

WETLI - KOENN



Dan and Patty Wetli of Antwerp, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Ellise to Jason Koenn, son of Bill and Rainell of Cecil.

Ms. Wetli is a 2012 graduate of Antwerp High School and 2016 graduate of The Ohio State University. Presently, she is in her final year of her Masters in Nursing degree at the University of Saint

Francis to become a Nurse Practitioner. She is currently working as a registered nurse at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Koenn is a 2012 graduate of Paulding High School and is employed as a farmer for Koenn Farms in Cecil, Ohio.

The couple will exchange vows on June 16th at Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Paulding. The couple will honeymoon in Cancun.

HITE ANNOUNCES SENATE PASSAGE OF TAX REFORMS FOR OHIO'S FARMERS

State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) announced the passage of legislation in the Ohio Senate aimed at updating the way agricultural property values are calculated in order to alleviate the heavy financial burden on Ohio's farmers.

The proposal modifies the Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) formula, which determines the value of farmland for property taxation purposes, and aims to set a more realistic and stable expectation of taxes owed by farmers. Commodity prices dropped significantly in the last several years while the CAUV formula sent farm property assessments skyrocketing, putting many family farms in jeopardy. Recent farmland property taxes have increased by as much as 300 percent in some areas of the state.

"Many farmers simply can not afford to keep farming their land without CAUV reform," said Hite. "This legislation will make important adjustments to ensure agricultural property values are calculated in a manner that is more reflective of their land use. These changes will help incentivize conservation practices—an important part of Ohio's efforts to protect its natural resources."

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REMOVAL OF RECYCLING CONTAINERS IN WOODBURN

Many of you may have noticed that we have removed the recycling containers under the water tower on Front Street. The reason for this decision was due to the fact that several individuals from the surrounding areas had been dumping unauthorized materials such as general trash, furniture, hazardous materials, used medical supplies and so forth. The burden of the cost of clean-up after this abuse landed solely on the citizens of Woodburn and I believe that is unfair. While the city has discontinued this service currently, it would be our hope that eventually we could reinstate it, but for now, individuals will need to determine an alternative solution to their bulk recycling needs. To those of you who were using the site appropriately, thank you for being a good neighbor to both Woodburn and the surrounding communities. For residents of Woodburn, I would recommend utilizing your green recyclables trash can as we completely intend to keep this service indefinitely.

—Joe Kelsey

Mayor, City of Woodburn

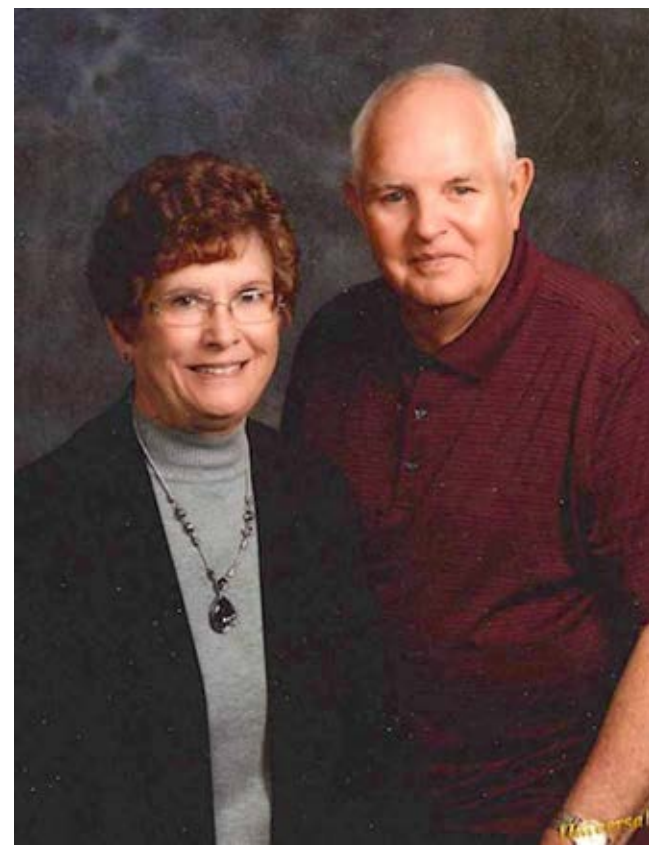
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Thomas and Sherry (Stefen) Schaper were married May 20, 1967 at Zion Lutheran Church, Woodburn, Indiana, Rev. Christian Schmidt officiating.

They are the parents of Shawn (deceased) and Sta-

ci (Chad) Salzbrenner. They have three dearly loved granddaughters: Kenzie, Logan and Reagan.

They will celebrate with family and wedding party June 24th at Hall's Guesthouse, Ft. Wayne, IN.

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The family of Angel Flores would like to send a sincere thank you to everyone that shared their thoughtfulness and prayers as our family has lost so many loved ones recently. A special thank you to Antwerp EMS, Dr. Kuhn, Dooley Funeral Home, Community Health Professionals, Randy Shaffer, Pastor Rick & Shelly Grimes, Stan & Ann Feasby and Steve & Donna Crowley.

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KENTFIELD, CA
Marlena A. Allison, 78

passed away June 10th, 2016, in Kentfield, Ca. She was born January 8, 1938 to the late Doyle L. and Amelia C. Allison, Monroeville, IN.

She graduated from Monroeville High School in 1956. She played the piano for the choir in High School and took piano lessons from Mrs. Webb. She also played the accordion with a group in Ft. Wayne and took dramatic lessons from Mrs. Witt at the Music Center and was involved in many productions at the Civic Theater.

She graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington with a degree BS Ed. She was a wonderful teacher in art, kindergarten, first and second grades. She retired from teaching in Ross, CA.

Marlena traveled all over the United States, Mexico, China, Honduras, Egypt, Kenya, Hong Kong, Korea, France, Italy and many more. It was always wonderful to get a post card and pictures from all over the world.

She is survived by her Brother, Doyle (Ruth) Allison, Otterbein, IN. and his children Doyle Jr. (Melissa) Allison and their children Max and Dane. Rene (Dale) Kougel, Fisher, IN. Their children McKayla and McKenzie. Donya Allison, St. Louis, MO.

Sister, Deanna (Jerry) Robinson of Auburn, IN and their daughter Allison (Jim) Schlough, Monroe, WI. In celebration of her life a Memorial service will be at 2:00p.m. May 28th, 2017 at St. James Lutheran Church, 511 Townline St. Payne, OH 45880. Her ashes will be buried at the Lehman Cemetery, Payne, OH. Condolences may be sent to deannarvp@gmail.com

PAYNE, OH
Chase Holt, age 10 of Payne, passed away Sunday May 7, 2017 at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 Sr 500, Payne, Ohio 45880.

HICKSVILLE, OH
Norma Elaine Jones, age 76 of Hicksville passed away May 12, 2017 at Hickory Creek at Hicksville. Her family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp Ohio.

ANTWERP, OH
Thomas D. Fletcher, age 76 of Antwerp passed away May 12, 2017 at Hickory Creek at Hicksville. His family was assisted by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp Ohio.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 5/17 - 5/23

5/17 - Roasted chicken, redskin potatoes, creamed peas, oranges & pineapple, birthday cake, dinner roll, milk

5/18 - Beef stew, Betty salad, banana, chocolate pudding, biscuit, milk

5/19 - Beef lasagna, brussel sprouts, cinnamon applesauce, orange juice, garlic bread, milk

5/22 - BBQ Rib Sandwich, butter beans, spinach, tropical fruit, fruit snack, milk

5/23 - Pot roast, red potatoes, Scandanavian vegetables, apricots, cookie, dinner roll, milk

5/17 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Bunco at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

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5/19 - Commodity Distribution at 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11 - 2; Summer concert series in the Herb Monroe Park 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

5/22 - "Shedding Pounds" at 9:30 a.m.; Movie morning at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Steering Coommittee at 12:00 p.m.

5/23 - Euchre at 9:45 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15 p.m.

5/17 - Vegetable beef soup, toss salad with cheese, tropical fruit salad, crackers, apple juice, salad bar in cafe

STUDENT COUNCIL CLEANS UP



The Antwerp High School Student Council Members worked hard on Tuesday, May 9 around the village of Antwerp. they cleaned streets, painted corners and safety zones and spread mulch. From the parks to the library, there were over 40 students who participated along with teacher Jassmine Reyes. Great job to all the students for working hard to spruce of the community!

Those who helped include: 42 student council members, grades 6-12 Aerial Snyder, Shaylee Garrett, Lydia Krouse, Parker Moore, Kyliegh Logan, Jillian Treece, Madison Berenyi, Ross Lee, Makenna Smith, Mia Altimus, Kennedy Trabel, Kennadi

Recker, Kiera Reyes, Jagger Landers, Gaige McMichael, Luke Krouse, Kaden Recker, Madison Ruen, Morgan Boesch, Laura Miller, Katie Oberlin, Olivia Miller, Austin Lichty, Jordan Buerkle, Hunter Grant, Dylan Hines, Alyvia DeVore, Mallory Mans-

field, Madison Boesch, Chloe Saul, Melanie Wann, Karsyn Brummet, Sydney Miller, Tabby Jones, Jayvin Landers, Brett Fulk, Kaitlyn Hamman, Ashton Barnhouse, Austin Chirgwin, Nathan Lee, Brayton Stuckey, Brian Geyer, Callie Perry

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DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 5/17- 5/23

5/17 - Vegetable beef soup, toss salad with cheese, tropical fruit salad, crackers, apple juice, salad bar in cafe

5/18 - Creamed chicken over a biscuit, carrots, mashed potatoes, mandarin oranges

5/19 - Roast beef with gravy, au gratin potatoes, corn, pears, wheat roll, pie, ncs=sf pie

5/22 - Roast pork with gravy, navy beans, stewed tomatoes, orange juice, cornbread

5/23 - Spaghetti & meat sauce, squash, green beans, pineapple chunks, garlic bread, chocolate pudding, ncs=sf pudding

DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 5/17 - 5/23

5/17 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Crafts w/Andrea at 10:00 a.m.; Shop at Kroger at 12:30

p.m.; Senior Prom 4:00 - 8:30 p.m.

5/18 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Zumba at 10:00 a.m.; Band stretch at 10:00 a.m.; Blood pressures at 10:45 a.m.; Bingo at 12:30 p.m.; Shop at Meijer at 12:30 p.m.; Yoga at 3:30 p.m

5/19 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Crafts at 10:00 a.m.; Tai Chi at 10:00 a.m.

5/22 - Cards at 9:30 a.m.; Zumba at 10:00 a.m.; Nails & Tails with Twin Rivers at 12:30 p.m.; Bingo with Senior Center; Yoga at 3:00 p.m.;

5/23 - Shop at Aldi at 9:45 a.m.; Cards at 10:00 a.m.; Tai Chi at 10:00 a.m.; Bible study at 10:00 a.m.; Yoga at 3:30 p.m.; Senior's Night out to the Log Cabin at 4:00 p.m.

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HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 5/17 - 5/23

5/17 - Cards & games at 10:00 a.m.; Makeovers for the Prom!; Euchre 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.; Leave for the Senior Prom at 2:30 p.m.; PROM at 5:00 p.m.

5/18 - Chair exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo with CHP 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

5/19 - Dancing to the oldies at 10:30 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.

5/22 - Grocery shop at Kroger at 9:30 a.m.; Euchre 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.

5/23 - Chair exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo with Vancrest 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

FIGHT THE BITE: MOSQUITO AND TICK SEASON BEGINS IN OHIO

Mosquito and tick season has officially begun in Ohio, and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) urges people to "fight the bite" and take precautions to prevent bites from mosquitos and ticks which can carry diseases such as West Nile virus, Zika virus and Lyme disease.

In Ohio, ticks are most active April through September, and mosquitoes May through October.

Mosquitoes Ohio has a type of mosquito that can transmit West Nile virus, and 17 cases were reported in the state last year.

The primary mosquito that transmits Zika virus is found in the tropics and southern U.S., but it is not

known to be established in Ohio. A "cousin" of the mosquito is found in parts of Ohio and may potentially transmit Zika virus. Ohio had 95 travel-associated Zika cases last year in returning travelers from Zika-affected areas, and three travel-associated cases so far in 2017.

Nationally, there have been more than 5,000 travel-associated Zika cases in the U.S. since Jan. 2015. The only cases of local mosquito-borne Zika transmission in the continental U.S. were in South Florida and Brownsville, Texas, last year.

"You can take some simple precautions at home and when traveling to prevent potentially serious mosquito-borne diseases," said Sietse de Fijter, ODH State Epidemiologist and Bureau Chief of Infectious Diseases.

Mosquitoes can live indoors and outdoors, and some species bite during the day while others bite at dusk and dawn. Here are some tips to avoid mosquito bites and prevent mosquito-borne diseases:

- If you are outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, be sure to wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, shoes and socks.

- Wear light-colored clothing, which is less attractive to mosquitoes.

- Use EPA-registered mosquito repellent and follow the label directions.

- Wear clothing and gear treated with permethrin, an insecticide (do not apply permethrin directly to skin).

- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of your home.

Here are some tips to eliminate mosquito breeding sites around your home:

- Eliminate standing water.

- Empty or remove water-holding containers, such as buckets, unused flower pots and bird baths.

- Make sure all roof gutters are clean and draining properly.

- Keep child wading pools empty and on their sides when not being used.

Ticks The types of ticks found in Ohio can transmit a variety of diseases, including Lyme disease, and 160 cases were

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things."
—Ecclesiastes 11:5

reported in the state last year. "If you find a tick attached to your body, remove it and monitor your health to watch for a fever, rash, muscle or joint aches or other symptoms," said de Fijter. "If you experience any of these symptoms, contact your healthcare provider."

Here are some tips to avoid tick bites and prevent tick-borne diseases:

- Avoid direct contact with ticks by avoiding wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter, and by walking in the center of trails.

- Wear clothing and gear treated with permethrin, an insecticide (do not apply permethrin directly to skin).

- Use EPA-registered tick repellent and follow the label directions.

- Here are some tips for finding and removing ticks attached to your body:

- Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.

- Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Do not twist or jerk the tick, which can cause the mouth parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily, leave it alone and let the skin heal.

- After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub or soap and water.

- Dispose of a live tick by submersing it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag/container, wrapping it tightly in tape or flushing it down the toilet. Never crush a tick with your fingers.

- Avoid folklore remedies such as "painting" a tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly or using heat to make the tick detach from your skin.

SECRETARY PERDUE ISSUES POLICY MEMO ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue affirmed the U.S. Department of Agriculture's renewed dedication to religious liberty and freedom of speech. In a policy statement released to all USDA employees, Secretary Perdue said, "Today, I want to reestablish this Department's

commitment to safeguarding every American's First Amendment rights, particularly the right to free speech and the right to religious free exercise. USDA is committed to protecting both."

Highlighting the need for a climate of mutual respect and tolerance, Perdue added, "I expect each and every USDA employee to uphold their fellow Americans' First Amendment freedoms. Whether we are inspecting private businesses for compliance with food safety laws or protecting our public lands for recreation, cultivation, and preservation, we must set the example of our nation's highest ideals. These are lessons we learned as children - that we should be kind to others and treat them with respect. Doing so is not optional, and it is not discretionary."

The policy memo comes on the heels of President Donald J. Trump issuing the Executive Order on Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty last week.

To read the policy memo in its entirety, please visit the Policy Statement on First Amendment memo (PDF, 25.7 KB).

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Farmland taxes have been increasing at substantial rates over the last several years, and Senate Bill 36 ensures that the taxes paid by farmers are more closely tied to the income producing potential of the land.

The bill removes two factors from the existing CAUV formula, land value appreciation and equity buildup, which arbitrarily inflate the value of farmland based on market considerations.

