

## PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS ACADEMIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION



Pictured L-R: Richard Rosalez, Wendell Spangler and Jeffrey Webb.

The 8th annual Paulding Exempted Village Schools Academic Hall of Fame induction was held at commencement on Sunday, May 28, 2017. Congratulations to Richard Rosalez-Class of 1994, Dr. Wendell Spangler, MD, Class of 1992, and Jeffery Webb-Class of 1997, who were the 2017 recipients.

**Dr. Wendell Spangler, MD - Class of 1992**

Wendell Spangler graduated from Paulding High School in 1992 in the top 4% of his class. After high school graduation, Wendell attended and graduated from the University of Toledo in 1996 Magna Cum

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## FAILURE TO YIELD CAUSES ONE IN FIVE CRASHES IN OHIO

Motorists that don't yield for other vehicles with the right-of-way cause far too many crashes in Ohio each year. Crashes caused by this

violation, known as failure to yield or FTY, rose in 2016 - in fact, it was a primary cause in nearly one in five crashes in Ohio.

In total, 52,207 crashes on Ohio roadways occurred

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## JOIN PAULDING SWCD AT THE 2017 PAULDING COUNTY FAIR!

**By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist**

The 2017 Paulding County Fair is quickly approaching and the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is preparing some great activities for you and your family! We will be in a new location this year in the new "Acres of Fun" area which will be located in the Paulding County Extension Hall. Come on out to enjoy some great make-n-take activities as well as meeting the Paulding SWCD Staff & Board of Supervisors who are happy to highlight the work our office is doing throughout Paulding County. As al-

ways, gate admission to the Paulding County Fair is free of charge!

The Paulding SWCD will have activities on Tuesday June 13th, Wednesday June 14th, and Friday June 16th from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. each day. On Tuesday, the focus of the day will be all about water quality and the importance of keeping our waterways clean. Visitors to our booth this day will enjoy a make-n-take activity called "Lake in a Bag". In this activ-

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## FREE SAUSAGE SANDWICH AT PC FAIR! (SEE PAGE 7)

**Auditor Announces Tax Reductions on Storm Damaged Buildings - See Page 13**

## WOODLAN HIGH STUDENT RECEIVES CITIZENSHIP AWARD



Lia Abbott, senior at Woodlan Jr. Sr. High was awarded the citizenship award for being a true example of how all people with different abilities should live together in this world.

As a freshmen, Lia watched the special needs class walk the track daily. A couple of students were helped with riding adaptive bikes. Lia,

having an aunt with Downs Syndrome, asked the teacher if the class would like to have her Aunts 3-wheeled adult bike since she had just moved to a nursing home. The teachers were thrilled with her generosity and that began Lia's friendship with the class.

Throughout high school, Lia interned for the class

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## JAIL OPEN HOUSE A HUGE SUCCESS



Sheriff Landers explains to the first group all about the new jail.

Last November the voters of Paulding County realized it was time to reopen the jail. It had been closed since 2008 and in these past 9 years the jail has been used for filing cabinets and storage. Sheriff

Jason K. Landers and the entire staff has worked hard to change the perception of the office and the jail, succeeding in getting the residents of the county to back the jail

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## NEW HAVEN CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Doug Perkins, a lifelong resident of the city of New Haven, decided to enter the field of accounting from the time he graduated high school. He said, "When I

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## CRAFTING WITH GABBIE IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM AT THE MAIN LIBRARY!

Young patrons are invited to "Craft with Gabbie" all summer at the main library in Paulding. On Tuesday, June 6th crafters will be making bracelets. June 13th, young patrons will learn origami. On the 20th of June, the craft will be painting. On the 27th of June young crafters will sew a bird or a stegosaurus. On Tuesday, July 11th Gabbie will help the children work with clay. On Tuesday the 18th of July they will be crafting with yarn and on Tuesday, August 1st, young

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**OBITUARIES**

NEW LONDON, OH  
**Charles Richard Mobley**, age 84, of New London, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2017 while visiting family in Michigan. He was born May 14, 1933 in Bryan, Ohio to the late Charles and Edna (nee Bradford) Mobley.

Charles was a devoted husband to the love of his life, Theresa (nee Bradley), with whom he celebrated his 64th wedding anniversary in April. Charles is survived by his wife and children, Charles M. (Solyra) Mobley of Anchorage, AK, Charlie (Ben) Roberts of New London, Kathleen Mobley of Anchorage, AK, Suzanne (Kevin) Provagna of Medina, OH and Marianne (Michael) Ferguson of Litchfield, OH; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; sisters, Terry (Dr. Bill) Stewart of Coldwater, MI and Carolyn (Jim) Wetli of Branson, MO.

Charles will be fondly remembered for his quick-witted sense of humor and willingness to help others. He delighted in his grandchildren and family, gardening, woodworking, and problem solving. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. He served his country in the United States Army and was also a barber and farmer. He was an entrepreneur and ran his own radiator shop. Charles was a solid patriot and very proud of his country. He was an avid reader and devoured the Wall Street Journal on a daily basis. He loved music, John Wayne westerns, and teasing his family. Charles was a man of many talents and he will be dearly missed.

Friends called from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Eastman Funeral Home, 200 West Main Street, New London, the Rosary was recited at 6 p.m. A Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 18 Park Avenue, New London with Father KishoreKottana officiating with military honors concluding the Mass. Burial will be held at a later date at Holy Cross Cemetery. If desired, memorial contributions can be given to the Fitchville Conservation League, 2623 Jennings Road, New London, Ohio 44851 or Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Online condolences

may be made at [www.eastmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.eastmanfuneralhome.com).



SHERWOOD, OHIO  
**Georgiana Mae Carter**, 77 years, of Sherwood, passed away peacefully, Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Hickory Creek of Hicksville, with her family at her side. Georgiana was born July 12, 1939 in Montpelier, Ohio, the daughter of the late Maurice and Audrey (Jones) Hillard. She was a 1957 graduate of Edon High School, then went on to attend Defiance College. She married Ralph Carter on July 24, 1960 in Montpelier, and he preceded her in death on September 11, 1970. She then married Ronald E. Carter in Sherwood, on March 5, 1972, and he survives. Georgiana was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, caring for the needs of her family. She also tutored children and was a representative for Avon. She is a member of the Harlan Church of Christ and a former Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher. Georgiana found enjoyment in crocheting, sewing and embroidering, reading and music. She truly treasured the time she spent with her family, especially her grandchildren.

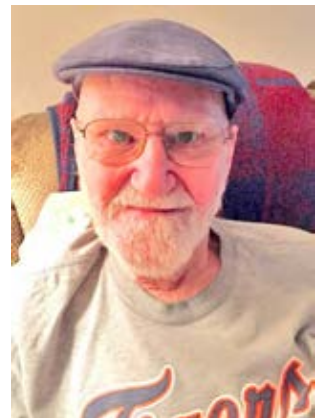
Surviving is her husband, Ronald of Sherwood; eight children, Cindy (Ronald) Fumarolo of Osceola, Indiana, Terry (Lisa) Carter of Bunker Hill, Indiana, Ralph (Heather) Carter of Elmore, Ohio and Angela (Eric) Murphy of Edgerton, David Carter of Toledo, Daniel Carter of Toledo, Anna (Bill) Eckert of Gray, Kentucky and April Csendes of Toledo; 21 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Ralph Carter; one daughter, Laura Jean Morrison and one sister, Eunice Reasor.

Visitation for Georgiana Mae Carter will be held

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home - Lynn Street Chapel, 206 North Lynn Street, Bryan, where her funeral services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 8, 2017 with her son, Minister Terry Carter officiating. Interment will follow in Sherwood Cemetery, Sherwood, Ohio. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the service on Thursday in the Funeral Home.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider memorial donations be given to Woodburn Christian Children's Home, 24902 Notestine Road, Woodburn, Indiana 46797 or to Christian Appalachian Project, P.O. Box 55911, Lexington, Kentucky 40555.

You can send your condolences or share your memories with the family by visiting Georgiana's obituary page at [www.oberlinturnbull.com](http://www.oberlinturnbull.com)



PAULDING, OH:  
**Paul J. Eiserle** died Monday, June 5, 2017 at his residence.

He was born April 20, 1938 in Cecil, Ohio to the late Frank and Elizabeth (Keim) Eiserle. He served in the US Army from 1961 - 1963. On November 14, 1964 he married Jacquelin Vance. Paul retired from the Department of Defense, Columbus, Ohio as a computer-programming engineer in 2002.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie, Paulding; son, Bruce (Sue) Eiserle, Bluffton, OH, daughter, Shelly Balzer, Garrett, IN; grandchildren, Ashtin Balzer (fiancé, Aaron Borden), Garrett, IN, and Benjamin Eiserle, Findlay, OH; a brother, David (Deborah) Eiserle, Ft. Wayne, IN; and many nieces and nephews.

He is also preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Velma Eiserle, and a sister, Helen Sigley.

Paul was known for his sense of humor and practical jokes, and his love of the Detroit Tigers and Lions. He was a member of Paulding Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Knights of Columbus #2584, Paulding VFW Post #587, Arbor Day Foundation, and a charter member of John Paulding Historical Society. He was an avid gardener and loved to spend time with his grandchildren, who were his pride and joy.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery with military graveside rites accorded by VFW Post #587.

