 30day expiration. Dogs will need to be taken care of within the 30-day period. There are five veterinary clinics that have agreed to

participate. Mr. Renollet reported 31 dogs were adopted in 2016. He wants to personally approach the veterinarians and explain the process. He noted he will accept out-of-county dog tags. He will meet with the County Prosecutor to finalize the adoption policy and will get vouchers printed. He hopes be ready to go by February 1, 2017.

• Lou Ann Wannemacher, County Treasurer - Ms. Wannemacher presented her monthly reports for the Commissioners' review. She noted \$14,610,875.39 in county investments as of today. Estimated revenue from investments was \$70,000.00; however, actual collected as of this date is \$102,666.12, an increase of \$32,666.12. Ms. Wannemacher then reported she mailed the tax bills this week. Total amount billed for real estate taxes (2016 taxes, payable in 2017) was \$21,151,765.11. Total delinquencies (which includes prior years and the first half of 2016) total \$11,038,114.12 and second half of 2016 taxes total \$10,113,650.99. Ms. Wannemacher continues to work with tax payers to develop payment plans.

• Claudia Fickel, County Auditor - Ms. Fickel met with the Commissioners to review monthly reports. Sales tax revenue of \$188,502.93 was down from November by \$6,010.79; however, up from December, 2015, by \$36,285.06 and well above the four-year average for the month of December. General Fund receipts for November (as of December 21) were \$333,297.69, up \$27,196.08 from October and up \$21,382.81 from November, 2015.General Fund expenses for November (as of December 21) were \$420,131.03, down \$29,077.40 from Oc-



about new things.

When I used the D.A.R.E. decision making modle I was deciding if I should play football so I did and stuck with it then I liked it so I;m going to play next year. The D.A.R.E. decision making modle has helped me when I was making my choices when making hard choices.

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sions and hopefully I make the right choice. If a person asks me for example "Do you want a beer, no thank you. I'm not aloud." When I grow up I will think about the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model and hopefully it will help me make smart choices. The time I have been in D.A.R.E. I've learned that you should be friends with all your classmates. I've also learned that you should respect people and there beliefs and to help others who can't help them selfs. We should also not make fun of people even know they might be different from up. I've had a lot of fun in D.A.R.E. and thank you for taking time out of your day to teach us.

-Colin Beebe



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from November, 2015. Real Estate and Mobile Home Conveyance fees collected for 2016 as of December 21 were \$27,384.70, up \$14,109.40 from October and up \$16,013.76 from November, 2015. Ms. Fickel reported dog tags are currently on sale for calendar year 2017. The last day to purchase tags is January 31, 2017. Ms. Fickel also noted a property was purchased via an Auditor's sale. She also shared the states indigent defense reimbursement rate is going down for 2017.



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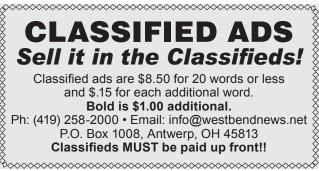
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## GRABILL & WOODBURN HARDWARE MAKE CHARITABLE DONATION



Pictured in the above photo is Jim Gerig, Claude Schrock, and Len Schrock from Grabill & Woodburn Hardware along with Debbie Knoblauch from the Harlan Christian Youth Center.

This past December, the team at Grabill & Woodburn Hardware made a charitable donation to the Harlan Christian Youth Center for \$1000.00. "We believe and appreciate the

# grow in the future."

## THINK SPRING WITH THE PAULDING SWCD TREES!

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist Paulding SWCD

Winter is here and most might have snow shoveling on the mind and being wrapped in a blanket inside to escape the cold. Why not think of some warm thoughts and begin thinking about spring and how you want to spruce up your home with native trees, shrubs, and plants!

There are many advantages to planting trees on your property. Trees are a vital part of our communinization" said Claude Schrock. "Supporting youth ministry in our community is so very important to helping our area ty and wildlife in Paulding

ministry of this fine local orga-

County. Trees can provide you with shade, a serene atmosphere, provide natural cover for vital wildlife, as well as increase your property value. According to the USDA Forest Service, "Healthy, mature trees add an average of 20 percent to a property's value by as much as \$1,000-\$10,000." Trees can also break cold winds to lower heating costs in the winter.

The benefits of trees to the environment far outweigh the work involved with planting them. The Arbor Day Foundation writes that trees placed properly

around buildings can help reduce air conditioning needs by as much as 30%, which translates into a lot of savings! Trees help fill the air we breathe with oxygen and take out carbon dioxide which contributes to climate change. One acre of forest takes in six tons of carbon dioxide and releases four tons of oxygen in return which is enough to meet the needs of 18 people annually according to the US Department of Agriculture.