CAUV is a property tax relief program for agricultural land in Ohio. It is the result of a voter referendum from 1973 that allows farmland to be taxed according to its agricultural value, as opposed to full market value. This program is considered a "differential assessment," a type of tax relief used for agriculture in the United States.

Senate Bill 36, sponsored by Hite, passed the Senate with unanimous support and will now go to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

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3D PROJECTS MADE IN MRS. BOK'S CLASS



During the last full week of school, second graders in Mrs. Bok's class at Antwerp Elementary School made 3D shapes out of toothpicks and marshmallows. Then they had to tell how many vertices, edges, and faces their shape had. Pictured in the forefront (bottom left) is Gage Clevinger.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: CHANGES COMING TO PAULDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

For the last eight years I have had the honor to serve our community as a County Commissioner. In the last eight years I have witnessed many positive changes affecting our community. Currently there are many job opportunities throughout the county for those who are seeking. Still, we as a community are failing in an area that is so important to all of us. We are not yet able to say that we are retaining our youth af-

ter they graduate high school. At most public settings, I am asked what the Commissioners are doing to help this situation. The answer to this inquiry is extremely elusive! As a father, three of my four children live in another state and I have a real passion to find the answer so other families don't have to experience the separation.

A little over a year ago, I was asked by a small group of other passionate people to come together and discuss the future of our community. This group had individuals from every corner of the county. We discussed many areas of concern that are plaguing our county. It was overwhelmingly decided that we needed to focus on community development and not economic development. We need to look at the entire county as a community not just individual villages. We need to affect the quality of life for all residents. What we need is a positive vision for the community.

It was decided that this group would be called the Paulding County Vision group. For the ability of the group to access most grants, it was also decided that the group needed to be formed by the Commissioners' Office as an affiliate of County Government. The other Commissioners and I recognize the need for and ability of the PCV group. We appreciate the passion the group has demonstrated so far in establishing this entity and not throwing in the towel! We are honored to be able to partner with the individuals who now serve; and, hopefully, we are paving the way for those to serve in the

years to come. Together we will work to greatly improve the quality of life for all residents throughout the County. Many people will be asked to be a part of this entity, to help with defining the path that it needs to take. We want the board to think outside of the box and not limit the scope of its work. We want the community to become one voice when seeking the changes we so desperately need.

Examples of projects would be down town revitalization, park creation or revitalization, or a community center. Projects will only be limited by the ideas of those involved.

Moving forward, the villages and townships will be asked to nominate individuals who have this same passion and desire to bring about change. Together we will seek from the community ideas and concerns that could help in this endeavor. I want to personally thank the people who have and will serve this Board! It is my hope that we are able to help families in keeping our youth in the county.

—Tony Zartman
Paulding County Commissioner

REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG S. RIEDEL VOTES NO ON HOUSE BUDGET PLAN

The Ohio House of Representatives passed House Bill 49, the state operating budget. The bill, which appropriates more than \$122 billion dollars for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, passed 58 to 37.

Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) was among 12 conservatives who voted no on the budget, citing a need for more restraint in spending. Representative Riedel issued the following statement on the House budget:

"There are many positive aspects to House Bill 49 that I support, such as the changes to the Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) formula that will be phased in over the next 6 years. This will ease some tax burden for our farming community. This budget also includes \$170 million dollars in new money to help fight the battle we are facing against the opioid crises. I also support the elimination of the Governor's proposed tax increases and tax shifting. Overall, the House has done a reasonably good job of restraining spending in the Governor's proposed

budget.

"Unfortunately, the budget does not go far enough in reducing overall spending, particularly with Ohio's Obamacare Medicaid expansion. My fear and concern is that this expansion, without additional constraint, is liable to bankrupt our state. I don't believe that this budget addresses this potential catastrophe as it ought to. We are just 'kicking the can down the road.' For this reason, I am unable to support this budget.

"As the budget process continues, I will continue to do my best to see that our taxpayers' money is used in a fiscally sound manner. My hope is that there are additional changes and restraints placed on the Medicaid expansion program so that I may eventually support this budget. Time will tell."

The House's budget bill 49 will now go to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.

LATTA VOTES TO PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pass H.R. 1180, the Working Families Flexibility Act, legislation that would provide more flexibility to employees in how they receive overtime compensation. The legislation would allow employees in the private sector the option to receive paid time off in lieu of cash wages for overtime hours worked. The paid time off option would only be available if an employer agrees, and the employee is free to change their mind at any time and receive cash compensation. While public sector employees have had this option for three decades, it is still not allowed under current law in the private sector.

"Working families today value flexibility and options when it comes to their work schedule," said Latta. "Unfortunately, our federal laws have not kept up with the demands of the modern workforce. The Working Families Flexibility Act is commonsense legislation that simply gives private sector employees the option to receive paid time off instead of cash for their overtime compensation — an option available to public sector employees for years. This bill empowers employees to make the choice that works best for them."

The bill keeps in place all other requirements under the Fair Labor Standards Act and maintains protections for employees. Under the legislation, employees would be allowed to accrue up to 160 hours of comp time each year and are free to 'cash out' the accrued comp time if they choose to do so.

SECRETARY PERDUE ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF FIRST SHIPMENTS OF U.S. BEEF TO BRAZIL

Secretary Sonny Perdue announced that the first shipment of fresh U.S. beef has arrived in Brazil following a 13-year hiatus. The entrance of American beef into the

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL



The 2017 Skyler Huth Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Paulding High School Seniors Allison Arend and Cameron Strahley at Paulding High School's Senior Awards. Recipient Allison Arend is pictured with Skyler Huth's family.



Faith Vogel and Allison Arend are the recipients of the 2017 Zachary Arend Memorial Scholarship awarded at Paulding High School's Senior Awards night.

Brazilian market ushers in promising long-term economic opportunity for U.S. beef producers.

"With Brazil's large market reopened to the United States, U.S. beef exports are poised for new growth. I look forward to Brazilians getting the opportunity to eat delicious American beef, because once they taste it, they'll want more of it," said Secretary Perdue.

Brazil closed its market to imports of U.S. fresh beef in 2003 over concerns about bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Since then, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foreign

Agricultural Service (FAS) and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) have worked continuously with Brazilian officials to regain market access.

Additionally, USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has provided documentation and information on the U.S. food safety requirements and standards for beef. Following numerous technical discussions and meetings, Brazil officially reopened the market on August 1, 2016 based on the United States' classification by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) as a negligible risk country for BSE.

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center where he could socialize and enjoy activities.

"One of the benefits we have is that we are a part of CHP which provides home hospice and a variety of other services," said Tonya Rutledge, RN, nursing supervisor. "A patient can be admitted either at home or at the hospice center."

Many families do their best to keep their loved one at home for as long as possible. "We work together to provide the best care possible for not only the patient but for the family as well," said Rutledge.

Hospice takes an integrative approach to provide the best care possible for the patient along with their family. The hospice team of skilled nurses, a medical director/family physician, social worker, massage therapist, chaplain, volunteers, and music ministry all work together to strive toward this goal.

"It is unfortunate that people believe that the hospice center is for patients in their last days of life," said Rutledge. "A patient and their family does not fully reap the rewards of hospice unless they enter the hospice program early."

Purmort was one of two patients that celebrated a year's worth of holidays at the hospice center, and another patient celebrated two birthdays while there.

"They decorated his room for his birthday and even took him out in the parking lot to watch the Fourth of July fireworks which he really enjoyed," said Purmort.

Hospice focuses on quality of life not quantity. Wally and his wife enjoyed leaving the hospice center time to time to visit a local ice cream establishment.

The Purmort family also appreciated the hospice staff delivering services based on his terms. For example, if he wanted breakfast at 11 a.m. or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich at 10 p.m., they provided it.

"The nurses were so wonderful and kind; after a year we became very good friends," said Purmort. "They comforted me as well as him. I would highly recommend the hospice center."

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They will be at Rose Hill Church of God, 17965 Rd 138 (the corner of Charloe Trail, County Road 138 & SR 637) Paulding, OH on Friday, May 19th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and open to the public.

PARSON TO PARSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
I don't understand the Corban tradition of Mark 7:9-11, "And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradi-

tion. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, this is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightiest be profited by me; he shall be free."

God makes it very plain that children are responsible to take care of their parent's financial necessities when they are no longer able to care for their own. Jesus referenced Moses and inferred that honoring your parents included their financial care (Mark 7:10; Exodus 20:12). Paul makes that plain as well in I Timothy 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

Some Jews, not liking this law, made up one of their own by creating a tradition called "Corban," which means "a gift." They would offer a gift for God's service and say that freed them from the obligation to take care of their parents.

People today often come up with substitutions or excuses to replace God's laws they don't like. I have heard many in my 50 years of ministry, but like the tradition of Corban, none of them hold water with God.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 20th, the Woodburn Meats and Produce of Woodburn, Indiana will have a fundraiser for divine Mercy Catholic School, Payne, Ohio.

10% of all proceeds that day will go to the school.

SELF-WORTH EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ

Discoveries about developing a healthy sense of self-worth will be explored at Lifetree Café on Thursday, May 18th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The program, titled "What's Wrong Right With You? The Surprising Truth About Self-Worth," features an exclusive documentary film about a skid-row project that provides makeovers for homeless mothers.

"Many people report feeling less than adequate," says Lifetree representative Craig Cable. "During this program, we'll examine a simple technique that greatly enhances self-worth - and helps people feel better about themselves."

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

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

BIBLE QUESTIONS

By: James Potter, Oakwood Church of Christ

1. Jude 1:15; Who is coming to bring judgment on all evil or ungodly people?

2. Jude 1:15; What is the Lord going to convict them of?

3. Jude 1:15; Will these ungodly people be held accountable for what they said about our Lord and savior? Yes or No?

4. Jude 1:16; These murmurers, complainers were walking according to their own _____?

5. Jude 1:16; They mouth great _____ words, _____ people to gain _____?

6. Jude 1:17; In this verse what are we to remember?

7. Jude 1:18; The Apostles told us that there would be _____ in the last time who would _____ according to their own _____?

8. Jude 1:19; What does the word sensual mean?

9. Jude 1:20; How are we to build ourselves up?

10. Jude 1:21; How are we to keep ourselves in the love of God?

11. Jude 1:22; What does this mean, on some have compassion?

12. Jude 1:23; What does this mean, but others save with fear?

Comments or questions please call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or e-mail me at jsp1941@yahoo.com . Jesus loves you and so does the churches of Christ.

Answers to today's questions:

1. Jesus the Lord; 2. Their ungodly deeds; 3. Yes; 4. Lusts; 5. Swelling; 6. The words spoken by the apostles; 7. Mockers; walk; ungodly lusts; 8. Fleshly ; worldly; 9. Our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit; 10. By living holy lives, studying and prayer; 11. Those who were doubters; 12. In mercy we are to point out their danger, all the while abhorring their sins;

It has been wonderful studying Jude with you. I'll say bye for now and please continue to study the Bible, especially the New Testament. Love you!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner, Maples United Methodist Church

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep.'" John 10:1-4, 11-15 (NIV).

The Lord Jesus Christ has a threefold relationship to his flock which is known as His church. First of all He is the Good Shepherd, and He defines the Good Shepherd in John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." Then He is the Great Shep-

LATTA ANNOUNCES CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER



From L to R: Paige Burger, Mac Veh, Congressman Latta, Ethan Cawley, Delaney McQuown

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) announced Ethan Cawley, a student at Cory-Rawson High School, as the winner of Ohio's Fifth District 2017 Congressional Art Competition at an event on Saturday in Findlay.

In a ceremony at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts, Latta honored Mr. Cawley for his winning art piece along with three Honorable Mention winners, Delaney McQuown, Mac Veh, and Paige Burger. The winning artwork, entitled, "Lola '72" will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Tunnel for one year. The three Honorable Mention pieces will be displayed in each of Latta's district offices.

"Congratulations to Ethan for his original and creative artwork — it will be a wel-

come addition to the Capitol building in D.C.," said Congressman Latta. "It's always interesting to see what students in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District are able to come up with, and this year was no different. I'd like to thank everyone that participated in the competition this year."

2017 Art Competition Results - Ohio's 5th Congressional District

Overall Winner: Lola '72, Ethan Cawley, Cory-Rawson High School

Honorable Mentions: Cinnamon, Delaney McQuown, Upper Sandusky High School; Juxtaposition, Mac Veh, Ottawa Hills High School; Who Let the Dawgs Out, Paige Burger, Upper Sandusky High School

herd, for we read in the magnificent benediction given in Hebrews 13:20: "Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will..." So today He is the Great Shepherd of the sheep, as seen in Psalm 23. But that does not give the total picture. He is also the Chief Shepherd. This speaks of the future. Peter says in his first epistle, "And when the chief

Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away" (1Pet. 5:4).

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: they also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd [John 10:16]. There are other sheep which are not of this fold, the fold is Israel, but others will also hear His voice, and there shall be one flock and one Shepherd. There is to be one flock and one Shepherd, the

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FARMERS RECEIVE GRANT



Tim Derck and Max Zuber, farmers in the Antwerp Local School District, recently applied for and received a grant through America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. This organization offers farmers a chance to win \$2,500 to direct toward their favorite community nonprofit organization in order to make a positive impact in rural communities. Derck and Zuber are donating their money to the Antwerp Athletic Department for the new softball/baseball complex. Derck and Zuber are pictured here with Antwerp Athletic Director Drew Altimus.

PAYNE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT



Payne Fire Department receives Grant from EDPR Timber Road Wind Farms in the amount of 20,625.00. Pictured: Sara Aftergood, EDP Renewables Development Project Manager, East Region; John Hall, Payne Fire Department; Gary Hardy, EDP Renewables Timber Road Wind Farms, Site Project Manager.

PAYNE MAYOR RECEIVES GRANT



Payne Mayor Steve Wobler receives Grant from EDPR Timber Road Wind Farms in the amount of 5,000.00 for Village park improvements. Pictured: Sara Aftergood, EDP Renewables Development Project Manager, East Region; Mayor Steve Wobler, Village of Payne; Gary Hardy, EDP Renewables Timber Road Wind Farms, Site Project Manager

LATTA RECOGNIZES STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES



From L-R: Olga Budke, Allena Rose, Elizabeth Shaffer, Congressman Latta, Abigail Yeager, Matthew Butson, Samuel Kovaleski

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) congratulated six students from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District on their acceptance to one of the U.S. Military Service Academies at an event on Sunday in Bowling Green. All of the students were nominated by Congressman Latta and have received offers of appointment for the Class of 2021 at their respective academies.

"It is no small task being accepted to a United States Military Service Academy, and I commend these six students for their dedication and hard work to achieve this honor," said Latta. "Our nation is fortunate to have young people answering the call to serve in our military,

and I'm excited to watch this group grow into our country's next generation of leaders."

The following students were recognized:

U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado: Olga Budke, Findlay, St. Wendelin Catholic School; Elizabeth Shaffer, Hicksville, Hicksville High School

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York: Samuel Kovaleski, Findlay, Findlay High School

U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York: Allena Rose, Toledo, Whitmer High School; Abigail Yeager, Holland, Springfield High School

U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland: Matthew Butson, Metamora, St. John's Jesuit High School

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one flock containing Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, bond and free, male and female, black and white, people from every nation and out of every tongue and tribe.

Sheep stay close to one another; they remember the face and voice of their shepherd. Hear Jesus' call. Enter the gate. Embrace the shepherd. God invites us into green pastures to know the love of our Good Shepherd.

ALLEN EAST SMASHES PAULDING

On Friday, May 12th the Paulding Panthers took on Allen East in softball and lost in the Sectional Final game. The scores stayed at zero until the 4th inning when Allen East took the lead and shortly after won the game. The final scores being Allen East 4 and Paulding 0.