Visitation will be 4 - 8 PM with a wake service at 7:30 PM Wednesday, June 7 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There will also be visitation on Thursday from 10 AM until service time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the John Paulding Historical Society or Community Health Professionals/Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 6/7 - 6/13**

6/7 - PERI meeting and lunch at 10:00 a.m.; Cancer Support Group at 12:15 p.m.; Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.

6/8 - Bingo w/Paulding County Hospital at 10:00 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Euchre at 12:15p.m.; Walk to End Alzheimer's Meet and Greet 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Susie's Bakery

6/9 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11 - 2

6/12 - Shedding Pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo with Ann's Bright New Beginnings at 10:00 a.m.; Bridge Club; Walk to End Alzheimer's Meet and Greet 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Oakwood Library

6/13 - Senior Day at Paulding County Fair

**HICKSVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 6/7 - 6/13**

6/7 - 10:00 a.m. - Manicures with Americare; 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. Euchre; 12:30 p.m. - Toe Nail Clinic; 2:30 p.m. - Open Mic at DCCS

6/8 - 10:00 a.m. - Corn Hole; 12:30 p.m. - Grocery Shop at Meijer and Defiance Farmer's Market

6/9 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Alan Seibert - "The Music Man!"; 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. - Euchre

6/12 - 10:00 a.m. - Grocery Shop at Meijer; 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. - Euchre

13 10:30 a.m. - Food for Your Thought - "Traffic Safety" with Public Health, State Highway Patrol & The Sheriff's Office - don't miss it!!; 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Euchre; 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Computer / cell phone assistance

**DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 6/7 - 6/13**

6/7 - 9:30 a.m. - Cards; 10:00 a.m. - Crafts w/ Andrea; 10:30 a.m. - Safety Class with Fireman Craig Vogel; 12:30 p.m. - Kroger's Shop; 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Open Mic Night

6/8 - 9:30 a.m. - Cards; 10:00 a.m. - Zumba; 10:00 a.m. - Band Stretch with Brookview; 12:30 p.m. - Shop @ Meijer; 3:30 p.m. - Yoga

6/9 - 9:30 a.m. - Cards; 10:00 a.m. - Tai Chi; 10:00 a.m. - Speaker on Essential Oils and Healthy Living

6/12 - 9:30 a.m. - Cards; 10:00 a.m. - Zumba; 3:00 p.m. - Yoga

6/13 - 9:45 a.m. - Aldi Shop; 10:00 a.m. - Cards; 10:00 a.m. - Tai Chi; 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study; 3:30 p.m. - Yoga

**DEFIANCE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 6/7- 6/13**

6/7 - Hot beef sandwich, steak fries, baby carrots pineapple tidbits; Salad Bar in Café

6/8 - BBQ chicken, Au Gratin potatoes, Riviera blend vegetables, raisins, golden cornbread

6/9 - Turkey slice with gravy, baked potato, California blend vegetables, peaches, dinner roll, cookie; NCS = SF cookie

6/12 - Pork over Asian rice, Oriental blend vegetables, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

—1 Corinthians 5:11

6/13 - Meatloaf, zucchini, diced potatoes, fresh banana, dinner roll, cookie; NCS = SF cookie

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graduated from high school there weren't many jobs in this area so I decided to go to college. I thought back on my accounting class in high school and remembered that I liked that class and numbers made sense to me, so I started taking classes in accounting and enjoyed it right from the start."

Doug is now a Certified Public Accountant who has served individuals and small businesses in Northeastern Indiana since 1985 with their tax and accounting needs. Beginning with a small company and moving up until he worked for a national CPA firm in 2005. Since that time, he has been in New Haven and serving the local community. Locating in New Haven was a no brainer considering Doug had lived just out of town or in town his whole life. He said, "I know the people. I know the community. I know the area. It was a good fit."

One of the things Doug is passionate about is working with people. He said, "I just want to serve the people in this community. Give them a place where they can have their tax and accounting needs met in a professional manner at a reasonable price. It is always interesting to hear their stories and everyone has a different story." Doug is all about the community. His first office was located off of Werling Road here in New Haven, but now his firm has recently relocated at a new location right on Broadway Street.

In his office, there are three Certified Public Accountants: Doug Perkins, Courtney Loshe, and Adam Schaffer. Together with three part-time individuals, Douglas W. Perkins, C.P.A., Inc. can handle all of your tax and accounting needs. When asked what their group did, Doug said, "We prepare individual and business tax returns and provide consulting services for small businesses and individuals. We work on approximately 800 individual tax returns and about 120 small businesses returns annually. We also provide accounting, payroll, consulting and QuickBooks installation and training services as needed. Whatever the client needs are, that is what we help them with. We try to be a virtual CFO for them if that's not in their skill set."

Doug's business has grown at a rate of 8 to 10% a year. Doug said, "I see us adding another full time individual somewhere down the line. If we add another person, we would probably add on a couple offices to the back of our

current building." Douglas W. Perkins, C.P.A., Inc. has been a member of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce for 4 years. He has benefited from the Office Depot discount, using it quite often. Also, Doug received a Facade Grant of \$1000.00 from the Chamber and the New Allen Alliance in order to update the front of his business. In Doug's words, however, the biggest benefit received from Chamber membership is getting to know the people in the community. He said, "The Chamber gives me an opportunity to get out there to meet people at the various Chamber sponsored events during the year. You get to know who the area business people are and what their stories are. It often leads to working with some of them to attain their goals."

**ROAD CLOSING NOTICE-CITY OF NEW HAVEN**

**Special Event-Canal Days**  
 MONDAY-JUNE 5th  
 BROADWAY, between Lincoln Highway and Bell Avenue will be closed during the NEW HAVEN CANAL DAYS FESTIVAL. This closure is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 5, 2017- at 9:00 a.m. and will continue through Sunday, June 11, 2017 at approximately 5:00 p.m. This closure includes the following side streets:

Main Street - from High Street to Ann Street  
 City seal  
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 City Administration parking lot-behind 1913 Building  
 Prospect Avenue - from Edwards Street to Williams Street AND BROADWAY, between Lincoln Highway and Park Avenue will be closed for the duration of NEW HAVEN CANAL DAYS FESTIVAL. This closure is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and continue through Sunday, June 11, 2017 at approximately 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY-JUNE 10th (Parade):  
 This closure is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
 Park Ave from Mourey to Green Street; Green Street from US 930 to Lincoln Highway; Mourey Street from US 930 to Lincoln Highway; Koehlinger Drive at US 930 (Staging area); North Park Avenue & South Park Avenue at Green Street (Staging area)

DETOUR:  
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 Southbound: Landin Rd. to Rose Ave., Rose Ave. to Green St., Green St. to Lincoln Highway

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(Jail continued from page 1) with tax dollars. Sheriff Jason Landers stated, "I felt it would prevail by a couple hundred votes. Never in my thoughts did I think it would pass by a 60%-40% split." With the successful vote this means that the county's incarcerated will be moved back to the county.

On Saturday, June 3 the Sheriff's Office opened the jail to the public for the last time. The Open House had people lined up ready for the tour before the start time.

Sheriff Landers took the first round of visitors through at 10 am. The tour showed the technology updates that have increased the security and safety of the prisoners and the staff. From the booking and delousing to internment this new jail can hold over 50 inmates. This should not be a problem since Paulding County averages under 23 detainees at a time. The female and male sections are segregated by a barrier with up to 8 being held on the female side. The male prisoners have a two story section. The convicts have a recreation area that is outside but still enclosed by brick walls.

For those detainees who show exceptional responsibility they can be rewarded by getting outdoor detail with washing and waxing vehicles, performing laundry duties or helping out with the chef.

After the open house the jail will be in lockdown as the prisoners start to be brought back starting the first full week of June. This is a 3 month earlier than expected date for the opening as everything went better than expected for training and facility preparation.

Great job to the all of the Sheriff and the employees who are making a difference in Paulding County!

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when the at-fault driver failed to yield, resulting in 206 deaths and 30,929 injuries.

It's even more troubling that these tend to be more severe than crashes of other causes. Thirty-seven percent of FTY crashes resulted in deaths or injuries in 2016, compared to 26 percent of all crashes.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is asking motorists to pay attention to which vehicles have the right-of-way and yield to them. Troopers wrote 20,858 citations that included an FTY violation last year and will continue enforcing the law to make Ohio roads safer.

"Traffic can be frustrating, but that's no excuse to endanger yourself and other drivers," said Lt. Tim Grigsby, Van Wert Post Commander. "It's always best for all motorists to remain calm and yield for other vehicles that have the right-of-way."

To view the entire statistical analysis regarding failure to yield crashes and citations visit [http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/FTY\\_Bulletin\\_2017.pdf](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/FTY_Bulletin_2017.pdf)

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**BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION PROVIDING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO MANAGE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INTRODUCED IN U.S. HOUSE**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH) has introduced legislation to provide states and municipalities with greater flexibility to manage their wastewater and stormwater systems and improve their infrastructure long-term. The bill, H.R. 2355, the Water Infrastructure Flexibility Act, mirrors companion Senate legislation introduced by Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE). Joining Latta in introducing the bill is Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-IL), Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge (D-OH), Congressman David Joyce (R-OH), Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA), and Congressman Lloyd Smucker (R-PA).