Have a noise problem? North Carolina Extension writes that a well-placed tree can help reduce noise around your home by as much as 40%! Trees also help to reduce surface water runoff from storms and reduce soil erosion and pollution accumulating in streams. By planting a tree, you can do your part to keep our streams, rivers, and lakes clean for all to enjoy. As an Ohioan, you can show your true spirit for the Ohio State Buckeyes by planting an Ohio Buckeye tree seedling around your home!

North Carolina Extension notes social benefits of trees such as adding music to your life by attracting birds and other animals. Trees are the most inexpensive plants that can be added to your home when considering the impact they will eventually have when considering their size.

Order forms for the 2017 Trees will be due by March 15th, 2017. Orders can be picked up on April 4th from 12-4:30pm and April 5th from 8am-4:30pm at the

Black Swamp Nature Center, 753 Fairground Drive in Paulding.

If you would like an order form or a guide of all trees/plants available, you may stop in our office (900 Fairground Drive), call 419-399-4771, visit our website at www.pauldingswcd.org or "Like Us" on Facebook at Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District. We look forward to working with you to help with your tree planting needs. Hang in there, spring will be here before we know it!

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ing County Auditor to transfer funds in the Emergency 911 Fund (Fund 062), to-wit; FROM: 062-001-99991/Emergency 911/Mobile Home Fees TO: 062-001-00008/ Emergency 911/Medicare AMOUNT: \$8.70

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2016 AN-APPROPRIATION NUAL (FUND 068)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2016 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer funds in the Sheriff's Reserve Fund (Fund 068), to-wit; FROM: 068-001-00002/Sheriff's Reserve/PERS TO:068-001-00004/Sheriff's Reserve/Medicare AMOUNT: \$38.89

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Grant/Salaries AMOUNT: \$300.00 Meeting Notes of Appoint-

TO: 196-001-00001/Wellness

Wellness

Grant/Incentives

ments • Deb Hubbard, Patrick Troyer, SWCD - Ms. Hubbard requested permission for public ice skating on the pond at the Nature Center. The Commissioners asked if she could determine the depth of the pond. They will need to investigate the liability issues with CORSA. The discussion was tabled to a later date.

• Jason Landers - Sheriff Landers met with the Commissioners to further discuss office and storage space for the Adult Probation officers. Several buildings were considered as possible solutions.

• Amy Hoffman, Palmer Energy - Ms. Hoffman presented the application to PUCO for the electric aggregate participation. Ms. Hoffman noted the Villages of Latty and Payne both approved participating by voting in favor on the November ballot. She said the application to PUCO takes about one month to process. She will then set hearings for February, 2017, and advertise for an RFP (Request for Proposal) with a due date of March, 2017. Ms. Hoffman commented the savings in power usage should average about \$150.00 per household per year.

• Lisa Nicely, Crescent News - Ms. Nicely met with the Commissioners with questions regarding the 2017 appropriations. Commissioner Zartman explained the Paulding County Budget Commission (consisting of the Auditor, Treasurer, and the Prosecuting Attorney) estimated the revenue will increase by \$240,084.00 in 2017. Due to a sizable carry-over from 2016, the Commissioners were able to increase the 2017 appropriations by \$548,127.00. Paulding County continues to enjoy stability and will continue to be fru-

## PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING **BEE WINNER**



Paulding eighth grader, Caleb Manz, was the spelling bee winner, with the word "vengeance". Caleb's parents are Tony and Denise Manz.

Sixth grader, Haley Manz, was the runner up. Her misspelled word was "pilgrimages". Haley's parents are Scott and Sara Manz.

gal with county dollars. Mr. Zartman noted the increase in appropriations is largely due to Ohio legislation awarding the elected officials with raises effective 2017, which increased the appropriations by \$120,000. He also remarked County employees' health insurance premiums were up by over 7%, which increased appropriations by \$114,000. The Sheriff's Office budget increased due to additional programs (DARE, Courthouse security, etc.). The Engineer's Gas Tax shows a large increase due to a one-time payment from Timber Road III wind farm, which will be used to repair the roads after the project is completed the spring of 2017.

• Denise Gebers, Paulding Progress - Ms. Gebers met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the 2017 appropriations. The Commissioners reiterated what was discussed with Ms. Nicely.

• Brion Hanenkratt, E-911 - Mr. Hanenkratt updated the Commissioners on the communications tower located at the fairgrounds. He reported it has been upgraded and is up to par. He also noted he and Aaron Timm have re-routed vehicles around the guy wires as opposed to driving under them.

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