Score by the Innings:
Paulding - 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0
Allen East - 0 0 0 3 0 1 x = 4

Batting:
Paulding - Audrey Manz (1AB); Ashlynn Rice (2AB); Mya Andrews (2AB); Haylee Dominique (2AB); Bailey Pieper (3AB); Jen Stahl (3AB); Karissa Lucas (3AB); Brianna Gorrell (3AB); Asia Arellano (2AB)

Allen East - G.Young (3AB); L.Basham (2AB 1R); A.Miller (1AB 1R); A.Schmiedebusch (3AB 1H 2BI); R.Newland (2AB); A.Young (3AB); C.Lawrence (3AB 1R 2H 1BI); O.Lawrence (2AB 1H 1BI); S.McCloskey (3AB)

Losing Pitcher - Audrey Manz (4.00IP 2H 3R 3ER 5BB 5SO); Haylee Dominique(2.00IP 2H 1R 1ER 2SO)
Winning Pitcher - A.Schmiedebusch (7.00IP 4BB 8SO)

Paulding finished their season at 9-12, while Allen East is continuing on with a 17-3 record.

TEACHERS INVITED TO ATTEND BASIC ARCHERY INSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

Classroom teachers and other members of school communities who are interested in becoming certified National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) instructors are invited to attend a free training workshop Saturday, July 8, in Hancock County according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The Basic Archery Instructor Training will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the ODNR Division of Wildlife District Two office located at 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay, 45840. Pre-registration is required by July 6 and those interested should visit naspbai.org to sign up for the course. Participants are encouraged to bring a packed lunch.

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

The NASP program is rapidly growing and popular among both students and educators. It was introduced into 12 Ohio schools in 2004. More than 900 Ohio schools now have teachers certified to instruct target archery. Over 30,000 Ohio students participated in NASP as part of their physical education curriculum during the 2015-2016 school year.

NSSC COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY RECOGNIZES OVER 320 GRADUATES



Northwest State Community College celebrated the 2017 graduating class at its forty-seventh Commencement Ceremony this past weekend. The ceremony recognized over 320 graduates who completed an Associate degree or certificate program with the College during fall, spring or summer term.

Dr. Thomas Stuckey, NSCC president, congratulated the graduates on their achievements. He encouraged them to remember, "Your life has changed. And your life will continue to change. Education prepares you for that change."

Rose Mansel-Pleydell was the student speaker selected. She shared that in her life things have not always gone according to plan as is the case with most people. "Plans almost never come to fruition without taking an alternate route," Mansel-Pleydell stated. "Life isn't about sticking to the plan, and more than likely, your greatest adventures will be found just beyond the comfort zone in which you mapped out your future."

Mansel-Pleydell earned an Associate of Applied Business in Business Management degree, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Keynote speaker for this year's commencement ceremony was State Representative Rob McColley of Napoleon. McColley praised those individuals who sacrificed to



help the graduates achieve their current and future goals. "No matter how hard you worked to get here today, and no matter how hard you work to get to where you want to be in the future, you never truly did it alone," McColley remarked.

Following the recognition of the graduates, Dr. Stuckey announced Abby Jagers as the recipient of the President's Outstanding Student Award. Jagers graduated Summa Cum Laude with an Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting. Jagers resides in Stryker and is currently a part-time pharmacy technician with Rite Aid. She is the mother of two sons ages 5 and 7. Jagers completed her medical externships with Archbold Medical Group.

The first NASP program was launched in Kentucky in 2002. Since that date, 47 U.S. states and 11 foreign countries have adopted it. For additional details regarding NASP in northwest Ohio, visit wildohio.gov or contact the Wildlife District

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I DON'T LIKE

By: Stan Jordan

I don't like a lot of this stuff that is going on in Washington.

I don't like, or agree with, all of sword rattling, threats, promises or waving of the atomic bombs or nuclear war heads at each other.

We are growling at North Korea for doing things that we have already done, like testing missiles. If we didn't test them over the oceans, we dropped them on some other country. We must use diplomacy in dealing with North Korea and I will tell you why.

Back in 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea for some reason, America sent troops over there, no other country sent troops, just America. We couldn't deal very well with the North Koreans or we couldn't whip them either, because they were backed up by the Chinese.

At the battle of the Chosin Reservoir, the Americans were overwhelmed by the Chinese as they came across the ice like ants from ant hill.

It was 20 degree below zero and lots of our boys were killed, frozen to death, ran out of food and ammo. The bodies we put in piles by the side of the road, frozen stiff.

We didn't lick them then and I'm sure we can't do it now. We left that war zone as quick as we could, our tail between our legs. We actually just gave up to that little country.

We don't have the servicemen now that we had then. Our boys are spread too thin, all over the world. The draft would have to be reactivated.

War is not the answer!
See ya!

AUTO BY OTTO: 1

Memories

I was born near Chemnitz, Germany in the year of 1884, we lived in a large stone house on the highest elevation in that locality. The quarrying of building stone being the main industry. Our home was surrounded by deep quarries

and large pine forests, the latter being owned by the government, it was among these surroundings that I spend my early boyhood day. My father being a lover of the out of doors taught me the names of our most common bird, these being the Skylark. Some species of Jay, another bird similar to our Robin, the Starling (for who'd the people build houses for nesting), the Crow and several other small song birds, too. Other species that I never saw, only heard them, as they always called out from the tip of some large fir tree, these being the Wild Pigeon and the Coochoo, it was with the first call of the Coochoo in the spring that I was permitted to go bare footed, so his song was eagerly looked forward to. On cold winter nights the hooting of owls could be heard from the depth of this forrest. I only saw one Woodpecker, it was quite large and as near as I can remember it was green in color. The wild game consisted of ostriches, similar to our Hungarian, Jack Rabbits and Deer. Hunting was restricted, the deer being quite tame, nothing unusual to see them in the cherry orchard which surrounded our house. When I was six I started to school. On my first day of school my teacher, in order to get us interested, showed us number of mounted birds and of course he asked if any of us could tell him their names. I recall that I was about the only one present who could name them for which he highly complimented me and it was right then and there that I resolved to become a naturalist as soon as was old enough. While in school we were taught about the life habits of the butterflies, I then started my first collection Butterflies, beetles and larva which I kept in boxes covered with cheesecloth, many of the beetles and larva cut their way through and scattered all over our rooms about setting my mother and older sisters frantic. My first disappointment came when one day I went to feed my caterpillars with fresh leaves, in place of worms, I just found some ugly cases that would wiggle when being touched. I decided it was them that destroyed my caterpillars so each one was promptly destroyed with my hammer. It was not until sometime later I learned that they were the cocoons from my larva, but I learned me something, many a fine butterfly did I raise after that experience. In the latter part of the year 1892 my folks began talking

of going to America. What a thrill that was to me. I began to read books about America, these being the cheap picture books in which they told in words and pictures about the Indians and Buffalo. I began to form pictures of them in my mind and about the wild country in which we planned to go. In the spring of 1893 my father and oldest sister started for the new land which was to become our new home, with them came two of my cousins. Fred and Yeta Miller who came to their parents who previously had left Germany for a new home across the ocean. From the letters written by my father after his arrival here I had to change my ideas about America. Instead of buffalos and Indians he would write about the large timber, swarms of muskeetoe, beautiful colored birds and lots of snakes. After being here several months he send for the rest of the family, consisting of my mother, two sisters and myself. On Aug 22-1893 we left Germany, leaving Chemnitz at noon by rail, by the next morning, about 9 a.m. we arrived at Hamburg, the port from which we took the large ocean liner to New York, a part of this trip by rail was 3rd class this meant coaches with wooden benches, but three-fourths of the trip was 4th class, these coaches had no seats, but our baggage, consisting of three large trunks, was in the same coach so we had something to sit down on. On our arrival at Hamburg we were met at the train by a porter who escorted us to the hotel where we remained until the following day. We left the hotel about noon and were herded from one place to another until about 4 a.m. when we were placed aboard a small ship which carried us over to the large ocean liner where we arrived about 5 p.m. where we were assigned to our state room, which consisted of 16 bunks, 8 below and 8 above. The name of our liner was Augusta Victoria, and at that time one of the fastest boats on the ocean. Sometime during the night our boat lifted anchor and we were on our way, after another shore stop at some port in England we headed for the open water of the Atlantic. We passed the Isle of Wrights, which to me seemed covered with ancient castles in a small notebook I carried I see that I counted 13 of them. The weather across the Atlantic was fairly good, several days of rough weather was experienced but only one day that we were not permitted out on deck. The trip was rather tiresome, nothing to see but water and sea-sick passengers, saw quite a number of fish, mostly dolphins or flying fish, a large whale entertained us for an hour or so one afternoon by playing fairly close about the boat. That was a treat for me.

SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 32: THE BEAR

By: Stan Jordan

I haven't written in a long time.

We all returned to the Broken Arrow Agency. We all rested up for a couple days. Callie was pretty tired and sat in her rocking chair most of the time.

The winter is sort of mild. We have had snow and wind as usual, but not very bad.

We didn't decorate for Christmas, Callie is pretty good sized now and didn't feel like doing too much.

This is the last of January in 1854. We don't do much, just sit in the warm room and Callie plays solitaire.

I'll go out to the barn and get some deer and buffalo meat, enough for a few days.

Well, it has been a long tome since I've wrote anything down again. I woke up in the army hospital at Fort Kearney a few days ago and I will tell you what those people have told me.

I guess some time in last week of January, we were at the Indian Agency and I went to the barn to get some meat. I had taken our butcher knife along. Well, they tell me that I must have startled a black bear who was in the barn standing up eating some of our meat. I guess he swung a big paw at my head and I stuck the butcher knife into his chest. We both must have fallen down with the bear on top of me. I don't remember any of this except I did see that bear. When he fell on top of me, that must have driven that knife into his heart and killed him because I don't remember anything until I came here to Fort Kearney infirmary.

Callie tells me that when I didn't return from the barn, she went to see if I was alright. Well, she found this big 400 lb. black bear lying on top of me and he wouldn't move, he was dead. The bear was too big for her to move. She tried to move him but she was not strong enough.

She said my face was covered with blood from my hair on down, and she feared I was dead. All of these bad things came to her at once. She tells me I grunted or groaned a little and then she checked my pulse. She then straightened up and realized what a predicament she was in.

Sam was out cold on the floor of the barn. A 400 lb. bear on top of him. She can't move the bear. He is so heavy and she is in no shape to tug or push, as her baby is due next month. Sam needs medical attention and that is two days away at Fort Kearney. She can't pull on the bear because if she does and something went wrong in her condition that baby might make up its mind to be born now and we can't have another problem. Callie was just about ready to come apart from all of this difficult situation, and she told herself, "Now settle down a minute and think this out and pray for help and guidance."

Soon she heard a noise, maybe it was a horse with help. Maybe it's an Indian, a good or bad one.

Oh thank God, it was a miracle! Rooster, the runner, just arrived from the fort.

See ya!

MORE ON THE BEAVERS

Here at the West Bend News, we received an email from Denny Miesle over at Woodburn and he says that he was talking to a couple trappers and they had caught a couple of the bigger type beaver here in the Maumee. That was west of SR 101. Now that is the first acknowledgement of the 40 some pound beaver in the area. Thanks so much for that news.

The above I wrote on May 5th and there has been a lot

REINHART TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT



Kacey Reinhart is a senior at Wayne Trace High School. Earlier this year Kacey ran for a position on the Ohio FFA State Officer team. Kacey had to complete a series of interviews and a written test on Ohio FFA knowledge. During the first session of the 89th Ohio FFA State Convention it was announced that Kacey had been slated for State Vice President. Kacey had to answer a question in front of the voting delegates, in which the vote who they thought would make a good Vice President. During the fifth and final session it was announced that Kacey would serve as the 2017-2018 State Vice President!

of water go under the bridge since then.

There was a man from Crane Township that brought in a picture of a 42.5 lb. North American beaver that he had killed right here in Northwest Ohio in the Maumee River, that the game warden said are

are the well known North American beaver here in our area around the Maumee River.

It seems to me, maybe that all the game warden knows is what the D.N.R. in Columbus tells him.

I think the wildlife people



not around here. This photo came in too late to run in last weeks' paper.

I was talking with the game warden a few weeks ago and he belittled the fact that there was beavers in the Maumee River.

This picture shows there

of the D.N.R. in Columbus should get off that big black leather chair and get out into the country and get their boots muddy.

Over the last few years our wild game have returned to the country side and are getting acclimated.

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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WMYW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Joe Barker of WMYW presents the scholarship to Kourtney Thomas from Paulding High School



Joe Barker of WMYW presents the scholarship to Emma Butzin from Antwerp High School



Joe Barker of WMYW presents the scholarship to Danae Myers from Wayne Trace High School.

Winners of the 2017 scholarship awards: Entries from Paulding counties three high schools competed for a \$500 award given to a senior from

SPRING 2017 GMC ALL CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The Green Meadows Conference is proud to announce their All Conference Scholar Athletes” for the spring of 2017!

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ANTWERP:
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Brianna Baker, Korbyn Martin, Kortni Martin, Elizabeth Engel, Jacob Miller, Kaylee Clemens, Amelia Seigman, Kelsey Johnston, Dawson Dales, Mikayla Emst, Mikayla Tressler

EDGERTON:
Cade McClellan, Brandi Radabaugh, Derek Blue, Devin Herman, Erin Luke, Sarah Roth, Carter Knecht, Drew Hug, Jake Siebenaler

FAIRVIEW:
Katie Robinson, Alex Sliter, Chyanne Retcher, Kelsie Crites, Audrey Hall, Austin Meyer, Luke Breininger, Bailey Cline, Kobe Baker, Alex Jackson

HICKSVILLE:
Ashtyn Bauer, Kylie Brickel, Eric Boyd, Devin Costilla, Ethan Friend, Aubree Giddings, Katelyn McKinney, Logen Niedhardt, Elizabeth Shaffer, Chelsey Taylor, Logan Thiel, Riley Witte, Zakk Witte

HOLGATE:
Emma Willett, Gabbi Willett, Olivia Kuhlman, Jake Grim, Bailey Hohenberger, Rebecca Meyer, Levi Gustwiler

TINORA:
Kayla Bailey, Jacob Clevenger, Tyler Giesige, Eijah Jimenez

WAYNE TRACE:
Brady Stabler, Emil Stoller, Blaine Jerome, Brooke Lelonek

TRADITIONAL AND GPS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES HONOR MVNU CLASS OF 2017

Mount Vernon Nazarene University honored this year's 574 graduates on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The Traditional Commencement Ceremony was held in the morning and 251 degrees were conferred to the students. The Graduate and Professional Studies Ceremony was held in the afternoon when 323 students received their degrees.

Rev. Douglas Wyatt, District Superintendent of the Eastern Kentucky District of the Church of the Nazarene, spoke at the Baccalaureate service on Friday, April 28, 2017. He reminded each graduate that they all have a unique story weaved together by God.

“We can see God’s handiwork in all of it ... God continues to weave together your life and this day is one of those days. Together, graduates remember where they came from in order to embrace where they are now,” said Wyatt.

Dr. Kevin W. Mannoia, Professor of Ministry and Chaplain at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif., who has 30 years of ministry leadership experience, spoke at the Traditional Commencement Ceremony on Saturday morning. Mannoia advised new graduates to “walk around in

CENTRAL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD



Central Lutheran Preschool was happy to celebrate the Week of the Young Child, an annual celebration of early learning, young children, their teachers and families. Students participated in special dress days and activities each day, including Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work To-

gether Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Future Friday. Preschoolers were able to work and engage with older elementary students to complete many of these activities. They are very excited to share a building with the elementary students next year, as the new preschool addition is now being

built onto the elementary school. The Nahrwold Early Childhood Center is scheduled to open its doors this July and be ready for the first day of school! If you would like more information about the preschool or elementary programs at Central Lutheran School, please contact the school office at 493-2502.

a way that is worthy.” Pulling scripture from Ephesians 4:1, Mannoia encouraged students to “lead a life that is worthy of which you have been called.”