"This legislation will provide additional tools and flexibility for communities to comply with mandated wastewater infrastructure improvement projects" said Congressman Latta. "With more than \$21 billion worth of water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needs in Ohio, it's critical to provide communities with the ability to meet their obligations in a more cost-effective manner. I'll continue to work with my colleagues in both chambers to ensure that this bipartisan bill reaches the President's desk in order to help improve our nation's water infrastructure and protect ratepayers."

"Every \$1 invested in infrastructure generates about \$2 worth of new economic ac-

tivity. Communities throughout the heartland are working to improve their water infrastructure and keep families safe, and this bill would help ensure the EPA is working with them toward that goal," said Congresswoman Bustos. "By making common sense changes to improve the way water infrastructure investments are made, we can give communities the tools they need to spur new economic development opportunities, create good-paying jobs and improve communities across the heartland."

"Improving our water and wastewater infrastructure is key to providing clean drinking water for the constituents in the 11th Congressional District. Yet, some municipalities and utilities do not have the flexibility to make improvements in a green, cost-effective, and innovative manner, driving up costs for families and slowing down much needed improvements," said Congresswoman Fudge. "That's why I am pleased to join Congressman Latta in introducing the Water Infrastructure Flexibility Act to help solve this problem, reduce costs, and increase access to one of our most vital natural resources - clean water."

"As local communities struggle to fix aging water infrastructure and comply with federal mandates, we need to give them more flexibility and options, so they can accomplish the task without increasing the burden on local ratepayers," said Congressman Joyce. "This bill does that, and I am proud to work with my colleagues to move it through the process."

"This critical legislation will give our cities and storm water agencies additional time, resources, and financial flexibility, to address the unique watershed system needs in each storm water permit area," said Congresswoman Napolitano. "It will particularly benefit cities in Los Angeles County, including those in my San Gabriel Valley-based district, by giving them regulatory assistance in managing the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit from the State Regional Water Quality Control Board."

"We all want to maintain the safe and clean environment we enjoy in the 16th District," said Congressman Smucker. "I have a record of supporting clean water initiatives in the Pennsylvania State Senate, and I am continuing that record in the U.S. House. But we need a commonsense regulatory approach that is more collaborative than punitive. This bill is one way we can help ensure we are providing clean, safe water to our communities without putting an unnecessary burden on local governments and the taxpayers that support them."

Under the Clean Water Act, municipalities on average are spending nearly 7% of their tax dollars on water and sewer systems. Even with that amount of taxpayer money, there is a need for approximately \$300 billion for clean water infrastructure investments nationally. Many ratepayers are also seeing sewer rates increase at a rapid pace compared to inflation.

**60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



Archie and Lois (Louth) Terwilliger will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Lois worked for Kelly Services for 10 years then retired from Power Wheels in Fort Wayne, Indiana where she worked for 10 years.

They are the parents of Vicki (Nick) Mendez, Valerie (Mike) Larimore, Dan (Pam) Terwilliger and Jim Terwilliger. They have 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Archie is retired from LaFarge Corp. in Paulding, Ohio where he worked for 36 1/2

years. Lois worked for Kelly Services for 10 years then retired from Power Wheels in Fort Wayne, Indiana where she worked for 10 years.

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**PARSON TO PERSON**

By: **Dr. James Bachman**

Dear Parson,  
**Why is the virgin birth so vital to Christian doctrine?**

All people who have been born have been born by the seed of man (Adam), except for Jesus Christ, who was born of the seed of woman. The first prophecy of the gospel is found in Genesis 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee (Satan) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed (Christ); it shall bruise thy (Satan's) head, and thou shall bruise his (Christ's) heel."

The prophetic sign for Christ's birth was given in Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us)." That was fulfilled in Matthew 1:23, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Yes, that was a miracle but it was also essential. A sinful nature comes down to all of us from our fathers, through Adam. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Christ did not receive the Adamic sinful nature through birth, and thus was able to go 33 years, and forever, without sin. Thus He was the only person qualified to be our substitute and to die in our place, for He had no sin of His own for which to die. "Who did no sin, neither was found in his mouth;" (I Peter 2:22) "And he is the propitiation (total payment) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (I John 2:2)

To gain the benefit of what He has done for us, we must receive Him by faith according to John 1:12. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

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**THE CHURCH AND GAYS DISCUSSED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ**

The church's stance regarding same-sex attraction will be explored at Lifetree Café from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8.

The program, titled "The Church and Gays: One Pastor's Dilemma," features a filmed interview with Danny Cortez, a pastor whose changing views regarding same-sex attraction led to his being removed from his denomination.

During the interview, Cortez explains how the church's traditional response to same-sex attraction never gave him a sense of peace.

"I remember thinking about Jesus and the way he gave life, and I started thinking maybe the church is wrong," Cortez says. "Maybe the traditional interpretation of this issue is wrong. I remember thinking maybe I don't believe what I grew up believing."

Lifetree participants will have the opportunity to share their views and stories of their encounters with the church regarding the issue.

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

**HEALING DIVIDED HOUSES**

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

"I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ...I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ...My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17: 9, 11, 15, 20-21 (NIV).

As Jesus prepared to leave this earth, he prayed a farewell prayer, and it tells us what was most important to him. His prayer shows that even as Jesus anticipated his arrest and crucifixion, his thoughts were riveted on what mattered most to him: his disciples and all the believers yet to come. He asks his heavenly Father to be with all his followers who would be left behind when he departed this earth. His prayer becomes an example of Jesus' deep compassion for all of us, that means we are on the receiving end of selfless love. Jesus thoughts and prayers were focused on the people of God who had been entrusted to his care.

Jesus prayed that God's people "may be one." Jesus was asking that we not allow division and disagreement to prevent us from faithfully following God.

It is a state that many of us are all too familiar with. Through our actions and our attitudes, we human beings often separate ourselves from others, from God and even from our own best interests. That separation can lead to a sense of isolation and despair. Too often we feel alone and lonely because we are estranged from one another and are ignoring God's constant love. Instead of living as God created us to, in community with one another and in relationship with our Creator, we too often pull back and exist as "Lone Rangers," isolated from each other.

Even within Christianity there is much disagreement. These differences of opinion can lead to bitterness and mistrust of one another. Christians sometimes find it difficult to hold civil conversations with each other because of differing understandings of the basics of faith. Those divisions can prevent us from discovering areas of shared commitment. Too often we cannot find a way to work together because the differences between us seem too great.

Jesus prays an earnest prayer that we find a way to "be one." In his wisdom, Jesus anticipated that divisions

would threaten unity among God's people in the centuries to come. Let us trust in God, love one another, and work with others for the good of God's kingdom and one another.

**BIBLE STUDY**

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

Today we continue our study about Christ the anointed one. Today our study will be on the humanity of Christ.

- A:
1. Was foretold: Genesis 3:15; 1st Corinthians 15:45-47.
  2. Christ took man's nature: John 1:14; Hebrews 2:9-18.
  3. Was Christ seed of woman? Galatians 4:4;
  4. Was Christ a Son of man? Luke 3:38.
  5. Was Christ of David's line? Matthew 22:45.
  6. Was Christ truly flesh and blood, a man? 1st Timothy 2:5.
  7. Did Christ have four brothers? Mark 6:3.
- B:
1. Was Christ's mission to bring in everlasting righteousness? Jeremiah 33:15-16.
  2. Was Christ's mission to save sinners? Luke 19:10.
  3. Was Christ's mission to bring in everlasting righteousness? Jeremiah 33:15-16;
  4. Was Christ's mission to destroy Satan's works? Hebrews 2:14; 1st John 3:8.
  5. Was Christ's mission to fulfill the Old Testament? Matthew 5:17
  6. Was Christ's mission to give life? John 10:10; 28
  7. Was Christ's mission to abolish ceremonialism? Daniel 9:27; 8. Was Christ mission to complete revelation? Hebrews 1:1-3;
  9. What does the word revelation mean?

Loved ones, this concludes the study for today, but we will continue our study on this subject next week Lord willing. I am very mindful of the West Bend News, knowing that I could never repay or thank them enough for letting me put these articles in the paper. The Lord loves all of us and wants all of us to be saved John 3:16. Comments, questions, criticism? Call James Potter at 419-393-4775 or Lonnie Lambert at 419-399-5022. The word revelation means an uncovering of something hidden.

**LADIES TEA SET AT SOUTH SCIPIO CHURCH**

The ladies of South Scipio will host a Ladies Tea on Saturday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m. Ladies of the community are invited to attend this special event. Christy Cabe, author of "Brownie Crumbs and Other Life Morsels," will be our guest speaker. Christy will share the hope she has found "savoring life through heartache, joy, and the moments in between." Losing her mother the weekend of her 11th birthday and walking her firstborn son through a battle with cancer, Christy's story will touch hearts and encourage weary souls. Sandwiches, salads, and desserts will be shared during this time of fellowship. Ladies may RSVP to 260-657-5961 or kctompson@gmail.com. South Scipio Church is located at 24990 Antwerp Road, between Harlan, Indiana and Antwerp, Ohio.

**PEVS RETIREES AND 30 YEARS OF SERVICE EMPLOYEES WERE HONORED AT THE ANNUAL STAFF BREAKFAST ON MAY 25.**



Retirees: Front row seated L-R: LeeAnn Favorito-HS Science, Kathy Manz-Bus Driver, Patty Carlisle-HS Head Cook, Sarah Pier-Oakwood 6th grade. Back row standing L-R: Pat Keezer-Oakwood head cook, Elaine Sierer-HS aide, Cheryl Schier-MS English, Tracy Gunderman-Speech/Language Pathologist, Nancy Ruhe-Psychologist.



30 Years of Service Employees: L-R: Patty Carlisle-HS Head Cook, Joanie Goyings-Guidance Secretary, Mark Stuck-Paulding Elementary Phys. Ed., Brenda Troyer-Paulding Elementary 5th Grade, Mark Rhodes-Paulding Elementary Phys. Ed., Cheryl Schier-MS English, Pat Keezer-Oakwood head cook.

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from 10 to 12. The address is 1330 Werling Road.

NHF is selling the items, but will be giving them away to any students in need of clothing before school starts. We may even make arrangements to come and pick them up. You can contact us at 749-0422 or office@newhorizonsfellowship.net

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 Laude. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological and a minor in Biological Chemistry. Wendell did this senior year of college at the Medical College of Ohio since he was admitted to the early admissions program with a very limited amount of other students. After completing medical school in 1999, Wendell attended his 3-year family medicine residency at the W.W. Knight Family Practice throughout the Toledo Hospital.

Wendell came back to his hometown to practice family medicine in 2002 and has been employed by Paulding County Hospital (PCH) since. He has had many duties as a physician since starting at PCH including Chief of Staff multiple times, running an allergy clinic and a drug court clinic, and has been the collaborating physician for some mid-level providers.

He is currently serving on multiple committees at his place of employment including physical therapy, pediatrics/newborn division, home care and family practice divisions, and on the medical staff wellness and bioethics committees. Most recently, he is now on the Board of Health of Paulding County and Child Mortality Review committees. He is also the medical director of Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center of Paulding County.

Wendell resides near Paulding with his beloved wife Kari, and his three children, Hudson, Ella Kate and Sophia. He is the son of James and Carolyn Spangler.

**Richard C. Rosalez - Class of 1994**

Rich Rosalez is a 1994 graduate of Paulding High School. He attended and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1998, where he majored in Urban Studies and Planning while taking a heavy STEM course load. Rich won numerous awards for athletics, academics, and community service, including first prize in MIT's research writing competition and Academic All-American recognition for cross country. He earned his law degree in 2001 from the Columbia University School of Law, where he continued to win awards for academic achievement and contributions to the community. Rich next joined leading international law firms Latham & Watkins in New York and Jones Day in Dallas, where he maintained a diverse legal practice, including white collar, government enforcement, anti-trust, intellectual property, and complex commercial litigation.

Rich serves as Vice President, Litigation at Samsung Electronics America, Inc., the US subsidiary of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.,

the world's leading consumer electronics company. As the leader of the litigation department, Rich is responsible for all aspects of the company's litigation docket, responses to regulatory investigations, and related activities. Since joining Samsung in 2011, Rich has been actively involved in some of the most followed and influential legal matters in the US. He also regularly advises the company on significant strategic issues and public relations matters, including serving as a company spokesperson with numerous leading media outlets such as Bloomberg, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Fortune, and The Financial Times. Rich was part of the team that presented argument in the Samsung vs. Apple case before the Supreme Court of the United States, which had been described as The Patent Trial of the Century by The Wall Street Journal. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously in Samsung's favor.

Rich has won recognition at the regional and national level and been featured in a magazine for his professional accomplishments. Rich also serves as an advisor to a leading DFW charter school, an adventure guides leader, a school and community volunteer, and a youth sports coach many times over. He is the son of Patricia and Brooks Pendergrast of Antwerp, Ohio, and Prudencio and Jocelyn Rosalez of Troy, Ohio. Rich lives in Highland Park, Texas, with his wife Julie, and their children, Maya and Marcus.

**Jeffery A. Webb - Class of 1997**

Jeff Webb is a 1997 graduate of Paulding High School. Jeff played basketball (4 yrs), baseball (2 yrs), and cross country (2 yrs). He was also on the Science Olympiad team (4 yrs), earning multiple medals at the regional and state competitions. Jeff was also his class' President.

Jeff earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from The Ohio State University in 2001, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He was elected as the President of the Ohio State chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, an international Mechanical Engineering Honor Society, and was the recipient of the Rob Wolf Outstanding Senior Award. Jeff worked as a co-op student at Cooper Tire & Rubber Company.

Upon graduating from Ohio State, Jeff decided to attend law school. At the request of Cooper Tire's VP and General Counsel, Jeff took a full-time job in Cooper Tire's law department, where he assisted with complex product liability litigation. While working at Cooper Tire, he attended law school in the evenings at the University of Toledo. Jeff graduated as valedictorian of his

law school class in 2005. Upon graduating from law school, Jeff accepted a job with the San Antonio, Texas, office of the international law firm, Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. In 2015, Fulbright & Jaworski combined with a London-based law firm, Norton Rose, to become Norton Rose Fulbright. Jeff became an equity partner of Norton Rose Fulbright in 2015. The Firm recently combined with another New York-based law firm. The Firm will now have over 4,000 attorneys, located in nearly 60 offices around the world, with roughly \$2 billion in annual revenues -- making it one of the top five largest law firms in the world.

Jeff practices in the area of litigation, including oil & gas, commercial, and product liability litigation. He represents companies and individuals in complex litigation, oftentimes bet-the-company lawsuits involving hundreds of millions, or even billions, of dollars in dispute. In 2016, Jeff was selected to Benchmark Litigation's "Under 40 Hot List," which honors the achievements of the nation's most accomplished legal partners under age 40. Similarly, on seven occasions, he has been recognized as a Texas Rising Star by Thompson Reuters, and in 2017 was named one of Texas' Top 100 Rising Stars. In 2015, he was one of sixteen attorneys recognized by the San Antonio Business Journal with their "Outstanding Lawyer" award. The Business Journal has also named him to their "Who's Who in Energy" list for multiple years, and he was honored with their "40 Under 40" award in 2012.

Jeff is also actively involved in the San Antonio community. For example, he has volunteered on the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters for over 10 years, serving as Chairman of the Board from 2011-2013. BBBS recently completed a successful \$3.5M capital campaign to purchase a new headquarters, significantly expanding the organizations' ability to provide services to more youth. He also serves on the Board of his church's CYO organization and assists with coaching his kids' various teams. Jeff is married to Michelle, and they have three kids: Jacob, Trevor, and Brooke.

Jeff credits the superb education and development that he received in the Paulding school system for laying the foundation for any achievements that he has been able to accomplish. He believes the education and opportunities offered by the Paulding school system are as good or better than a vast majority of schools, public or private, not only in this area but across the country. For example, the number of AP courses and (academic and athletic) extracurricular activities available at Paulding are tremendous, particularly for a town of this size. Jeff credits all of the teachers, coaches, instructors, and administrators along the way, but would like to particularly thank Dwight Kurtzman, Ellie Barnes, and Don DeWitt for the impact they had on his educational experience.

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along with befriending a girl in the class who lives in her neighborhood. She took the student out after school and on weekends to do fun high school things with her, that she wouldn't have had the same experience doing them with her mom.

The summer before Lia's senior year, Lia had an idea for a "senior project". She wanted to purchase another bike for the class, as she saw how much enjoyment it gave the students to have the freedom of riding the bike around the track independently. So, she set out to raise money from the community for this purchase. In the fall this school year, Lia brought in this gorgeous 3-wheeled adult

Schwinn Bike with a rear basket! The class was overjoyed as were the teachers with this gift of love.

Lia's heart for our class didn't stop there, at Christmas time she brought in a garbage can full of gifts for the class. She had collected so much money for the bike, that she had some left over and used it to buy classroom supplies; consisting of a garbage can for the recycling program, new baking supplies for the cookie sales program, kitchen supplies for baking, and arts and crafts supplies for students to enjoy.

Lia Abbott sees the good and potential in all people and she is the epitome of a great Woodlan Citizen!

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I'm sure the people in Paulding whose yards were dug up again several months ago have noticed a lack of interest by the town in repairing and reseeding these areas.

We were once again left with piles of dirt that we property owners finally leveled out ourselves after getting tired of waiting for it to be done. Trouble is, for some reason they hauled some of the dirt away so there wasn't enough to get the ground back to level. Now we are being put off and told it MAY be July before they come to fill and seed it as they are waiting for it to settle. ??? I've got news for them, it's been settled for a long time now and is below the level of the sidewalk. We can't mow it because it's full of rocks and other crap that was dug up, we would hit the water meter lid and only thing growing is weeds that we have to cut by hand. Just great, fill it in July when it's hot, dry and won't rain!! They will fill it, throw in some crap

seed that's more weeds, like the last, two times, cover it with straw, spray a little water on it then never come back. The straw will blow away, and if anything grows, it will be more weeds. We need our yards repaired now so we can mow as we have been doing weekly, not months from now.