“You carry with you the changed nature of who you are and the changed thinking that has occurred to you here and you go to make a difference in a world that is in desperate need of what you have to offer them,” said Mannoia.

“Competence without godliness breeds arrogance. Godliness without competence breeds irrelevance. So I’m asking you in all your walking around, in all of what you do, do it in a way that is both godly and competent because that will then be worthy of the call to which you have been called ... may I suggest to you that the value of your call is not derived from what you produce; the value of your call is derived from the one who called you to it.”

The 2017 Service Above Self Awards were presented to Amanda Sparks and Edward Solano. These awards are given annually to the male and female graduates who exemplify the school’s motto of “To Seek to Learn is to Seek to Serve.”

The W. Lloyd Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Charles R. McCall, D.M., for his outstanding work. In the early days of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, McCall was appointed by President Stephen Nease and Dean Lloyd Taylor as the first religion professor at MVNU. He spent 36 years teaching at MVNU and became professor Emeritus of Religion.

The Excellence in Teaching Award for the 2016-17 academic year was presented to LeeAnn H. Coutts, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology.

Dr. Michael VanZant currently serves as the pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Fairmont, W.Va., and serves as the Graduate and Professional Studies Coordinator of Religion Programs for MVNU. During the MVNU GPS Ceremony, VanZant gave graduates a definition of

purpose which is measured by faithfulness to God rather than bottom lines.

“While physical success can be measured by bottom lines, accomplishments, or large houses, human fulfillment is found in the faithful use of the talents and abilities that God has instilled in you. As you hone and continue to enhance these abilities through education and application, so also hone and enhance your sense of purpose,” said VanZant.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students, and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and several convenient Graduate

and Professional Studies locations throughout the state, MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education to more than 2,200 students from 28 states and 17 countries/U.S. territories.

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I refer to this area as the Tri-State area as that is where Ohio, Indiana and Michigan come together. All the towns in our area have gun clubs, conservation clubs or wild life clubs. Just about everybody is conservation minded.

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Aces' Emily Captain line drives the ball to the outfield where she earned first base in the sixth inning. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Thursday, May 11th Wayne Trace Raiders played Hicksville Aces in softball. The game was a tight match the entire game and either team could have won. Though Hicksville was seeded much lower and The Raiders were first, The Aces kept to it after the first score of the game by the home team.

It wasn't until the fourth inning that Hicksville girls were able to post their first point. This is the second win after coming off the victory over Ottoville of 16-0 on Monday night.

The Aces will go on to compete again Crestview on Tuesday, May 16.

Wayne Trace wrapped up their season with a 13-8 record.

Score by Innings:

Hicksville: 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 = 2 runs, 5 hits, 1 error

Wayne Trace: 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 = 1 run, 7 hits, 1 error

Winning Pitcher - Laney Balsler (7 innings, 7 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 1 strikeout, 1 walk)

Losing Pitcher - Maggie Crosby (7 innings, 5 hits, 2 runs, 1 earned run, 1 strikeout, 3 walks)

Hicksville Hitters - Laney Balsler (home run, run, RBI), Ashton Bauer (single, run), Riley Witte (single), Emily Captain (single), Emily Sanders (single)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Natalie Torman (single, triple, run), Keagann Parrish (single), Megan Moore (single, RBI), Brooke Sinn (two singles), Kalin Gerber (double)

4th ANNUAL AUTISM RESOURCE FAIR HUGE SUCCESS

This year's Autism Resource Fair was very successful. We had approximately 350 people attend the event and over 40 vendors available with valuable information for families. The event included a free make and take session for those who visited the event.

Globe Star's calming room, Dare to Dream Youth Ranch, and several therapy dogs including; Payton, Lexi and Gracie, all provided wonderful interactive opportunities for those who attended.

The Art for Autism canvas projects generated much participation by students and staff in all of our buildings.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 4/24/17

This 19th day of April, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holtsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:
Warrants documented as 232701 through 232736 for county bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST:
Tony Zartman, MVPO Executive Council, Defiance, OH - April 24, 2017
Emily Keely, Best Practice, Findlay, OH - April 19, 2017

Taylor Shaffer, ORAS, Louisville, OH - April 24 & 25, 2017
Claudia Fickel, District Meeting, Findlay, OH - April 28, 2017
Claudia Fickel, CAUV Day, Worthington, OH - May 10, 2017

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

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order numbers and payments included in the Allowance of Claims on April 24, 2017, Warrant numbered 232780 in the amount of \$810.00; and

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

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE BYLAWS OF THE PAULDING COUNTY VISION GROUP AND REQUESTING APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A FUND:

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Vision Group is being organized to "Develop Opportunities to Build Paulding County Community", coordinating collaboration, planning strategically for each town/village in Paulding County, securing funding, and existing to create a livable community; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Paulding County Vision Group were presented and accepted by the Paulding County

Commissioners on this 24th day of April, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a new fund must be created to accurately track expenses and revenue associated with the Paulding County Vision Group (Fund 229); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby request from the Auditor of State approval to create the Paulding County Vision Group Fund (Fund 229).

MEETING NOTES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Jonathon Lichty, Greg Geyer, Roger Taylor, William Mowery, Tim Bauml, Daniel Wilder, Carol Kortokrax (Veterans' Services staff and board) and Carol Temple, County Recorder - The Commissioners met with the Paulding County Veterans' Services staff members and board of directors, along with Carol Temple, Paulding County Recorder, to discuss the subject of veterans' ID cards. Ms. Temple began the discussion by informing the group the County Recorders have been given the authority from the state to issue veterans' ID cards. A special fund in the Recorder's Office would fund the project should she decide to implement it. She noted the DD214, indicating an honorable discharge, must be recorded to obtain an ID card from her office. Mr. Lichty commented the ID cards provided by the Recorder's Office would only be valid in the state of Ohio, while a card issued by the Department

ABA CELEBRATES BALL PAST & FUTURE



Local celebrity and writer for the West Bend News, Stan Jordan, threw the introductory pitch with Mia Wollet catching for the celebration of Antwerp's Ball Association opening day on Saturday, May 13. Jeff Cline assisted Stan with the pitch.

By: Becky Keys

The history of baseball in the United States can be traced back before the American Civil War in the eastern portion of the United States. During the Civil War, it became popular among soldiers serving in the Union Army and it grabbed the nation's fascination at the close of the war. It remains unclear when baseball first appeared in Ohio, but the first game on record may have occurred before the Civil War, as reported in a Cleveland newspaper in 1859. It is unclear whether or not the game resembled modern baseball. The first teams to clearly utilize rules similar to modern-day baseball originated in the late 1860s, when amateurs played a baseball-like game by their own informal rules using home-made equipment. The popularity of the sport inspired the semipro national baseball clubs in the 1860s.

Perhaps the first baseball team ever organized in our fair town of Antwerp was that known as the Antwerp Reds. It was an aggregation of clerks from the various stores and business houses in the community, as well as farmers, laborers, and students. No one was excluded from the Antwerp Reds team, yet they were ranked as one

of the best semi-pro clubs in the surrounding country. From historical newspapers, photos, and family genealogy records, we know that the Antwerp Reds was organized sometime before 1906, and travelled as far as Fort Wayne, Kendallville, and Waterloo, in which the Antwerp team would arrive with an entourage of fans to cheer them on! In small town America local teams were most often the focus of a community's pride, even when there may have been barely enough players to field a team. Everybody got behind their local ball teams and that was a really big deal.

Today, our small town baseball/softball community pride remains alive and strong in Antwerp. We're proud of our coaches, volunteers, ABA members, and especially the supporting parents and kids that come together to make our organization successful! We are proud to say that our ball park has been established in its current location since 1935. Many of us here today spent our childhood summers playing ball on these same fields. These are memories that we can look back fondly on. Memories that are shared with smiling faces to our children and grandchildren. And memories that are forming right now with these

wonderful kids here today!

As many of you may have noticed our newest banner hanging on the major diamond on Opening Day, it states, 'Celebrating Antwerp Ball History', and the picture is of the Antwerp Reds in 1909. This is a celebration of our ball history and we would like to invite everyone to share their memories with us. We'd like for you to share your stories of the most exciting game you can remember playing here as a child, or maybe you'd like to share a newspaper article that you have of the Antwerp Reds, or your team picture from when you played as a child, or even your grandparents' ball pictures! If you have any Antwerp ball history memorabilia that you would like to share with our community we would love to see it and be able to share it! Anyone interested in sharing their baseball/softball memories, please see us at the concession stand for contact information or you can share on our Facebook page. This information will be available throughout the summer, so if you happen across something that you would like to share please stop by anytime or contact an ABA board member. Enjoy the ball season.

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of Veterans' Affairs would be a federal card and would be valid anywhere in the United States. Commissioner Zartman stated veterans need to be educated as to how they can obtain and use a federal ID card to benefit them. Mr. Lichty explained veterans may obtain a card when they enroll in the VA health care system and they may also have the 'Armed Forces' notation added to their drivers' license by showing their DD214 at the BMV. He also informed the group that he has taken course work in interpreting discharge paperwork to determine their validity. Mr. Lichty also noted the veteran population in Paulding County has been declining for several years. Though he acknowledged Ms. Temple's willingness to serve Paulding County veterans by offering this service, he stated he would hate to see a lot of money spent on equipment for a service that may have limited use. Ms. Temple noted several area County Recorders are providing the service and suggested utilizing some of the Sheriff's equipment that is already in the Courthouse. Ms. Kortokrax noted that a couple of counties have already had to re-issue cards to meet state requirements. Commissioner Klopfenstein suggested that Ms. Temple do some research into using the Sheriff's equip-

ment to provide the service to those who would like to have a state veterans' ID card. Mr. Lichty strongly suggested veterans first bring their DD214 to his office to verify the status of the discharge. Commissioner Holtsberry then inquired as to when the flags could be placed at the veterans' grave sites. Mr. Wilder said on the Saturday two weeks before Memorial Day (May 13). Mr. Holtsberry noted he will be placing the flags in the Jackson Township cemetery.

Commissioner Zartman added that flags have been ordered to be displayed in the rotunda of the Courthouse to honor all military branches. Commissioner Holtsberry gave an update of stone repair/replacement for veterans in Paulding County cemeteries.

Stephanie Wahl, First Federal Bank - (see resolution above)

Jerry Zielke, PCED - Mr. Zielke presented Enterprise Zone agreements (for two companies) for signatures.

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PANTHERS CRUSH DELPHOS IN SECTIONALS



Senior Bailey slams the ball in the fifth inning to drive in a run. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On Tuesday, May 9 the Delphos softball girls travelled to Paulding for the first round of sectional action. In the first Inning Paulding took a strong lead with points all around before they could be stopped by the Jefferson girls.

Score by the Innings:
Delphos Jefferson - 1 0 0 0
0 0 = 1
Paulding - 10 1 1 1 3 x = 16
Batting:
Delphos Jefferson - A.Parkins (1AB); M.Rode (2AB 1R); K.Hartsock (2AB 1H 1BI); M.Jettinghoff (2AB); S.Stevenson (1AB); A.Hastings (2AB); K.Wollenhaupt (1AB); A.North (1AB); L.Grothaus (1AB); J.Rostorfen (1AB)
Paulding - Audrey Manz (2AB 2R 1BI); Ashlynn Rice

(2AB 2R 2H 3BI); Megan Tope (1R); Mya Andrews (2AB 2R 1H 1BI); Kaela Lucas (2R); Haylee Dominique (3AB 2R 2H 1BI); Bailey Pieper (4AB 1R 2H 3BI); Daleigh Davis (2AB 1R 2H 2BI); Mallory Taylor (1R 1BI); Karissa Lucas (4AB 1BI); Brianna Gorrell (2AB 1BI); Jen Stahl(2AB 2R); Leona Aldred (2AB)

Pitching:
Delphos Jefferson - A.North (0.33IP 5H 11R 9ER 3BB); K.Hartsock (3.67IP 4H 5R 3ER 8BB 3SO)
Paulding - Audrey Manz (4.00IP 1H 1R 3BB 6SO); Haylee Dominique (1.00IP 2SO)
Standings: Paulding 9-12, Delphos Jefferson 2-20

KEISHA'S HOUSE AUTHOR VISITS NEW HAVEN HIGH NINTH GRADERS

Recently, Helen Frost, author of Keisha's House spoke to the 9th grade class at New Haven High. The 9th graders read her book as a part of the school curriculum.

Keisha's House is a 2003 award winning debut young adult verse novel. The book's story is told through multiple poems and concerns a group of teenagers that are all drawn to the house of the title character Keisha due to serious issues in their personal lives.

The book follows several teenagers that have come to Keisha's House in search of a safe haven. Each teen has something that is going wrong in their life. Young couple Stephie and Jason are having troubles due to her teen pregnancy, with Jason feeling pressure due to him feeling like he has to choose between a potential sports career and his responsibilities. Dontay and Carmen both have had interactions with the legal system. Carmen must deal with a DUI charge while Dontay is shuffled through the foster care system due to his parents being in prison. Meanwhile, Harris and Katie are both experiencing trouble with their family members. Harris has come out to his father, only to be disowned. Katie can't understand why her mother remains with her abusive stepfather and tries to escape her situation by becoming a workaholic in every aspect of her life.

ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WEEK OF MAY 15, 2017

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

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DEFIANCE COUNTY

U.S. 127 between state Route 18 and township Road 34, south of Sherwood, closed April 24 for 60 days for culvert replacement at two locations. Traffic detoured onto U.S. 24, state Route 15 and state Route 18 back to U.S. 127. Work is being performed by VTF Construction, Celina. http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/detours/Documents/DEF-127-2.11_2.67.pdf

PAULDING COUNTY

State Route 114 between Township road 187 and township Road 197, west of Mandale, will close May 22 for approximately three days for a culvert replacement. Traffic detoured onto state Route 637, state Route 613 and state Route 66 back to state Route 114. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage. <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/detours/Documents/PAU-114-21.73.pdf>

State Route 114 just east of state Route 66, Mandale, will close May 24 for three days

ANTWERP JR HIGH TRACK DOMINATES AT PAULDING RELAYS



The Antwerp Jr. High track teams ventured to Paulding for the Panther Relays against the host squad and Lincolnvew. The tracksters were greeted by awesome weather and were ready to give it their all. The Archers started off on the

right foot and kept it rolling the entire evening. The boys won by a slim margin of 45 to 41 over Lincolnvew with Paulding scoring 23. On the girls side it was just as close where the Lady Archers defeated the Lady Panthers by a score of 45 to 42 with Lin-

colnview coming in 3rd at 25 points. The track teams will finish off their season at Hicksville for the GMC conference meet next Tuesday the 16th of May. Great job to all of our athletes that competed and for bringing the trophy home.

for a culvert replacement. Traffic detoured onto state Route 66, state Route 613 and state Route 634 back to state Route 114. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/detours/Documents/PAU-114-23.22.pdf>

Pavement repair and spot berming will take place at the following locations with traffic maintained through the work zone. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage:

State Route 637 south of state Route 111 to Grover Hill State Route 111 east of U.S. 127 to state Route 637

VAN WERT COUNTY

U.S. 30 westbound between Ringwald Road and county Road 173 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for bridge deck repair. Work is being performed by the ODOT District 1 roadway services department.

U.S. 224 both eastbound and westbound, east of Van Wert, will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks and removal of pave-

ment reflectors. Work is being performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

RIEDEL INTRODUCES LEGISLATION FOR PC COURT

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) recently introduced House Bill 215, companion legislation to Senator Cliff Hite's (R-Findlay) Senate Bill 141. The bill would allow the part time Paulding County Court to become the full time Paulding County Municipal Court.

"Senator Hite and I spoke to Judge Suzanne Rister. She expressed how the court is often overwhelmed with cases and by making the court a full time court they will be able to better serve the people of Paulding County," said

Representative Riedel. "Senator Hite has taken the initiative of introducing his bill and I, in full support, have introduced a companion bill in the Ohio House. I believe that the courts are an integral part of our society and should have all the tools necessary to deliver fair and swift justice."

The Paulding County Municipal Court is responsible for hearing criminal division, traffic division, and civil division cases, including misdemeanor criminal cases, complaints up to \$15,000, small claims up to \$6,000, and eviction cases. House Bill 215 would help to accommodate the growing number of cases in Paulding County. Senate Bill 141 has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee, while House Bill 215 is waiting a committee assignment.

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PARADE OF NATIONS



Addyson Hormann

On the last Friday of the school year, fifth graders at Antwerp Elementary School had their annual Parade of Nations. Elementary students lined the hallways as the fifth

graders pulled their decorated wagons, wearing costumes and carrying their nation's flag. This was the culmination of a research project on a nation of the students' choice.

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ling in...Woodburn's newest business The Fat Hen is officially kicking off with a ribbon cutting ceremony 10am on May 20th. The Fat Hen is bringing floral design back to Woodburn, along with an art studio and classes.

Lisa Noneman owner of The Fat Hen specializes in artificial flowers and live plants....arrangements are perfect for weddings, birthdays, funerals, and all other special occasions. There is also lots of art taking place at the Hen located at 4415 Bull Rapids Rd. Woodburn, IN. The building is nestled between Clip-n-Tan and Pat & Larry's.

The Fat Hen is current-

ly open 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Fridays, 12:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and closed Sunday and Mondays. Evenings are available for classes. You may also call (260) 440-4967 to make an appointment.

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CUFFS & COLLARS

Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

In January 2017, State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, received a complaint from a property manager stating that he had found deer remains on the property and suspected that hunters from an adjacent property had trespassed to recover a deer without written permission. Officer Smith and State Wildlife Officer Marty Cisine, assigned to Trumbull County, conducted interviews with two suspects who were brothers. Further investigation by the officers revealed that both subjects trespassed onto the adjacent property to recover a deer. Each subject was charged with hunting without permission. One suspect paid \$460 in fines and court costs and lost his privilege to hunt in Logan County for one year. The other suspect paid \$465 in fines and court costs and lost his privilege to hunt in the State of Ohio for one year. Earlier that year, that suspect had been

SENIORS RECOGNIZED FOR TOP STS



Seniors Matthew Dooley and Joshua Ehlinger of Antwerp High School were recently recognized for being the top Student Technology Services (STS) students for the 2016-2017 school year. Dooley and Ehlinger each received a \$200 scholarship

from an organization called Students for Other Students (SOS) to honor the positive impact they've had on those they have mentored during their time with STS. They are pictured here with Mr. Harold Gottke, Antwerp Local School Technology Director.

convicted of killing a deer in Logan County and reporting that the deer was killed in Shelby County.

After receiving information from a concerned citizen who had called the Turn In a Poacher (TIP) hotline, State Wildlife Officer Patrick Muldovan, assigned to Licking County, responded to a call out of Fairfield County in regards to a Canada goose being shot. Upon arriving to the location, further investigation by Officer Muldovan revealed that a man had shot a goose on his pond with a pistol to try to scare away a group of geese. The man was issued a summons and paid \$140 in fines and court costs. Canada geese are a federally-protected species. Contact your local state wildlife officer or your nearest district office if you have a nuisance goose situation.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Josh Zientek, assigned to Fulton County, was on patrol during the statewide deer gun season when he received a call from the Fulton County Sheriff's Office about someone deer hunting without permission. Officer Zientek and Deputy Brian Marvin went to the suspect's residence and observed a nine-point buck in a pole barn. After speaking with the suspect, the officers discovered that the suspect had been driving a vehicle on the property adjacent to the complainant's when he saw a buck lying down in the woods and decided to shoot it from the vehicle. However, based on information discovered during the investigation, the deer had not been shot on the complainant's property. Officer Zientek issued the appropriate summonses to the suspect who appeared in Fulton County Western District Court. The suspect was found guilty and the nine-point deer was forfeited to the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

During the 2016 deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Ryan Kennedy, assigned to Hardin County, observed a hunter in a field walking toward the road. Upon contacting the hunter and determining he was deer hunting, Officer Kennedy requested to see his hunting license and deer permit. Further investigation revealed the hunter had a successful morning, taking an antlerless deer. As Officer Kennedy was questioning the hunter as to where the deer was located, a truck drove by and the hunter informed Officer Kennedy the untagged deer was in the bed of the truck. The hunter was issued a citation for failing to tag a deer and paid a \$150 fine plus court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, was patrolling Fernwood State Forest when he observed two individuals shooting at the firearms range. The men made eye contact with Officer Porter and waved as he drove by. Shortly thereafter Officer Porter returned to the area and noticed that the men were gone but all of their targets and ammo boxes had been left behind. Officer Porter located the men a short

time later and initiated a traffic stop. As he approached the vehicle, Officer Porter observed empty beer cans strewn throughout the vehicle. After a brief conversation, he determined that both individuals were highly intoxicated. Officer Porter quickly secured the firearm and had both individuals step out of the truck while he contacted the Ohio State Highway Patrol who arrived on scene several minutes later. Officer Porter issued both men summonses for littering on state land and open container. The Ohio State Highway Patrol charged the driver with OVI. Both the driver and passenger were released to their spouses and the firearm was turned over to the owner's wife. Both men were convicted in Jefferson County Court and each paid \$350 in fines and court costs and ordered to complete 20 hours of community service.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During deer season, State Wildlife Officer Eric Lane, assigned to Perry County, was on patrol when he received a phone call from a property owner who believed there were hunters on his property without permission. Officer Lane arrived in the area a short time later and noticed several individuals leaving the adjacent property. After speaking with the group of hunters, Officer Lane determined the group was walking the boundary between the two properties. While checking the hunters for licenses and deer permits, Officer Lane found two individuals who did not have valid deer permits and he also located a deer in the bed of a truck that did not have a temporary tag. Officer Lane issued three summonses to three of the hunters. Two summonses were issued for hunting without a valid deer permit, and one summons was issued for failure to temporarily tag a deer.

State Wildlife Officer Ted Witham, assigned to Jackson County, was on patrol during the deer gun weekend when he noticed a vehicle parked next to a property that is leased by several individuals who strictly bowhunt. Officer Witham contacted one of the lease members by phone to see if someone was legally hunting on the property that day, and discovered that no one had been given permission to hunt the property. Acting on this information, Officer Witham followed footprints to a tree stand in the woods. After making contact with the hunter, Officer Witham learned that two additional hunters were in the woods. Officer Witham had the hunter contact the two other individuals by cell phone and tell them to meet at the tree stand. After speaking with the group, Officer Witham determined that none of the individuals had written permission to hunt there. Officer Witham issued three citations to the group for hunting without written permission. All three individuals were found guilty in the Jackson County Municipal Court and each paid \$385 in fines and court costs.

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WAYNE TRACE TRACK RELAYS



Raider Sophomore Evan Mohr showed his abilities in Pole Vault as he flies over to place 2nd in the event. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Wayne Trace hosted their Track Relays on May 8th. Antwerp, Ayersville, LCC, Paulding, and Wayne Trace all competed.

BOYS:
Team results:
1st Ayersville 106, 2nd Wayne Trace 102, 3rd Paulding 96, 4th LCC 80, 5th Antwerp 14

Individual Events:
6400 Relay - 1st P 21:45; 2nd AN 21:50; 3rd AY 22:13
400 Relay - 1st LCC 46.67; 2nd P 47.94; 3rd AY 49.05; 4th WT 50.91

1600 Sprint Medley - 1st AY 3:53.14; 2nd WT 4:00.67; 3rd P 4:17.39; 4th LCC 4:23.73; 5th AN 4:34.17
Weightman Relay - 1st WT 55.03; 2nd AY 55.45; 3rd P 55.97; 4th LCC 59.85

800 Sprint Medley - 1st LCC 1:43.21; 2nd AY 1:48.66; 3rd P 1:54.73
3200 Relay - 1st P 9:31.20; 2nd WT 9:55.16; 3rd LCC 10:18.79; 4th AY 10:30.44

Shuttle Hurdles - 1st WT 1:07.79; 2nd P 1:18.49
800 Relay - 1st WT 1:38.87; 2nd P 1:40.52; 3rd AY 1:41.47; 4th LCC 2:02.20

Distance Medley - 1st AY 11:47.22; 2nd WT 12:37.25; 3rd LCC 12:49.28 3rd P 13:01.93

1600 Relay - 1st WT 3:57.94; 2nd LCC 4:23.07; 3rd AY 4:23.35

Long Jump - 1st AY 34'8.5; 2nd P 34'4; 3rd LCC 34'2.5; 4th WT 32'9.5

High Jump - 1st AY 11'; 2nd WT 10'6; 3rd LCC 10'; 4th P 5'

Shot Put - 1st WT 76'1; 2nd LCC 75'1; 3rd AY 73'11.5; 4th AN 65'11; 5th P 64'5

Discus - 1st AY 237'; 2nd LCC 163'6; 3rd P 159'6; 4th WT 78'11

Pole Vault - 1st P 19'; 2nd WT 11'; 3rd AY 8'

GIRLS:
Team results:
1st Ayersville 116, 2nd Paulding 114, 3rd Wayne Trace 78, 4th LCC 70, 5th Antwerp 6

Individual events:
6400 Relay 1st P 29:49; 2nd AY 30:25

400 Relay - 1st WT 53.28; 2nd P 54.84; 3rd AY 57.04; 4th AN 57.36; 5th LCC 1.04.08

1600 Sprint Medley - 1st LCC 4:38.84; 3rd AY 5:10.13; 4th WT 5:11.31; 5th P 5:29.26
Weightman Relay - 1st P 1:06.35; 2nd WT 1:07.69; 3rd AY 1:07.78; 4th LCC 1:08.56

800 Sprint Medley - 1st P 2:04.78; 2nd WT 2:06.01; 3rd LCC 2:11.52; 4th AY 2:17.94
3200 Relay - 1st LCC 10:28.84; 2nd WT 12:12.52; 3rd P 13:21.65; 4th AY 13:31.43

Shuttle Hurdles - 1st P 1:18.25; 2nd AY 1:26.42
800 Relay - 1st P 1:56.58; 2nd AY 1:59.96; 3rd WT 2:08.12; 4th LCC 2:22.54

Distance Medley - 1st P 18:19.07; 2nd AY 19:14.94

1600 Relay - 1st LCC 4:28.68; 2nd P 4:30.06; 3rd AY 4:50.84; 4th WT 5:06.22

Long Jump - 1st AY 29'6; 2nd WT 26'1.5; 3rd P 24'9; 4th LCC 21'5.5

High Jump - 1st AY 9'2; 2nd WT 8'10; 3rd LCC 5'2; 4th P 4'8

Shot Put - 1st AY 68'; 2nd LCC 59'5; 3rd P 57'9; 4th WT 35'10

Discus - 1st AY 208'1; 2nd WT 187'5; 3rd LCC 174'9.5; 4th P 145'; 5th AN 136'7

Pole Vault - 1st AY 13'; 2nd P 10'

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AUTHOR'S TEA AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Caroline Arend's first grade students at Oakwood Elementary recently held an Author's Tea to share the books they wrote and illustrated this school year. Shown with Mrs. Arend reading her book is Ava Leatherman. Also shown reading his book is Case Harris.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 4/26/17

This 26th day of April, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Tony Zartman, Mark Holsberry, and Nola Ginter, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 232805 through 232875 for county bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST
Cindy Peters, Microsoft Access, Archbold OH - April 26, 2017

Carol Temple, Ohio Recorders' Summer CE, Marietta OH - June 11-14, 2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holsberry to go into executive session at 8:07 a.m. with the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Zartman. All members voting yea.

At 8:18 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF CONTINUING THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DEFIANCE/PAULDING CONSOLIDATED JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Defiance/Paulding Consolidated Job and Family Services occupy the building at 252 Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio, and utilize said building

for its Paulding office; and

WHEREAS, the current term of the lease is for one (1) year, commencing on October 1 and ending on the 30th day of September; and

WHEREAS, said lease expired on September 30, 2016, and is currently under review; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continue the lease month to month until a new lease is adopted; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby agree to continue the lease with Defiance/Paulding Consolidated Job and Family Services for the building at 252 Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio, on a month-to-month basis until a new lease is adopted.

Meeting Notes of Appointments
Brion Hanenkratt, E-911 - The Commissioners spoke with Mr. Hanenkratt via telephone to discuss radio coverage, specifically in the Antwerp area. First responders are reporting the radio service is not the quality it should be. Mr. Hanenkratt noted that in the study conducted in 2015, coverage was an issue in the northwest area of the County. Mr. Hanenkratt agreed to follow-up on the issue.

Don Foltz, County Loss Control Coordinator; Alli Redmond, CORSA - Ms. Redmond reviewed the County's CORSA (liability insurance) renewal. She noted an increase in the premium for 2017; but also reported \$26,000.00 in credits. The Loss Control credit was \$4,800.00 due to 100% compliance. The Commissioners commended Mr. Foltz for his good work. Mr. Foltz commented with the re-opening of the jail, an additional pro-rated bill will be forthcoming from CORSA. Ms. Redmond shared the April, 2017, CORSA Paulding County Board of Commissioners Stewardship Report of the risk management services Paulding County utilized during 2016.

OHIO HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 3,100 WILD TURKEYS OPENING DAY OF 2017 SEASON

Ohio hunters in the south zone checked 3,123 wild turkeys on the first day of the spring wild turkey hunting season, April 24, 2017. New for the 2017 season, the state has been divided into two zones: a south zone, which opened April 24, and a northeast zone, which opens May 1. This two-zone season structure was established following a hunter survey and a two-year study of hens in the northeastern part of Ohio. Hunters can view the 2017 spring turkey season zone map and harvest regulations at wildohio.gov.

Ohio's spring wild turkey season is divided into two zones: a south zone, which is open from Monday, April 24 to Sunday, May 21, and a northeast zone, which is open from Monday, May 1 to Sunday, May 28.

In 2016 hunters checked 2,511 wild turkeys on opening day state-wide (in 2017, the northeast zone opens May 1)

Hunters are required to have a hunting license and a spring turkey hunting permit. The spring season bag limit is two bearded turkeys. Hunters can harvest one bearded turkey per day, and a second spring turkey permit can be purchased at any time throughout the spring turkey season. Turkeys must be checked by 11:30 p.m. the day of harvest.

Hunting hours in the south zone are 30 minutes before sunrise until noon from April 24-May 7 and 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset from May 8-21. Hunting hours in the northeast zone are 30 minutes before sunrise until noon from May 1-14 and 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset from May 15-28.

Hunters may use shotguns or archery equipment to hunt wild turkeys. It is unlawful to hunt turkeys using bait, live decoys or electronic calling devices or to shoot a wild turkey while it is in a tree.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife advises turkey hunters to wear hunter orange clothing when entering, leaving or moving through hunting areas in order to remain visible to others.