If someone let's their grass get too high they will get a warning to mow or be fined, or the town will mow it and charge them! But we, that try to keep our yards mowed and nice, can't even get them to repair what they did so we can do this. Maybe we should all fill this in ourselves, plant good grass seed, then bill the town for what we used and the labor we had doing it. All the taxes and levies we pay and we can't even get them to repair what they do to our

properties. Of course we know how they aren't responsible for any of their actions, been there already. Only the citizens are responsible for, not only their own problems, but the town's too, even if the town causes the problem.

Take a look at the roads around town and you can tell how much they care, they are almost impossible to drive on safely and are causing problems with our cars. It's sure not the town I grew up in. Now it's not about the people but how much money they can suck out of us, yet not use it where it's needed. Makes you wonder where all this money is going. No wonder the population is getting smaller in this town, people get tired of the political run around and false promises and leave. Guess we will have to wait and see if our yards get repaired properly and when. Not holding our breath on this.

- Gregg Gorman

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**A LITTLE HISTORY OF THE PARK**

**By: Stan Jordan**

I'm going to write a column or so on the park, it's history, it's name and it's beauty.

Back in 1886 the mayor at that time appointed a couple of men to see about buying the grove for a city park.

The man who owned the "grove", as the people called it, because of the many big oak trees there, was Judge O.S. Latty and as I understand he owned all the land from what in now East Canal Street to the Maumee River. The mayor said it would make a fine city park.

As a boy I spent many hours there. The city installed some play ground equipment in the early 1930's, like some swings, some teeter totters, a May pole and a slipping slide. If you would sit on a waxed paper bread wrapper, you would go down the slide in a hurry.

There was already a band stand there. In the surveyor's plot of 1841 there was 2 lots laid out for a city square on each side of the canal on Maddison Street. That never became reality.

In some of my writings in the last few years I refer to the Riverside Park as the Veterans Memorial Park, that could be wrong, as I don't know if the park's name was ever changed. There is some checking going on about this question.

I would like to see the park's name changed to Veterans Memorial Park. Do it correctly and have it in the minutes of a council meeting.  
See ya!

**SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 35: THE BABIES ARRIVE**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Well, I'm finally writing for myself. Dr. Grooms, the post doctor, said I'm back to normal. In my episode with the bear, I did not have a concussion, just a bad blow to the head with that big bear paw. He said I am a very lucky man because those big bear claws could have torn my ears and face apart.

Now for some more of the happenings from the start. I was attacked by the bear last Monday night. I don't remember much of that. I

didn't move much until late on Thursday.

I just laid around pretty much until Friday morning. I spent all day Thursday with Callie and talked about that maybe she would have twins. Boy, what a change is coming to our house!

Here at the Fort, all the talk is about the babies - maybe two babies! Everyone thinks it will be soon, that includes Callie. She is ready and anxious to get it over.

Well, it happened, about 4:00 a.m. Saturday: Callie had a little boy, and then twelve minutes later, she had another baby boy. Yes, we had a pair of twins! We named the first one Ned and the second one Ted. Dr. Grooms was very happy as well as all of us.

He announced that Ned weighed 6 lbs 1 oz and was 20 inches long, Ted weighed 5 lbs 12 oz and was 20 inches long.

They were born on Saturday February 6, 1855. The doctor said he will take care of the record papers. The county records are kept here in the Fort in Nebraska territory.

This was Saturday, and on an army post, not much work was done today. I think every woman in the post came to see the twins, and brought some boy-type wearing apparel. This day was a whole lot more active than a Fourth of July! I think that Dr. Grooms got more credit than I did for this big occasion. But he did do a fine job for all of us.

Dr. Grooms wants Callie and the boys to stay in the post hospital until next Tuesday, then they will move to a couple rom on the second floor of the guest haus. That word "haus" reflects some of these folks' German heritage.

Well, things are settling down to a slow buzz now. Callie brought the twins down to the lobby of the hotel. And lots of the wives and mothers come and talk and drink coffee and tell about their own experiences of child birth, and the usual line of kindly advice as women have done for thousands of years.

Well, I haven't written for a few days. Late on Thursday a mid-winter blizzard blew in and we know winter is back. That has been almost a week now and each day that stiff wind changes and blows the snow drift in a different place. The only movement is the stage coach.

Dr. Grooms said he will not let Callie and the boys go back to the Indian Agency until it warms up about to about 20 degrees. Right now it is about 20 below zero!

The ladies sit in the hotel lobby and see the twins. The men sit and play euchre and ride the storm out.  
See ya!

**AUTO BY OTTO: 4**

**Memories**  
Although I just never did believe in ghosts, there was one time when I just about changed my mind. It happened when I was about 11 or 12 years old, just shortly after I became the owner of my first shot gun, we had had a heavy snow so naturally I went out to hunt rabbits. The only place where they had been out the night before was along the creek about a half mile west of our home where they stayed in holes along the creek bank, here the snow was just packed down with tracks, I went home empty handed. To en-

courage me, the folks advised me to go there at night when the moon was out and shoot them by moonlight. I recall that the moon was very bright that night as I ventured forth my moonlight hunting trip. It was cold and crisp as I walked along the creek. Owls were hooting in the woods about me when I arrived on my location. In my mind I had a picture of rabbits sitting and playing all around and all I would have to do was to shoot into the bunch and pick up all I could carry, but this was not to be the case. The was still as I stood on the bank of the creek, the stillness only broken by an occasional hoot of the owls - it seemed spooky - a sudden splash in the water in the creek made me jump, then a squeal. It made me shiver - but it was only muskrats playing and splashing in the water; I stood there, waiting for the rabbits to show up for perhaps a half hour, but none showed up. These other noises, coming out of a still night perhaps were intensified to my ears that I soon had all of the moonlight hunting I wanted and started for home. The shortest route home took me past an old house that had partly fallen down As I neared this old house I stopped suddenly, someone was pounding in the old house. I advanced perhaps fifty feet or more when the screaming and pounding became so terrific it just scared me out of my wits and run for home. In my hurry I failed to see a potato pit and muck about half way up the barrel. When I arrived home, some of our neighbors were there playing cards and as I stepped in the room they looked up and asked me what was the matter, that I looked white as a sheet. I told them of my experience and what I had heard. After a good laugh at my expense they told me there was no such thing as ghosts and that I was just scared. I cleaned out my gun and went to bed, the folks had not convinced me - I know what I had heard. I felt satisfied that if there were no ghosts, something dreatful had happened within the ruins of the old house that night - those bloodthirsty screams did not just come out from out of no where.

The following morning I had made up my mind, I would investigate. As soon as it was light enough I again shouldered my gun and started toward the old house. I came closer, my braveness began to leave me. Finally I reached the place where my track stopped from the night before. I thought I best to circle the place. In the fresh snow, no other tracks leading to or from the house were visible. I made another circle, this time about a hundred feet around the house, all the time I kept sharp look out at the house with my gun cocked and ready for action - everything was still - suddenly my eyes were attracted to a crimson spot in the snow a short distance from the house - blood. For a few moments I stood there. I then walked toward that crimson spot, gun ready for action - expecting anything - nothing happened. When I came to the spot the whole picture of the night before unfolded itself before me. Tracks of a large bird, an owl, remnants of a rabbit - this owl had chased the rabbit into the old house, the pounding heard the night before was

made by the rabbit and owl and the screaming I heard issued from the rabbit as the talons of the owl sank into its flesh, its dying screams, no doubt, were much intensified in my childish ears.

In later years I was glad I made this investigation, otherwise there would be something lingering in my mind that was unaccounted for.

We lived there about three years before moving along to the Nineville. We purchased an old horse for \$5.00, it had a misformed foot, by otherwise alright, also an old spring wagon of \$5.00 and an old harness for \$1.00. Horse-buggy and harness for \$11.00. We build a barn to hold two horses in and a cow out of some old timbers, in wintertime we would place corn fodder tied in bundles, around the outside to out some of the cold. We also build chicken coop and a smoke house. Later we also build a double corn crib.

Another things I can recall, celebrating Easter. It was the custom to see how many eggs we could eat on Easter - boiled eggs. I remember on Easter, I ate six eggs for breakfast and as us boys general did, we would hide out a couple eggs a day the week before Easter and then during the day two or three of us would get together and sneak out in the woods with our eggs and an old tin can, build a fire, dip up a can full of water, there was water most any place in the woods, and we would boil our eggs. I remember eating eight or more eggs, fourteen all together. Them were the good old days.