LADY ARCHERS SNATCH SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Lady Archers pose for the team picture after winning sectionals! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Division IV Sectional Softball Championship game was played Friday, May 12th at Antwerp. The Lady Archers were on fire with Carlie Hanes on the mound. Final score: Antwerp 8, Holgate 0

Winning pitcher - Carlie Hanes (7 innings 14k 0bb 1hit)

Losing pitcher - B. Plotts (7innings 1k 1bb 13 hits)

Hitters of the Game: Antwerp - A.DeVore (2 singles), C.Hanes (single, double), E.Phillips (single, double), L.Bok (2 singles), B.Hatlevig (2 singles)

Holgate - C.Hollerich (single)

Coach Ordway shared her excitement from the outcome, "So proud of our girls tonight! They came out and played with a lot heart and were focused on the job they had to do."

Wild turkeys were extirpated in Ohio by 1904 and were reintroduced in the 1950s by the ODNR Division of Wildlife. Ohio's first modern day wild turkey season opened in 1966 in nine counties, and hunters checked 12 birds. The wild turkey harvest topped 1,000 for the first time in 1984. Spring turkey hunting opened statewide, except for Lake La Su An Wildlife Area, in 2000, and Ohio hunters checked more than 20,000 wild turkeys for the first time that year.

A list of all wild turkeys checked by hunters in the south zone on opening day of the spring turkey hunting season is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2017, and the 2016 numbers are in parentheses. An * designates a northeast zone county, which was open on the first day of the spring wild turkey season in 2016, but does not open until May 1 in 2017.

Adams: 92 (56); Allen: 8 (11); Ashland: 41 (24); Ashtabula: * (85); Athens: 61

(42); Auglaize: 8 (8); Belmont: 81 (73); Brown: 66 (47); Butler: 36 (27); Carroll: 91 (53); Champaign: 19 (12); Clark: 4 (2); Clermont: 75 (56); Clinton: 9 (9); Columbiana: 54 (50); Coshocton: 123 (72); Crawford: 8 (15); Cuyahoga: * (2); Darke: 5 (4); Defiance: 47 (50); Delaware: 17 (11); Erie: 4 (8); Fairfield: 16 (14); Fayette: 4 (0); Franklin: 4 (3); Fulton: 19 (15); Gallia: 69 (47); Geauga: * (36); Greene: 2 (4); Guernsey: 108 (67); Hamilton: 18 (18); Hancock: 6 (5); Hardin: 14 (13); Harrison: 92 (67); Henry: 8 (8); Highland: 86 (49); Hocking: 66 (46); Holmes: 58 (40); Huron: 31 (17); Jackson: 57 (48); Jefferson: 54 (60); Knox: 85 (52); Lake: * (6); Lawrence: 45 (38); Licking: 81 (46); Logan: 27 (13); Lorain: 22 (20); Lucas: 8 (13); Madison: 1 (3); Mahoning: 32 (30); Marion: 4 (8); Medina: 19 (18); Meigs: 84 (63); Mercer: 7 (2); Miami: 4 (1); Monroe: 83 (57); Montgomery: 5 (4); Morgan: 66 (32); Morrow: 37 (30); Muskingum: 89 (67); Noble: 72 (42); Ottawa: 0 (0); Paulding: 19 (17); Perry: 48 (48); Pickaway: 4 (2); Pike: 37

(38); Portage: 38 (30); Preble: 14 (22); Putnam: 9 (8); Richland: 39 (43); Ross: 70 (53); Sandusky: 4 (4); Scioto: 53 (32); Seneca: 27 (21); Shelby: 5 (12); Stark: 43 (31); Summit: 7 (9); Trumbull: * (72); Tuscarawas: 115 (69); Union: 6 (9); Van Wert: 7 (4); Vinton: 70 (33); Warren: 16 (12); Washington: 78 (58); Wayne: 21 (18); Williams: 41 (39); Wood: 2 (0); Wyandot: 18 (8); Total: 3,123 (2,511).

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Antwerp: Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway
Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart
Cecil: Maramart, Vagabond
Cecilia: Maramart, Vagabond
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste
Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa
Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
Hicksville: Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, H20, Senior Center, Subway
Latty: Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center
Melrose: Morning Star Convenience Store
Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware
Paulding: Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Court-house, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Ex-

tension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe, Board of Elections
Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Lichty's Barber Shop, Payne Super Valu, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
Scott: Scott Variety Store
Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank,
Van Wert: Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market, Walmart, Marsh

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Walmart (Maysville Rd.), Buffalo Wild Wings
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Harlan Cafe, iAB Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
New Haven: Curves, Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet. Hahn Systems
Woodburn: Clip -N- Tan, Sam & Carter's Pizza, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners, Love's Travel Center, Woodburn Meats & Produce, Heckley Outdoor

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MYERS WINS 2017 STEVE HALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Pictured is John Hall, Danae Myers & Rose Ann Hall along with one of Steve Hall's fellow teachers, John Evans. The scholarship bears in mind the persona, character and qualities that Steven V. Hall possessed including, but not limited to: honesty, hard work, willingness to always do the right thing regardless of consequences, a deep quest for knowledge, goofiness and fun demeanor, and willingness to help others before him-or herself. Congratulations Danae!

PAULDING COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Antwerp Village:

5/10/17:
The Antwerp Exchange Bank Company; Lot 6, 0.1826 acres; Lot 7, 0.18 acres; Lot 18, 0.0358 acres; To: TC Research LTD

5/11/17:
Richard W. Gordon; Lot 33, 0.202 acres; To: Pamela Walters

Haviland Village:

5/12/17:
Eddette S. Pease; Lot 4, 0.0992 acres; Lot 5, 0.0413 acres; Lot 6, 0.1488 acres; Sec. 25, 0.1818 acres; To: Phillip M. Lawrence & Dawn M. Lawrence

Scott Village:

5/8/17:
Darrel F. Rhoad, trustee & Marilyn J. Rhoad, trustee; Lot 23, 0.2 acres; Lot 25, 0.1818 acres; 0.182 acres; To: Marilyn J. Rhoad, trustee

Blue Creek Twp.:

5/9/17:
Charlene Friesner, trustee; Sec. 24, 162.75 acres; To: Charlene Friesner, trustee

5/10/17:
Todd W. & Janet A. Sinn; Sec. 2, 80 acres; To: Sinn Real Estate, LLC

5/10/17:
Gretl J. Schlatter; Sec. 16, 32.5 acres; To: Gretl J. Schlatter

5/11/17:
Bill-Bob Farms, LLC; Sec. 16, 33.311 acres; To: Bill-Bob Farms, LLC

5/11/17:
Rebecca S. Schlatter, et al @ (3); Sec. 16, 60.008 acres; To: Rebecca S. Schlatter, et al @ (3)

5/11/17:
Eileen D. Jeffery, LE; Sec. 3, 50.493 acres; To: Sue Ann Free

5/11/17:
Van Erk Dairy, LLC; Sec. 33, 2.386 acres; To: Roy W. & Deborah C. Klopfenstein

5/11/17:
Brown Twp.: Bill Collins; Sec. 34, 2.077 acres; To: Ashley Collins

GRABILL EYE CENTER BEGINS IN-HOUSE LENS EDGING



Robin Phillips with Grabill Eye Center's new Santinelli edger

Grabill Eye Center is pleased to announce their purchase of a lens blocking and edging unit that will now allow them to make glasses in the store. One of their certified opticians, Robin Phillips, has extensive background in the lens edging and glasses assembly process and has already trained on and begun using the machine.

In-house edging offers many benefits to patients including lower cost of goods, faster turnaround time, and better control over quality. Most single vision prescription lenses will even be kept in-stock so that orders can be made the same day while the patient waits, which creates a service to those emergency

cases of breakage or a need to stay out of contact lenses. Other orders will be ready for pick-up significantly sooner than before.

They are also expanding cash-pay discount packages to include about a hundred more frames along with better and more affordable no-line bifocal options that include digital free-form technology. Dr. Kara Laughlin notes, "We know quality of the lens products really affects how well people see, and we're so happy to now have this edging technology in the office so that we can pass on to patients the cost savings while still getting them into better products."

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Nicole E. Speiser, Defiance, OH; D.O.C. w/persi; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant shall pay all costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; Shall have no contact whatsoever with the victim

Jacob Schaffer, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly cond; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Amir Sakic, Arnold, MO; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jason L. Fisher, Paulding,

OH; Animals at large; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Jason L. Fisher, Paulding, OH; Animals at large; Guilty; Shall pay all fines and costs

David M. Fisher, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Emily L. Stayduhar, Saint Henry, OH; Impr backing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dixie L. Trowbridge, Antwerp, OH; Falsification; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; 5 days jail; Shall pay for stay; Placed on standard probation; Complete 20 hrs community service; Follow all recommendations from medical providers; Remain med compliant; Complete Thinking For A Change Program

Jonathan R. Bowman, Defiance, OH; Fireworks; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Complete Thinking For A Change; No contact with victim of her family; 20 hrs community service; Restitution joint and severly with 17-CRB-114; Addition to rules

Jonathon R. Bowman, Defiance, OH; Crim. damages; Dismiss; Count B dismissed per state

Derric G. Shisler, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case waived by defendant

Brandon M. D'Angelo, Defiance, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kathy L. Whitney, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michael D. Haynes, Sylvania, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cody Alan Goings, Scott, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Stephen M. Soto, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

MIDWEST COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY ANN SHEPHERD, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 17 021.

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 First day of June, 2017 at 10:05, the real estate located at:

16171 State Route 111,
Cecil, Ohio 45821

Parcel Number: 16-22A-008-00

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

Said premises appraised at Forty-five Thousand and No/100 (\$45,000.00) 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 15th day of June, 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.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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Michael C. Wahl, Attorney for Plaintiff

Case was waived by defendant

Drake L. Goodman, Maumee, OH; FTY emer vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Thomas A. Lantow, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

McKenzie F. Webb, Oakwood, OH; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony P. Enmark, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aaron W. Woodby, Paulding, OH; Agg menacing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall have no contact with victim; Shotgun and shells may be returned to the defendant; Shall maintain general good behavior

Aaron W. Woodby, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduc; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

Lacey N. Warren, Paulding, OH; O.V.I./under inf.; Pled no cont., found guilty; May attend the DIP in lieu of jail; Shall pay \$100 per mo commencing 5/26/17; Has a POC date of 8/25/17; Community Control Two; 30 hrs of community service; Thinking For A Change; \$25 driving privilege fee waived; 87 jail days reserved

Lacey B. Warren, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no cont., found guilty; Shall pay \$100 per mo commencing

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS J. GRANT, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 17 014.

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 First day of June, 2017 at 10:15, the real estate located at:

7573 County Road 87,
Paulding, Ohio 45879

Parcel Number: 28-33S-015-00 and 28-33S-016-00

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

Said premises appraised at Seventy-five Thousand and No/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 15th day of June, 2017 at 10:15. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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Jacqueline M. Wirtz, Attorney for Plaintiff

ing 5/26/17; Has a POC date of 8/25/17

Bronda L. Richardson, Southfield, MI; DUS - non FRA; Dismiss; Count A dismissed

Bronda L. Richardson, Southfield, MI; Head phones; Guilty; Zero point offense; Pay all fines and costs by 5/26/17; or will be sent to collections

Robert C. Duhaime, Warren, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christopher Stemen, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tony B. Miller, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nickolas R. Leatherman, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amear I AL-Hadwan, Hamtramck, MI; Following close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Kenneth E. Schlegel, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Dismiss; Case dismissed at states request

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

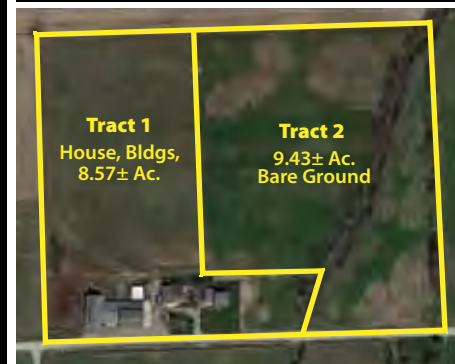
Mark A. Gross, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

14715 IRVING RD

SAT., JUNE 3 at 10AM
AUCTION HELD ON-SITE

Open House/Inspection Date:
This Sat., May 20, 9-11am



JOIN US FOR THE AUCTION OF THE YEAR at this Allen County Amish home beautifully situated on 18± acres (offered in two tracts) with a beautiful 5,000+ sq. ft. home and large buildings ready to meet their new owner! The barns are currently set up for calves but could be easily reconfigured to accommodate horse stalls/arena, equipment storage or many other options! Join us this Saturday morning (5/20) from 9:00am - 11:00am to see it for yourself and keep your eyes open for more details coming soon! This may be your once in lifetime opportunity. Be sure you don't miss out!

Sellers: Victor & Lori Ann Graber
ABBREVIATED TERMS: 10% down day of Auction. 2.5% Buyers Premium. Closing within 30-45 days after auction with closing costs split 50/50. Possession up to 120 days after closing with terms agreed upon by Seller and Buyer. FOR COMPLETE TERMS & CONDITIONS OR FOR FURTHER INFO, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CALL TO REQUEST A PROPERTY INFORMATION PACKET.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.
DEREK L. BAUMERT, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 16 136.

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 First day of June, 2017 at 10:10, the real estate located at:

7923 Road 206,
Antwerp, Ohio 45813
Parcel Number: 14-18S-006-00

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/10 (\$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 15th day of June, 2017 at 10:10. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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Carson A. Rothfuss, Attorney for Plaintiff

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,
PAULDING COUNTY:
DITECH FINANCIAL, LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ERIC C. FLINT, ET AL.,
Defendants,

Case No. CI 17 001.

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 First day of June, 2017 at 10:00, the real estate located at:

7954 Broughton Street,
Paulding, Ohio 45879
Parcel Number: 22-07S-008-00

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

Said premises appraised at Twelve Thousand and No/10 (\$12,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

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Melissa N. Hamble, Attorney for Plaintiff

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Third grader Anyssa Pease celebrates as one of her classmates breaks the long jump record.

On Monday, May 8, 2017, students in grades 2 through 5 at Antwerp Elementary School participated in Jump Rope for Heart. The students raised around \$3,000 for the

American Heart Association and enjoyed time off of class to engage in heart-healthy activities. Physical education teacher Mr. Scott McMichael organized the event.

CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 4/3/17

The public hearing began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Duhamell as well as Councilmen Watts, Voirol, Gerig, Renner, and Martin were in attendance. Ben Adams with Commonwealth Engineers, Jeff Rowe with Umbaugh, and Casey Cox with Beers Mellers Backs and Salin were also in attendance to address any inquiries from the public.

Chief's Report:

The reserve command staff has been receiving applications for new reserve officers. The Woodburn Police Department is partnering with Mid-West Tile to obtain concrete barricades along Front Street during the Front Street Drags. The barricades are part of the improved safety plan for spectators, vendors and competitors.

Mayor's Report:

The mayor introduced Jeff Rowe again to share information about the cost of service study that would potentially be provided by Umbaugh. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to table this discussion, second by Councilman Renner, all in favor. The Mayor mentioned re-zoning and discussion occurred. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to formally request the Allen County Plan Commission to initiate a zoning ordinance amendment for the City of Woodburn, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The mayor mentioned that the city would also need to develop a zoning review team and was asking for participation. After discussion, it was determined that Councilman Watts and Councilman Renner would be interested in these new roles. The City moved forward with Kevin Fiedler for planting and maintaining the plants on Main Street for 2017. The mayor reminded residents to visit cityofwoodburn.org for any relevant information occurring within the City.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report:

The meeting minutes were presented from the meeting on March 20th. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on March 20th as corrected, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Warrants were presented. After inspection, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to read Ordinance 17-1352 (Amend Sewer Rates) in its entirety, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 17-1352, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Renner moved to approve Ordinance 17-1352 as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer shared information regarding direct deposit for payroll as well as an automated capacity to process monthly utility payments for utility customers through Horizon Bank. Discussion occurred and it was recommended that the city move forward as proposed unless a more cost effective option was determined.