Our cabin out in the woods was two rooms, bedroom and combination, kitchen-dining room and living room. I was about 12 years old at that time. Before we moved in, I remember putting some 2x4 across the top of the frame for joice, and putting some rough timbers over them above the bedroom, to make a rough floor or ceiling, and using a straw tick filled with shredded corn husk, and several heavy comforters to cover up with, that was my bed and my bedroom.. I remember many times, before getting up in the morning of shaking the snow off the covers. I build my own modern stairway to my bedroom it was made of slats nailed to the studding, and three or four on the rafters, and I'd climb up like a ladder until the opening was large enough so I could slide into my bed, there was only about four feet of clear space in the center between the floor and the peak of the roof. I would

judge the cabin was about 14 X 24 feet and eight foot high, no chimney, the stove pipe went straight up through the roof about 2 feet from the foot of my bed, wonder I didn't catch on fire.

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ity, visitors will learn that we all enjoy fresh, clean water. We not only rely on clean water for nourishment, but also for recreational and other uses around the home. This demonstration helps introduce and enforce the many things we can all do to keep our waters clean.

In this activity, participants will receive a small baggie with some clear hair gel in it to simulate a clean lake. Next, a small amount of green glitter will be added to represent grass clippings that make their way to the lake. It is best to mulch grass clippings and leaves to enrich the soil. A small amount a tiny seed beads will be added to represent fertilizers which can run off the surface. Landowners want to be sure that they soil test to gauge their nutrient needs and add nutrients only if necessary. Pet waste will be next to enter the lake and is represented by a brown pony bead. It is always best to remember to pick up after your pets which will greatly help to keep contaminants out of our waterways.

By this time, the lake is getting rather polluted but there is more to be added! Soap and car chemicals also make their way into the lake represented by blue food coloring. When washing your car at home, be sure to wash it on the grass as this will help capture the soap and car fluids and prevent them from entering waterways. Next, sunshine will be added but how is this a problem? Sunshine is something that we all need but when the sun shines on the contaminants in the waterways, it can cause unhealthy things to grow, like harmful algal blooms. There is still one more thing to add! What might this last ingredient be? Come visit us on Tuesday and find out!

Also on Tuesday, we will have our Streamulator model available to learn about how streams work. The Streamulator model allows visitors to the power of moving water as streams meander and cut their way through the landscape. The effects of erosion and weathering are also visible with this model allowing visitors to see how erosion is a powerful force that changes the landscape on a contin-

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ual basis. Visitors with the stream table have the opportunity build a community with buildings, bridges, and trees in such a way that it would be safe from any flood or rain event if the stream overflowed its banks. The Streamulator allows visitors to get their hands dirty in the sand and water to investigate erosion, floodplains, and the workings of streams.

The focus for Wednesday, June 14th will be all about farm animals and wildlife. Activities for this day will include the opportunity to learn about black bears and their lifestyle. Did you know that black bears are active mainly to avoid people or other bears or that they can run up to 30 miles per hour? Come learn these facts and more with us! Visitors to our booth on Wednesday will be able to make their very own black bear craft using tissue paper and cutouts of eyes, ears, and mouth, to take with them as they make their journey through the fair.

Also on Wednesday, visitors will have the opportunity to learn all about the animals they are seeing at the fair by making their own foam cup farm animal. At the Paulding County Fair, children will see all kinds of animals such as ducks, geese, chickens, turkeys, goats, sheep, pigs, and cows so why not learn about those animals and make your very own?

Friday, June 16th will also be loaded with fun as visitors will have the opportunity to learn about composting using worms, water pollution, and enjoy a scavenger hunt through the Black Swamp Nature Center. Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District will have a live composting bin where red worms are actively producing compost from our food scraps. When we use worms to produce compost this is called vermiculture. The term vermiculture comes from "vermin" which is the Latin name for worms and then it is combined with composting to get vermiculture. Vermiculture is the art

of allowing worms to take organic material (fruits, vegetables, leaves, grass, etc.) and turn it into a nutrient rich natural fertilizer that we all can use in our home gardens. Come visit the worm bin and enjoy a worm relay activity and write a biography about one of the worms telling what your worm likes to eat, how long it is, what color it is, and give your worm a name!

Also on Friday, our booth will feature our Enviroscape model which will allow visitors to see the effects that non-point source pollution has on the environment. Nonpoint source pollution is where the source of pollution is unknown and could be coming from a wide variety of sources. The Enviroscape allows visitors to see the negative impacts this pollution has on our environment and water resources.

A scavenger hunt through the Black Swamp Nature Center will also be featured on Friday. Those who wish to take part in the scavenger hunt will need to meet at our booth in the Extension Hall. We will begin at 12:30pm and take approx. 30 minutes to complete the trek through the trails. Be sure to join the Paulding SWCD at the Paulding County Fair June 13th, 14th, and 16th to enjoy some great activities and see how our office helps to serve Paulding County, one person at a time!

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patrons will learn sign language.

All classes are taught by artist Gabbie Stahl, a senior at Paulding High School and will begin at 2:00 in the afternoon. Classes will be over by either 3:00 or 3:30. All supplies provided by Gabbie. Contact the library at 419-399-2032 for more information.

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## WOODLAN FFA LIVING TO SERVE



Allie Knepp, Indiana State FFA Officer Candidate

Allie Knepp, a recent graduate of Woodlan high school and a member of the Woodlan FFA chapter is running for an Indiana State FFA officer position for 2017-2018. Allie will go through a series of interviews over a three day period just before the start of the Indiana State FFA Convention. Allie will present her knowledge about the history of the FFA, knowledge about current FFA and agriculture topics at the local, state and national level, and display her leadership and presentation abilities in order to be slated as an Indiana State FFA Officer. Twenty-one other FFA members from other chapters around the state are also competing for one of the 7 State FFA Officer positions selected to serve on the upcoming Indiana FFA State Officer team. The slated, selected State Officers will be announced on Wednesday, June 21. Allie has worked diligently the past four years to position herself for this once in a lifetime opportunity of serving the FFA members of Indiana as a State FFA Officer. Allie has competed and participated in numerous FFA events at the chapter, state and national level and has accumulated numerous accolades.

Allie has served as a Chapter Officer, District Secretary and State Choir Vice-President. Allie is the daughter of Roland and Beth Knepp of Harlan, Indiana. Woodlan Jr.-Sr. High School along with the communities of Harlan, Woodburn and the East Allen County Schools wish for Allie's dream to become a reality and to join the other 14 past State FFA Officers from Woodlan who have received this honor.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER BIBLE FUNDRAISER AT ANTWERP UMC

The Antwerp United Methodist Church in conjunction with the First Presbyterian Church, Antwerp Community Church, and Riverside Christian Church will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Antwerp UMC annual VBS. The Spaghetti Dinner is set to take place on Sunday, June 25th at 12pm at the Antwerp UMC. This will be a full-service meal including spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert. The cost of this fabulous dinner is a Bible-will donation. The churches are collaborating to raise enough funds to give a bible to every child who attends this year's VBS in July.

For more information or to RSVP for this spectacular dinner, please contact Shelly Burns at 419-769-7317.

## ODNR REMINDS PEOPLE TO LEAVE WILDLIFE IN THE WILD

The spring season has arrived, offering many opportunities for Ohioans to help protect young wildlife. Each year, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) officials offer this simple advice: enjoy wildlife from a distance, and leave young animals alone. Wild animals are born to live their lives in the wild, and sometimes good intentions can hurt their chances of survival.

A young wild animal's best chance for survival is with its mother. Most wildlife taken in by people do not survive, except when handled by specially-trained personnel. In many cases, a young animal collected by a person was not lost or abandoned, but was simply waiting for a parent to return.

Many adult wild animals will leave their young alone while they forage for food or to divert the attention of predators away from their vulnerable young, especially during daylight hours. In the case of white-tailed deer, a doe will hide her young from predators by leaving it alone in a secluded spot, such as a grassy meadow or a flower

bed. A hidden fawn has virtually no scent, and when the fawn is left alone, it is difficult for predators to find. The doe is usually nearby and will tend to the fawn during the night.

Baby birds that have fallen from their nests are one of the most common wildlife species that are removed from the wild by humans. Contrary to popular belief, human scent will not prevent the parents from returning to care for their young. Individuals should return baby birds back to their nests and walk away so the parents can continue to feed the birds without fear of humans.

If individuals find a young animal that is visibly injured or clearly in severe distress and may need assistance, visit [wildohio.gov/staywild](http://wildohio.gov/staywild) before taking any action. Specific information for commonly encountered wildlife species is available to help guide people on how to best help the animal.

State and federal laws protect and regulate wildlife in Ohio, and only specially trained and licensed wildlife rehabilitators, with special permits issued by the ODNR Division of Wildlife, may

possess and care for native wild animals. These laws are in place for the benefit of humans as well as wild animals.

To further protect young and vulnerable wild animals, keep pets under control so they do not raid nests or injure wild animals. Also, remember to keep pets inoculated against parasites and diseases before venturing out this spring.

Always check for nests before cutting down trees or clearing brush. It is best to cut trees and clear brush in the autumn when nesting season is over. Teach children to respect wildlife and their habitat, observing wildlife from a distance.

Contact a local wildlife official before taking action. Call 800-WILDLIFE (800-945-3543) or visit [wildohio.gov/staywild](http://wildohio.gov/staywild) to connect with the proper individuals and to read about species-specific guidance. Human intervention is always a wild animal's last hope for survival, never its best hope.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at [ohiodnr.gov](http://ohiodnr.gov).

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# 2017 ANTWERP'S CLEVELAND STREET RIBFEST



The 2017 Antwerp Cleveland Street Ribfest took place this past weekend with people coming from around the area for the event. It came up quickly without much notice this year. Three Rib vendors were there along with the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and Fire Departments from both Antwerp and Hicksville serving food for the attendees. Drinks by the town churches for the community VBS and also the VFW in their pavilion. There was also bingo in the Fire Hall

with lots of prizes given away. Prior to Cleveland Street opening for ribs the 5k started and ended in the park with Sam Williamson coming in first overall.

It was a beautiful day for the downtown gathering. With no long waits, it was easy to get your food and get around without bumping in to people, and the weather was gorgeous for this event. Dustin Sensabaugh and Tom Derck along with the ACDC worked to make this possible.

## WAYNE TRACE JR/SR HIGH 4TH 9 WKS HONOR ROLL 2016-17

### MERIT HONOR ROLL 4.0 GPA

**7TH GRADE:** Malia Wittwer, Faith Meraz, Claudia Sinn, Kate Laukhuf, Christopher D'Ambrosia

**8TH GRADE:** Jacob Stouffer, Cara Davis

**9TH GRADE:** Andrew Sinn, Max Laukhuf, Miriam Sinn, Catherine Strable, Nathan Gerber

**10TH GRADE:** Julianne Roop, Alli Hefner, Sadie Sinn, Emily Williams, Ellie Stoller, Grant Baumle, Carissa Laukhuf, Madison Coyne

**11TH GRADE:** Kalin Gerber, Gracie Gudakunst, Joel Johnson, Sara Sinn, Megan Moore, Leah Maassel, Con-

nor Baumle, Lily Sinn

**12TH GRADE:** Sarah Dyson, Ethan Linder, Gabrielle Gudakunst, Brady Stabler  
**FIRST HONORS 3.999-3.67**

**7TH GRADE:** Cameron Stoller, Abbie Stoller, Carson Laukhuf, Rachel Stoller, Brayson Parrish, Therin Coyne, Brookelynn Lee, Christina Graham, Elijah Spinner, Alexander Kohart, Madison Farquhar, Haylee Finrock

**8TH GRADE:** Julie Sinn, Braelynn Spear, Natalie Schultz, Ryan Wenninger, Katie Stoller, Katrina Stoller

**9TH GRADE:** Sydney Coyne, Kelsey Guyton, Tyce Homier, Reid Miller, Nathan Wilhelm, Chloe Thompson, Breanna Huffine, Krista Markley, Alexis Gibson

**10TH GRADE:** Hannah Wilhelm, Clark Laukhuf, Derek Myers, Trae Sinn, Austin Reed, Kaylee Shepherd, Gracie Laukhuf, Wyatt Stabler, Evan Mohr, Aubree Sproles, Anne Eklund

**11TH GRADE:** Erica Mohr

**12TH GRADE:** Joseph Schmidt, Ethan Dunham, Noah Waggoner, Kacey Reinhardt, Brooke Lelonek, Seth Saylor, Danae Myers, Korene Shelton, Emil Stoller,

**SECOND HONORS 3.3-3.666**

**7TH GRADE:** Carly Blankenship, Morgan Hefner, Joel Reinhart, Jarrett Hornish, Nathan Sinn, Karlie Simindinger, Molli Shepherd, Jordan Williams, Cameron Sinn, Trevor Sinn, Tatum Tigner, Alexa Campbell, Jeremiah Molitor, Tianna Cooper

**8TH GRADE:** Isaiah Rittenhouse, Tiffany Sinn, Riley Stoller, Gabrielle Donis, Carlee Mead, Allison Dyson, Kara McDonald, Lauren Barnett, Maria Stoller, Chloe Parker, Natalie Bostelman, Wyatt Shelton, Samuel Rager, Joseph Munger

**9TH GRADE:** Morgahn Butler, Lily Baksa, Kylie Pfeiffer, Claire Sinn, Madeleine Laukhuf, Ashlynn Parrish

**10TH GRADE:** Matthew Stouffer, Reece Thompson, Rachel Ringler, Sara Edwards, Noah Hasch, Korbin Slade, Brooke Greulach, Olivia Klinker, Marilyn Brigner, Kaitlyn Doster, Josiah Linder

**11TH GRADE:** Alexandra Fast, Quinton Stabler, Adam Stoller, Aden Baker

**12TH GRADE:** Colin Doerr, Gage Pfeiffer, Evan Baughman, Blaine Jerome, Brooke Ramey, Lindsay Rivera, Madison Zartman, Jonathan Sinn, Natalie Kuhn, Koryn Hilkey, Monique Goings, Chandler Thompson

**THIRD HONORS 3.0-3.2999**

**7TH GRADE:** Brandy Miller, Kierstynn Baker, Anastasia Gonzales, Allen Minck, Ethan Noggle, Hunter Long, Alivia Miller, Brenna Moore, Tyler Sinn, Jacob Howell, Isaiah Pirani

**8TH GRADE:** Alena Denny, Gregory Lammers, Lydia Whitman, Gage Tinlin, Kaden Sutton, Serenity Gurtner

**9TH GRADE:** Nathaniel Showalter, Adaira Etzler, Amanda Wharry, Taylor

Long, Derek Enmark, Reed Zartman, Alex Reinhart, Gage Waltmire, Jacob Hull, Madison Elston, Zane Shaffer

**10TH GRADE:** Chloe Stabler, Olivia Egnor, Bryan Hofmann, Alec Dunham, Meagan Speice, Emily Dyson, Haleigh Stoller, Madalynn Varner, Daniel Ramey, Emma Pease, Noah Reel, Brant Heck, Jae'da Emans, Caden Beck, Ellie Moore, Braden Zuber, Kristen Rittenhouse, Alec Anderson, Nicholas Barnett, Hayden Williamson, Jaeden Jimenez

**11TH GRADE:** Jordan Saylor, Owen Brigner, Trisha Kuhn, Joshua Kuhn, Weston Strickler, Elias Sinn, Weston Sinn, Gabe Sinn, Brooke Sinn, Maggie Crosby, Timothy Shepherd

**12TH GRADE:** Seth Yenser, Brooke Long, Meg Crosby, Katerina Greutman, Jayden Sherry, Logan Kohart, Breia Eutsler

## PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 4TH 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2016-17

### SENIORS

**4.0:** Leona Aldred, Allison Arend, Brittany Brown, Christine Clapsaddle, Daleigh Davis, William Deisler, Robert Deitrick, Hannah Farr, Paige Fitzwater, Katlynn Fuller, Lauren Hill, Aaron Horstman, Emily Knodel, Skyler McCullough, Molly Meeker, Chantal Monnier, Bailey Pieper, Dayton Pracht, JoEllyn Salinas, Ashley Snipes, Cameron Strahley, Ben Stuck, Kourtney Thomas, Beth Yates

**3.5-3.99:** Michael Dangler, Kameron Echols, Devin Gee, Kaleb Goshia, Griffin Harder, Austin Hartman, Preston Ingol, Caylin Johanns, Preston Johanns, Taylor March, Ryan Nicelley, Jared Paschall, Simeon Shepherd, Sabrina Switzer, Faith Vogel, Brooke Weidenhamer

**3.0-3.49:** Hailey Dix, Tyric Harwell, Destiney Kittle, Karissa Lucas, Tyler Nichols, Tatem Stallard

### JUNIORS

**4.0:** Logan Bradford, Alexandra Brown, Jocelyn Camposano, Madison Good, Brianna Gorrell, Jacee Harwell, Shawn Jackson, Kalen Kelly, Audrey Manz, Brian Matson, Cade McGarvey, Emma McMaster, Marcus Miller, Elizabeth Mobley, Caitlyn Myers, Kaylee Plummer, Cassidy Posey, Gabriella Stahl, Hannah Vance, Hunter Vogel, Jordan Weidenhamer

**3.5-3.99:** Abigail Adams, Allison Ankeny, Isaac Baldwin, Ashley Bulka, Miah Coil, George Gibson, Diego Gonzalez, Stephanie Habern, Hallieann Hale, Kaylen Hale, Kaitlyn Harris, Michael Kohart, Courtney Kupfersmith, Colton Lloyd, Abbigaile McMichael, Madison Parrett, Daviah Pessefall, Stephanie Powell, Devon Smith, Ryan Woodring

**3.0-3.49:** Blake Anderson, Zachary Branham, Blake Bussing, Blake Dobbelaere, Jessica Logan, Ethan Rhonehouse, Gervin Solares, Isaiah Theobald

### SOPHOMORES

**4.0:** Lexie Beckman, Emma Horstman, Macy Iler, Tristan Kinder, Abigail Leaman, Heather Manz, Shana Manz, Jaret Miller, Mary Panico, Kristen Razo, Allison Reineck, Kalyn Strahley, Victoria Valle, Dylan Vogel, Jessica Weller

**3.5-3.99:** Mya Andrews, Asia Arellano, Garrett

## ANTWERP 6TH GRADE FITNESS CLUB 2017



This is the 5th year for Antwerp Fitness Club for 6th grade students. A meeting with the 6th grade students started in April. They met twice a week and played running games and taste tested food and learned about general fitness and nutrition. To end the time together, a 5K was ran on May 16, at the school. This ended the fitness club season this year. A light lunch was made possible through many generous donors in the community. Pictured are the 6th graders who participated in the Antwerp Fitness Club 5K this year.