Superintendent's Report:

The superintendent is still awaiting final quotes for the work that needs done for the storm sewer re-lining on Main Street. DozerWerks will begin work on storm drains on Ash Street and Becker Road. The utility department went through the city and has determined the remaining signs that are still green and will need to be replaced with the blue signs. The temporary status of the de-chlorination process will now be changed for the city as a permanent, acceptable method for treatment as part of the new dumping permit to be enacted in the future.

Councilmen's Report:

Councilman Martin voiced concerns about a power pole on Ash and Bull Rapids that had to many services connected to it. Councilman Martin encouraged the council to attend the Main Street Organization meetings. Councilman Renner inquired as to the conclusion of a previous request of a resident.

A resident thanked the Board for their consideration towards Platter Park-

way going into this project. A resident inquired about the status of a home within the city that is condemned, and he was informed that the County will either restore or demolish it more than likely in the near future. He also asked if additional jobs would be available due to this sewer project, and it is estimated that an additional employee would be required. A resident wanted to know about the islands in Burnwood Place and if anything would be addressed in the near future as well as street lights. The Mayor will look into this and get back with possible solutions.

Warrior Softball Squads Splits with Lakewood Park

In non-league softball action on Saturday, host Woodlan and Lakewood Park each posted a win in a doubleheader on a beautiful day.

The Panthers scored three times in the fifth inning of game one to break a tie and post a 4-1 victory over the Warriors.

Woodlan actually scored first with a two-out rally in the first inning.

With two outs, Emma Baughman reached on an infield single before being courtsey ran for by Elly Spieth. Mackenzie Fredrick then followed with a triple that scored Spieth to put the Warriors on top 1-0.

However, that was the end of the Warrior offense in the opener.

Lakewood Park rallied to tie the game in the top of the second and then opened the contest up with the three-run fifth.

Fredrick paced Woodlan with a single and a triple while Clare Yagodinski, Veronica Hathaway, Baughman and Kayla Reidenbach pitched in singles.

Baughman took the loss for the Warriors, allowing one hit, three unearned runs and three walks to go along with four strikeouts in four innings of work.

Alyson Wiesehan tossed the final three frames, giving up one hit, an unearned run and a walk.

Game two saw the Woodlan offense come alive with ten hits in posting a 10-1 victory over the Panthers.

Lakewood Park scored in the top of the second to take a 1-0 advantage but it was all Warriors from that point on.

The Warriors, though, answered with run-scoring singles from Lanessa Graber, Wiesehan and Baughman to take a 3-1 advantage after two innings.

Woodlan added another run in the fourth, getting Wiesehan sacrifice fly that scored Madi Koos to make it 4-1 Warriors.

The Warriors then put the game away with four runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth to seal the 10-1 victory.

Baughman struck out seven Panther hitters while scattering

THE WEST BEND NEWS
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

five hits in picking up the win on the mound for Woodlan.

Baughman also had a double and two singles to lead the Woodlan offense. Wiesehan, Reidenbach and Graber chipped in two singles each for the Warriors with Hathaway posting a single as well.

Warriors, Lions Split Twinbill

A pair of Allen County rivals hooked up on Saturday for a baseball doubleheader when Woodlan and Leo split the two games.

Leo garnered a 6-2 second game win as the Lions grabbed control of the game with a five-run that turned a 1-0 Woodlan lead into a 5-1 Leo advantage.

Each team then added a single run in the sixth to post the 6-2 victory.

The Warriors got in front by scoring a single run in the third.

Adam Quaintance was hit by a pitch to start the inning, stole second and took third on a passed ball in the home half of the frame.

Collin Jones then grounded out with Quaintance scoring to put Woodlan on top 1-0.

However, Leo answered in the top of the fourth.

Tyler Parker singled to start the inning before a sacrifice bunt by Lukas Kline to push Parker to second.

Connor McClees then walked for the Lions and was followed by a double from Christian Brubaker plated both Parker and McClees to put Leo on top 2-1.

Nick Jolley walked and A.J. Restivo doubled to score both

Brubaker and Jolly to expand the Lions advantage to 4-1.

The Lions then concluded the scoring for the inning on a single by Max Minich that sent Restivo home for a 5-1 lead.

Leo widened the margin to 6-1 in the fifth.

Tyler Parker reached on a Woodlan error to start the inning before taking second on a passed ball. A Connor McClees infield single advanced Parker to third and the Lions tied the game on a sacrifice fly by Christian Brubaker that scored Parker.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth, Quaintance singled and took second on a balk.

Collin Jones then singled to plate Quaintance to wrap up the game's scoring.

Minich got the win on the mound for the Lions, tossing 4-1/3 innings allowing two hits, two earned runs and three walks with four strikeouts. Adyn Stevens finished for Leo, giving up one hit while fanning three in 2-2/3 innings.

Brubaker and Restivo each had doubles for the Lions with Minich, Parker, McClees and Easton Embry adding singles.

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Legal Notice
Notice is hereby given that piersma, phillip duane is
DBA PHILLIP DUANE PIERSMA
filed with the
Secretary of State.
File # 944946300021

ADOPTION NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Adoption of Kayla Faye Mullins
Case No. 2017-5003

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADOPTION BY PUBLICATION

To: Eric Michael Collins, natural father of Kayla F. Collins

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

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

FILED
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PROBATE COURT
PAULDING OHIO
Date: April 14, 2017
Michael A. Wehrkamp, JUDGE
Sally D. Wommacher
Deputy Clerk
COOK, BURKARD & GORRELL, LTD.
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law
112 N. Water Street, Paulding, OH 45879

Dennis D. Stade, Melvin, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Wesley Wade Bowman Sr., Paulding, OH; Fail to re-insta; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/30/18 or will be sent to collections; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 5/26/17

Amy M. Neamon, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Dismiss; Case dismissed at states request

Stephen J. Vanneste, Andrews, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Eric G. Hicks, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/ pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gregory A. Schuchart, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Larry E. Colley, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Whitney S. Maze, Butler, IN; No OL; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 9/29/17 or will be sent to collections; Defendant shall pay \$100.00 per month commencing 5/26/17

Carl B. Wright IV, Paulding, OH; Driv/FRA susp; Pled no cont., found guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

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Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Jasmine Grossnickle, assigned to Miami County, received a complaint concerning individuals hunting without permission at Cliffside Golf Course. The manager of the property called after he heard two shots and recovered two empty 12-gauge shotgun shells. The manager said he had seen one hunter walking toward the rental house at the front of the property. Officer Grossnickle arrived in the area and observed two men wearing camouflage and standing outside the rental house. At the base of their feet were a pellet gun and .22 caliber rifle. When contacted by Officer Grossnickle, the two men denied hunting and said that they were just walking around the property. Officer Grossnickle asked the men to walk her to the area they had come from, and as the men were walking, Officer Grossnickle discovered a loaded, 12-gauge shotgun lying along the path as a third young man walked out from behind the bushes. The third man stated that the shotgun was his and that he had shot at a squirrel twice. None of the men had completed hunter education or had a valid hunting license. The group was given a warning for hunting without permission. The two adult men were issued citations and each paid a waiver of \$130 in Miami County Municipal Court for hunting without licenses. The other individual, a juvenile, was issued a warning for the violations he had committed.

WOODLAN FFA COMPETES IN STATE FLORICULTURE CONTEST



Pictured L to R: Hayley Oldfield, Jaedyn Davis, Kaitlyn Caspleman, Alissa Hubbart

The Woodlan FFA Floriculture team competed in the State FFA Floriculture contest held at the Central Nine Career Center located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

This Career Development Event team competition consists of seven events:

floriculture general knowledge, customer complaint, floral arrangement, pinching plants, identification of plants and tools, a job application, and actual interview. The Woodlan FFA team placed 6th in state competition.

OHSAA SANCTIONS CINCINNATI WALNUT HILLS FOR RECRUITING AND PERMIT VIOLATIONS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has announced penalties for Cincinnati Walnut Hills stemming from its investigation into recruiting activities, while also finding that a number of coaches were allowed to coach without obtaining the necessary coaching permit required by the Ohio Department of Education and the OHSAA.

During its investigation, the OHSAA submitted evidence of prohibited recruiting activities to school administrators involving football head coach Brian Lainhart. Shortly thereafter, the school announced that Lainhart will not be renewed, therefore the sanctions are less severe than if the school was retaining the coach.

Sanctions for Walnut Hills include probation through June 2019, a \$1,500 fine, public reprimand and an audit of all permits for Walnut Hills coaches. If it is discovered that a Walnut Hills coach does not have the required permit after August 1, the coach will be suspended, the school will be fined and the case submitted to the Ohio Auditor of State.

The Ohio Auditor and the Ohio Department of Education could also pursue their own sanctions against the school regarding the permits.

"Recruiting violations are something about which the OHSAA and our member schools are very concerned, but we are even more concerned that the school has been allowing individuals to coach who haven't been certified," Dr. Dan Ross, OHSAA Commissioner, said. "We trust that Walnut Hills will now take these issues very seriously, too, and will immediately implement a corrective

plan."

In addition to several instances of recruiting, it was discovered that six high school coaches did not have the Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit issued by the Ohio Department of Education, which includes CPR training, concussion education and completion of a fundamentals of coaching course. Lainhart and another coach had been listed as a "permanent denial" by the Ohio Department of Education.

The OHSAA does not issue the Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit, but requires all coaches, paid and volunteer, to obtain a permit from the Ohio Department of Education.

The fine is based on \$250 for each of the six high school coaches at Walnut Hills who coached during the 2016-17 school year without a permit. In addition, four Walnut Hills Junior High coaches also did not have the required permit, although the junior high school is not an OHSAA member.

USDA AWARDS FIRST LOANS IN THE RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM

Acting Deputy Under Secretary Roger Glendenning announced that USDA is providing zero-interest loans to two rural energy providers to help business and residential customers lower energy use and costs.

"Funding commercial, farm and residential energy efficiency investments supports rural economies," Glendenning said. "These investments save money for consumers, create jobs in the community and help energy providers better manage costs."

USDA is awarding a \$13 million Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) loan

DOMINION CUP COMES TO PAULDING



Three additional learning institutions are on the mind of Paulding High School Principal Todd Harmon these days - specifically, the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta; Hicksville Exempted Village Schools; and Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

But don't be alarmed if you haven't heard of the last one - it only means you're not a Harry Potter devotee.

On Tuesday, May 16 starting at 9:00 a.m., Hicksville students will travel to PHS to take part in the first ever Dominion Trials, with the prize being the Dominion Cup. At the end of the day, the trophy will either stay at Paulding or travel to Hicksville, depending on who wins a competition entailing numerous challenges - academic and otherwise.

Both PHS and HHS have divided their student body into "houses," or four separate organizations entailing members from each class. Members of each house spend the school year collecting points based on academics, discipline, morals and school culture, with the house receiving the most points obtaining rewards at the end of the year. Paulding High schoolers take part in the house initiative, while Hicksville students are involved from grade three until graduation.

The two schools have adopted the "house" idea from the Ron Clark Academy, which many schools across the country regard as a standard-bearer of scholastic advancement. "The goal is to move students in a direction for higher achievement,"

Harmon says.

But the house idea isn't exactly new to Ron Clark either; the premise was adopted from J.K. Rowling's septet of "Harry Potter" books about a boy wizard in training at the Hogwarts School.

In the book "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," said Harmon, a number of schools compete for Hogwarts' Triwizard Cup. With both PHS and HHS modeling house initiatives after Rowlings' works, a competition was deemed in order here.

The first Dominion Trials will focus exclusively on seniors, enabling them to pull together after years of friendly competition between houses. Harmon approached Hicksville elementary art teacher Chris Gaghan with the proposal in October of the current school year, and it went on from there.

While it's safe to say that both sets of seniors will be spared from participation similar to those Harry and his friends underwent, those instructors involved with the trials are keeping the actual challenges mum. "The students won't know until the day of the competition," says Harmon of the types of challenges they will undergo. "Some of them will be very off the wall. We hope to foster collaboration (and to) work together for a common goal."

The contests will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., with the winners announced at the end of the day.

One regret for Harmon is the fact that only two schools will take part in the first Dominion Trials. Hopes that New Knoxville schools would also compete this year were dashed, but Harmon hopes to see the contest become an annual event, with more participants in the future. Harmon mentioned Tinora as a hopeful competitor for 2018.

The cup itself was created by the Paulding Trophy Shop and owners Mike and Deedi Miller. Marco's Pizza sponsors the event. "They're ordering food for both sets of seniors," said Harmon. "They've been very active sponsors in the house initiative."

to South Carolina's KW Savings Co. and a \$1 million loan to the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC). These are the first loans USDA is making through RESP. They are being provided through the Electric Program of USDA's Rural Utilities Service, the successor to the Rural Electrification Administration. The Electric Program makes loans and loan guarantees in rural areas to nonprofit and cooperative associations, public bodies and other utilities to help finance the construction of electric distribution and generation facilities.

KW Savings will use the USDA loan to provide funds to seven rural electric cooperatives for South Carolina's "Help My House" program, which supports investments in behind-the-meter technologies and building improvements to reduce consumers' energy bills. The seven cooperatives are: Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Santee Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Tri-County Electric Coopera-

tive, Inc.; Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Little River Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Lynchess River Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and Broad River Electric Cooperative, Inc.

NOPEC, a nonprofit regional council of governments, will provide energy improvement loans to small businesses in 206 rural communities across 13 counties in northeast Ohio. USDA's funds will support NOPEC's Savings Through Efficiency Program (STEP), which is expected to reduce energy costs for small businesses by 15 percent.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; homeownership; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

PAULDING ELEMENTARY MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Front row: Madalyn Dierksheide, Luciana Martinez, Renee McCabe, Kendal Hodge, Madison Clark, Isiah Anders. Middle row: Presley Barnes, Ryden Gorrell, Gabby Stork, Adalynn Thomas, Mariana Klopferstein, Landon Dasher, Braylan Ingol, Mariana Miranda-Guerra, Alexisa Hankinson, Leticia Mendez. Back row: Trenton Manz, Delaney Johanns, Halcyon Smith, Ava Foltz, Cully Thompson, Daisy Dix, Brianna Bermejo, Victoria Dunson, Jada Smith, Abigail Cutlip.

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Jones, Bratten and Quaintance all had singles for Woodlan. Christian Igney suffered the loss for the Warriors, pitching 1-1/3 innings surrendering four hits, five runs (four earned) and two walks while striking out two.

Woodlan won game one of the twin bill 6-4 as the Warriors scored one time in the first, three times in the third and twice in the fifth.

In the first, Nolan Brooks singled before being courtesy ran for by Seb Spieth. Spieth then advanced to second on a groundout by Trevor Wallace moved to third on a groundout by Austin Fancher and then scored on a double by Cody Bratten.

Leo scored three times in the third to go on top 3-1, highlighted by a two-run double from A.J. Restivo.

The Warriors then answered with a three-run inning as well, getting one run on a Fancher groundout that scored Igney before a two run single by Bratten plated both Spieth and Wallace to make it 4-3.

The Lions tied the game at 4-4 in the top of the fifth, using a Parker single to score Minich but Woodlan answered in the bottom of frame.

Back-to-back run-scoring singles from Crilly and Jones plated two Warrior runs that eventually set the final margin at 6-4.

Cameron Sprunger tossed the complete-game victory for Woodlan, giving up eight hits, four runs (two earned) and three walks while fanning two Lions via strikeouts.

Andrew Schaadt took the loss for Leo, pitching 2-2/3 innings with two strikeouts, two walks, four hits and two earned runs. Ryan Hackworth and Nate Myers also saw action on

the mound for the Lions.

Nick Jolley had a single and a double for the Lions while Restivo also added a double. Minich, Adyn Stevens, Parker, Brubaker and Hackworth all picked up singles for Leo.

Bratten and Brooks both had a single and a double to lead the Warrior offense while Fancher, Crilly, Jones, Blake Bontrager and Igney each pitched in a single.

WARRIORS RALLY LATE FOR WIN OVER SOUTHERN WELLS

WOODBURN - The Woodlan baseball team scored four times over a three-inning span to pull away for a 6-2 win over Southern Wells in a non-league game on Thursday.

Tied at 2-2 entering the fourth, the Warriors got one run in the bottom of the inning before adding two in the fifth and another single run in the sixth for the victory.

Austin Fancher doubled to start the fourth for Woodlan and moved to third on a Collin Jones groundout. After Connor Knoblauch walked, Fancher would score and Knoblauch moved to second on a Raider wild pitch.

Southern Wells escaped further damage, though, as Sebastian Spieth and Luke Crilly flew out to end the inning.

In the fifth, the Warriors extended the margin to 5-2.

Nolan Brooks opened the inning with a single and was then pinch-ran for by Clayton McMahon. Tucker Wallace followed with a double that scored McMahon to make it 4-2.

After Wallace stole third, Cody Bratten hit a sacrifice fly to right field to plate Wallace and stretch the lead to 5-2.

Woodlan then got a single, a wild pitch, a dropped third

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Village of Antwerp
Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

The Village of Antwerp will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 20th, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to consider the recommendations of the Planning Commission, which recommendations are as follows:

Zoning amendment to prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries, and the cultivation and processing inside the corporation limits of the Village of Antwerp as outlined in House Bill 523 passed and effective on September 8th, 2016.

Detailed information may be viewed at Antwerp Depot, 503 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio, during normal business hours or by calling the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371.

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MUSICAL PERFORMED AT OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY



Cade McGarvey, Preston Ingol, and Heather Manz put on a musical performance at Oakwood Elementary school recently. Cade played the piano, Preston sang, and Heather played her violin. The students thoroughly enjoyed the show!! Show with Cade, Preston, and Heather are first graders Xandy Yoh, Zachary Barton, and Tripp Foor.

ANTWERP CHAMBER SPONSORS TOWN-WIDE "GARAGE SALE DAYS"

The annual Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Garage Sale Days are coming up June 9-10. For any Antwerp resident who wants to appear in the map sponsored by Antwerp Chamber businesses, then please pick up a form from either Antwerp Subway or West Bend News and return it by May 20th.

COVER CROPS CAN DO WHAT?

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

A few weeks ago, you may have noticed that we received just a little bit of rain. With that rain came some flooding visible in fields and some streams reaching the limits of their banks. You might ask what would we do if more rain falls and the water has no place else to go? Is there anything to improve my soil structure to help too?

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If we can make sure the water resulting from a rain event is slowed down or at least utilized, we are already making great strides to reduce soil erosion. Many of you have seen how severe that soil erosion can get when we start to see deep gullies forming in

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fields that only get worse as time goes on. Erosion is a bit more devastating than that. With erosion, we are losing the valuable topsoil which holds the nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium which plants rely on to grow. Erosion takes that topsoil layer away leaving us with the subsoil layer where nutrients are found, but in very small amounts that are unable to support plant life.

Once this topsoil layer is gone, can we get it back? Yes, we can, but it will take a few years for that to happen or more like 1,000 years to build just one inch of topsoil, given that the climate and many other factors are favorable to form soil. If it takes this long to build soil back to its proper health and there are simple ways to prevent this issue, then why aren't we doing something about it? Time and money are two common answers that come when this question gets asked. There are several programs available through Soil & Water Conservation Districts that can help out in the money aspect, be sure to pay attention to when these programs become available.

With large rain events, we also see issues come about with runoff from farm fields or home landscapes. Runoff is water that results from any precipitation event whether it be rain, sleet, hail, or snow. This is an issue because as water is rushing off the landscapes, nutrients as well as soil attach to the water and exit the landscape into nearby streams and creeks. With no plants to hold the soil or nutrients in place, there is not much left to stop these things from leaving the landscape. Nutrients runoff easier when they are left on the soil surface and not incorporated into the soil. With nutrients, don't forget to soil test to see what your field needs so there are not excess nutrients in your field.

Cover crops will help you retain those nutrients in the field so they are available to crops and not escaping into streams every time a rain event comes along. The more nutrients that we can retain in the field and keep out of

local waterways, the better our water quality will be in the long run as the algae will not have the ingredients they need to grow and thus pollute our waterways. Every little bit counts!

Cover crops also increase your organic matter, which is made up of a variety of decaying plants and other organisms. Organic matter is a great thing to have in soil as it helps with regards to fungi and other microbes who are working in the soil as well as those all-important earthworms! With more organic matter in your soil, which can easily be increased with the presence of cover crops once they are properly terminated.

Earthworms love the organic matter that you leave on the soil as they will actively work to decompose it and transport nutrients throughout the soil profile according to National Geographic. Earthworms are beneficial when it comes to improving water infiltration, soil aeration, and compaction. There are some earthworm species which will create tiny burrows in the soil to the surface which allows water to easily enter the soil profile once a rain event comes, according to Penn State Extension.

With soil aeration, earthworms allow gases to be exchanged between the air and the soil and do this through their creation of burrows and improving soil aggregation. Penn State Extension writes that aggregation is improved when earthworms mix soil and organic matter which improves the soil's overall structure. Soil compaction is improved as earthworms help to increase porosity of the soil which allows it to withstand compaction.

So, next time you want a way to control flooding or improve your soil structure, why not give cover crops a try?

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEET

The MARY PENROSE WAYNE CHAPTER National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Fort Wayne Country Club, 5221 Covington Rd. Fort Wayne, IN on May 6, 2017. This was a noon

BOOK SWAP AT ANTWERP



Fourth grader Caroline Rohrs

At the beginning of May, students at Antwerp Elementary School enjoyed the school library's first-ever book swap. Students were encouraged to donate unused or unwanted books from home and could then swap them for others that were donated to the library. Every elementary student was able to take home at least one free book for summer reading, even if he or she didn't have a book to swap from home.

luncheon meeting. The menu: French Onion Soup, Executive Chopped Salad; and Pecan Ball and iced tea. (Even though it was Kentucky Derby Day, no Mint Juleps were served).

The meeting was opened by Regent Barbara Sheets Harris with the welcome and the opening DAR Ritual and the Patriotic exercises which included the Pledge to the Flag of the USA and singing of National Anthem. After Lunch, there was installation of New Member: Christine Bacon Jinks by Registrar, Benita Steyer. Award Presentations were made to 25 yr. Mem.: Martha Barnhart, Cynthia Bergman, and Jill Gutreuter; 30 yr. Mem.: Lois Darnell, Cathleen Harris; 40 yr. Mem.: Elaine Drummond, Stacy Duray; 50 yr. Mem.: Mary Clark; 65 yr. Mem: Doris Miller.

The History Teacher Award went to Mr. Matthew Mertes from Northside High School, FWCS. Presentations were made by the Chapter Regent to other chapter members for their work this past year. This was to thank those members for their special efforts and help. The VA Hosp. Volunteers were recognized and thanked. Phyllis Roth was thanked for her help with the audit and assisting with the meetings, also the Honor Flight Corn.; Fall Forum Corn; Scrapbook Corn. Hostess Corn.; and Public Relations.

Members were reminded that a Membership Committee is available to help with application papers from 10 am to 4 pm the first WED. of each month at the Allen Co. Library Genealogical (Downtown) Li-

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

brary. (The members who work on this committee are very knowledgeable and committed in lineage research). Registrar is Benita Steyer.

Installation of Officers was held and the new slate of officers was presented to the Chapter. All members were invited and encouraged to attend the upcoming conferences. In closing, the Regent thanked all concerned. The benediction was given by Barbara Tracey.

On May 19-21, 2017 the 116th Indiana State DAR Conf. will be held at Indianapolis Marriott East. Awards Day Luncheon on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Advance reservations are required. June 28-July 2, 2017. This year, 2017 is the 126' DAR Continental Congress in Washington, DC. Pages are Washed and Delegates. For more information contact Chapter Regent: Barbara Sheets Harris at 260-438-4330.

Note: A handout on "Miami Indian Heritage Days" CHIEF RICHARDVILLE HOUSE 5705 Bluffton Rd. Fort Wayne, Indiana was given out at this DAR meeting. The next event will be on June 3 "Miami Beadwork" with Katrina Mitten. On July 1 Cookware from Local Clays"; Making and Using Replica Native Style Pottery. On Aug. 5 Miami La-Crosse Stick Making with Diane Hunter & Doug Peconge. Sept. 2 Miami Harvest: Edible and Usable Plants and Materials. Oct. 7 Wikiami Cattail Matting at the Longhouse with M.I.A.M.I. (Miami Indian Alliance of Miami Indians). Nov 4 10-5 pm Nov 5 12-4 pm Trader's Days: Shop for traditional crafts, goods and wares, and enjoy hands-on demonstrations & interactive Educational programs. Free to History Center members.

-Respectfully submitted by Caroline Zimmerman

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LEGALS:

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	Parcel #30-06S-012-00	414 W. Harrison St. Paulding, Ohio	\$6,788.16

Notice is hereby given to all concerned, that if the taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, interest, and cost charged on the list are not paid into the county treasury and the county treasurer's receipt produced for the payment, before the date mentioned in this notice for the sale, each tract, lot, and part of lot, so forfeited, on which the taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, interest, and costs, and that the sale will be adjourned from day to day until each tract, lot and part of lot specified in the list has been disposed of, or offered for sale.

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court may enter the deficiency judgment against the stockholder holding a majority of the corporation's stock.

Public Notice is hereby given that all such real property to be sold at public auction may be subject to federal tax lien that may not be extinguished by the sale, and purchasers or any such real property are urged to search the federal tax lien index that is kept by the county recorder to determine notice of a federal tax lien has been filed with respect to any such property.

Public Notice is hereby given that said purchaser is subject to any and all assessments not certified to the Paulding County Auditor by date of signature. Said assessments will be due and payable to the Paulding County Treasurer at the following tax collection.

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"We all love you and hope you have a very Special 90th Birthday!"

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY AWARDS MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CLASS OF 2021

Rachel Gerken, a senior at Defiance High School, is the recipient of a major scholarship to attend Heidelberg University.

Gerken, the daughter of Brent and Kelly Gerken of Defiance, Ohio, has received the Fellows Award of \$16,000 a year for four years. The award was announced following Heidelberg's annual scholarship competition earlier this academic year.

Students who rank near the top of their high school class are invited to participate

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in the university's annual scholarship competition. The program recognizes students based on high school grade-point average and ACT or SAT test scores. In addition to weighing a student's academic credentials, the competition also looks at leadership skills and community service through a personal interview, a portfolio and an essay.

Founded in 1850, Heidelberg offers 30 majors, 30 minors and nine pre-professional programs, awarding the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science and bachelor of music, as well as master's degrees in education, counseling, business administration and music. For more information visit the website at www.heidelberg.edu.

HIT/RUN ACCIDENT IN NEW HAVEN

Hit/Run Accident in New Haven Leaves Victim in Critical Condition New Haven Police and New Haven Adams Township Fire/EMS responded to a two car accident in the 7000 block of Moeller Rd at 6:30 p.m. May 11th. Officers arriving on scene found one driver in serious condition in a pickup truck. The driver of the other vehicle, an SUV, had left the scene on foot. The driver of the pickup truck was in serious condition and taken to an area hospital where his condition was downgraded to critical. Witnesses at the scene told officers that the SUV was traveling east on Moeller Rd and all of a sudden turned to the north striking the pickup truck who had been traveling west on Moeller Rd at the time of the crash. The suspect who fled the scene on foot is described by witnesses as a light skinned black, Asian or Hispanic female in her late teens to mid twenties wearing black pants and a red flannel shirt. The suspect was last seen on foot walking away from the crash. A perimeter was set up but as of this time the suspect has not been located. Officers are currently following up on leads of a possible suspect and there will be an update posted if she is caught or identified. Anyone with information on the identity of the person who left the scene Anyone with information on the identity of the person who left the scene is asked to call the New Haven Police at 748-7080.

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Connor Waterman picked up the win for the Warriors, allowing four hits, two runs (one earned) and one walk while striking out three.

WARRIORS RALLY LATE FOR WIN OVER SOUTH ADAMS

The Woodlan baseball team scored four times over a three-inning span to pull away for a 6-2 win over South Adams in Allen County Athletic Conference action on Thursday.

Tied at 2-2 entering the fourth, the Warriors got one run in the bottom of the inning before adding two in the fifth and another single run in the sixth for the victory.

Austin Fancher doubled to start the fourth for Woodlan and moved to third on a Collin Jones groundout. After Connor Knoblauch walked, Fancher would score and Knoblauch moved to second on a Starfire wild pitch.

South Adams escaped further damage, though, as Sebastian Spieth and Luke Crilly flew out to end the inning.

In the fifth, the Warriors extended the margin to 5-2.

Nolan Brooks opened the inning with a single and was then pinch-ran for by Clayton McMahon. Tucker Wallace followed with a double that scored McMahon to make it 4-2.

After Wallace stole third, Cody Bratten hit a sacrifice fly to right field to plate Wallace and stretch the lead to 5-2.

Woodlan then got a single, a wild pitch, a dropped third strike and a ground to score Connor Sowers and set the final score at 6-2.

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LATTA HELPS PASS STRONGER SANCTIONS ON NORTH KOREA

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in passing H.R. 1644, the Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions Act, by a near unanimous vote Thursday afternoon.

DONATION TO PAULDING SHERIFF



Sue Beck presents D.A.R.E. Deputy Nick Mendez and Sheriff Landers with \$600 donation.

Sue Beck made a donation of \$600 for Sheriff Landers to deposit into the D.A.R.E. Fund, Explorers' Account and Paulding County Dog Kennel. These monies were collected during one of her

bus trips to Chicago. Once she announced the monies made from her 50/50 drawing would be donated to these funds, her clients were very generous!

The legislation significantly strengthens existing sanctions against the North Korean regime by restricting access to money and materials to fund the rogue country's weapons programs. The bill also mandates sanctions against any foreign person buying certain metals or minerals from North Korea, and expands the ability to impose sanctions. The bill also prohibits goods that are produced through North Korean forced labor from entering the United States. North Korea has launched 49 missiles since

2015 including a missile test last Saturday.

"North Korea continues to flaunt international norms as their government advances their capabilities to fire nuclear weapons at the U.S. mainland," said Latta. "It's critical that the U.S. and our allies maintain sustained pressure on this rogue regime in order to gain leverage and change their behavior. Today's bipartisan vote shows the American people are united in their support of holding the North Korean government accountable."

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DATE: Thursday, May 25, 2017
TIME: 11:00AM-1:00PM & 4PM-6PM

Come and meet our family of agents and enjoy refreshments. We are here to serve the Paulding County community and northwest Ohio through our expertise. We will help you sell and buy real estate property and we also accommodate auctioning real estate and personal property. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of the community and our many loyal friends and neighbors.

Lunch will be held in Herb Monroe Community Park, or at our office (419-399-4444) located across the street from the park if the weather doesn't allow us to gather outside.



In 2015 Bill Straley and Rudy Straley merged their family businesses and opened the Paulding office at 211 North Main Street in addition to their Straley Realty Auctioneers, Inc. office in Van Wert.



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