Breining, Charles Clapsaddle, Fletcher Cook, Haylee Dominique, Katelyn Estle, Kamdyn Etzler, Sierra Halter, Katelyn Hartzell, Eugene Hemenway, Erin Karlstadt, Hunter Kesler, Courtney Luderma, Hailey McDaniel, Leah Nusbaum, Ty Plotts, Sydney Price, Joseph Reineck, Zoe Shepherd, Jennifer Stahl, Mallory Taylor, Megan Tope, Addison Wesley

**3.0-3.49:** Haley Apple, Liza Carpenter, Chad Carper, Jacob Eblin, Adrienne Hamm, Casey Holman, Ethan Letso, Bailey Manz, Ethan Matty, Westen Phlipot, Carson Shull, Chelsi Spears, Haleigh Stallbaum, Briana Townley

### FRESHMEN

**4.0:** Jacob Deisler, Julianna Fife, Zoe Kochel, Kaela Lucas, Sydney McCullough, Julia McMaster, Ivy Riggenbach, Savannah Shepherd, Katelyn Strayer, Kaylie Tressler, Jaden Verfaillie, Mackenzie Weible

**3.5-3.99:** Reagan Akom, Yasmine Castillo, Evan Edwards, Kolson Egnor, Megan Garrity, McCailey Johanns, Sidney Kohart, Colin Lilly, Cole Mabis, Claire McClure, Jordyn Merriman, Joel Schneider, Matthew Schroeder, Samantha Wagner

**3.0-3.49:** Darrick Bowersox, Owen Carnahan, Seth Dysinger, Hannah Eckhart, Maria Garcia, Shannon Hale, Robert Hobart, Montserrat Martinez, Bradley Moore, Jordan Mudel, Noah Pessefall, Jacob Rose, Alexandria Smith, Olivia Stallard

## OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4TH 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2016-17

**\*Denotes all A's 4th qtr.) (\*\*Honor Roll all year) (\*\*A's all Year)**

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**MISS MARCH 2A:** Autumn Caudill, Kiley Hum-  
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**MAC GYM SUMMER SEASON IN FULL SWING**

The floor has been shined, scoreboard lights repaired, concessions restocked and basketballs inflated. The MAC GYM is ready for the 2017 summer season. Forty-four teams will be present Monday through Friday each week, for the next six weeks, to work on improving their skills for the upcoming school season.

Monday night brings in a new record 14 junior high girls teams. This number of teams will be a challenge to get teams in and out and stay on time on a weeknight. Games will begin at 4:45 with the last game ending at 10:00 p.m. Distant traveling teams include Miller City and Delphos from Ohio and Bishop Dwenger and St. Jude from Fort Wayne. "It is always exciting for teams to play against opponents outside their normal school scheduling. To meet new players with the chance to play teams they may never play again is what makes summer league so fun," noted event coordinator Tim Copey. "With today's social media connections you interact and connect with new people with similar interests that at times lead to a great network of friends."

Tuesday night brings another record 14 varsity and junior varsity girls teams. The same schedule will again be followed on Tuesday nights with the same challenge of staying on time. Although the bulk of this league is from local schools, teams are still traveling in from Pioneer North Central in Ohio as well as Monroeville, Indiana Christian School in Auburn.

Wednesday night league is the one league that went backwards in participation. The usually solid eight team boys junior varsity league dropped down to four teams this season. The coaches

mutually agreed to play but on a shorter more limited schedule. "Tuesday night is normally classified as a basketball night in our area with the varsity boys league held at Wayne Trace every year. With ACME baseball also in full swing it is tough for basketball coaches to get multi-sport players two nights in a row. This is something that the MAC staff will need to evaluate and address for future summers" explained Copey.

Thursday night brings back 6th grade and under girls teams. This league disappeared for a couple years with lack of participation but this year there was enough excitement to generate six teams. All six of these teams are from a minimum 20 miles away from Antwerp with Fort Wayne St. Jude, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Leo and Lakewood Park Auburn from Indiana and Bryan and Tinora from Ohio. This league is a prime example of what the new four lane US 24 highway can do for small communities when promoted correctly.

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**ANTWERP JH BOYS BASEBALL FINISHES SEASON**



Bottom row L-R: Kaden Miller, Gaige McMichael, Landon Lee, Luke McDorman, Chase Clark, Zach Lockhart, Dusty Bidlack. Top Row l-r: Coach Krouse, Dylan Hines, Mason Steel, Jason Geyer, Austin Lichty, Luke Krouse, Hunter Sproles, Eric Thornell, Jordan Buerkle, Coach Lichty

Antwerp JH boys baseball finish the season with a 12-1 record and were unable to play several games due to the spring rain.

"This is a great group of kids. They play for one another, have great leadership, bring effort day in and day out, and that is what makes a great team. I am very excited

to see what the future holds for these fine young men," said Coach Brian Lichty.

Coach Mike Krouse said "We really enjoyed coaching these boys and they worked hard at practices. This group of boys will be fun to watch over the next few years with Antwerp Baseball."

**"MCCARTER, STINE WRAP UP SEASONS"**

BLOOMINGTON - The 44th Indiana High School Athletic Association girls state track meet was held at Indiana University in Bloomington on Saturday with a pair of locals wrapping up their 2017 seasons.

Woodlan junior Te'Shiya McCarter and Heritage sophomore Taryn Stine both took part in the girls 100 dash.

McCarter finished in 25th place for the Warriors, posting a time of 12.92 seconds.

Meanwhile, Stine crossed the line in 13.06 seconds to record a 27th place finish for the Patriots.

**AREA TRIO WRAPS UP TRACK SEASONS**

BLOOMINGTON - The Indiana High School Athletic Association held the 2017 state track and field meet last Friday with three area athletes wrapping up their respective seasons.

Leo senior Shannon Williams saw his season end with a 14th place finish in the 400 dash after posting a time of 50.06.

New Haven junior James Gardner participated in two events at the state meet.

Gardner took tenth place in the long jump after a leap of 22-1 on his second jump at state.

He also tied for 26th in the high jump after missing at 6-0.

Heritage junior Jeshua Foster posted a throw of 49-4-1/2 in the shot put to place 19th in the state.

**"ACES BEAT APACHES IN JUNIOR ACME"**

A Brandt Balsler walk off single in the bottom of the eighth gave Hicksville a 9-8 win over visiting Fairview in junior ACME action last Friday night at the home of the Aces.

Each team scored one run in the first inning before the Apaches picked up three runs in the top of the third for a 4-1 advantage.

After Hicksville answered with two runs in the bottom of the third, Fairview responded by plating three more runs in the top of the fourth to grab a 7-3 lead.

However, the Aces weren't done.

Hicksville got one in the bottom of the fourth before adding four more in the home half of the sixth to post an 8-7 advantage.

Fairview answered with a single run in the top of the seventh to knot the game at 8-8 but the Aces then won it with a run in the bottom of the eighth.

Jacob Miller got the win for the Aces, tossing the complete eight innings and striking out ten Apache batters.

Scott Keeran posted three singles and a run batted in while Brandt Balsler, Austin Gillespie and Gabe Bland each added a pair of singles. Jacob Miller, Chase Railing and Gary Thatcher all recorded a single as well.

Miller and Balsler drove in two runs apiece with Gillespie also picking up a RBI.

**USDA SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced that USDA is seeking applications for technical assistance and training grants in the Community Facilities program.

"Too often, rural community organizations lack the technical expertise they need to access federal dollars," Perdue said. "These technical assistance and training grants will help rural organizations overcome hurdles that prevent them from fully utilizing the Community Facilities Program. Increased access to federal funding will help build essential community facilities, and will allow rural areas to thrive."

The grants are being provided through the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

Program. Congress authorized this new program in the 2014 Farm Bill to help rural communities develop their applications for Community Facilities loans and grants.

Communities can use the grants to hire specialized personnel, pay for feasibility studies, retain consultants to prepare financial assistance applications and identify and plan for long-term community facilities needs.

Providing technical assistance will help more rural communities qualify for loans and grants. Many of them lack access to specialized personnel who complete financial and environmental analyses, for example. These analyses often must be included in applications for USDA loans and grants.

Public bodies, non-profit organizations and Federally-recognized Tribes are eligible to apply for this funding. The maximum grant is \$150,000.

Interested applicants may find more information about this program on page 23525 of the May 23, 2017, Federal Register.

Community Facilities programs help underserved rural communities develop essential community services, which in turn helps attract investments, create and retain jobs and businesses, and retain residents.

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.

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**THE WESTERN BUCKEYE ESC HIRES DIRECTOR FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL IN VAN WERT**

The Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, in the Paulding office. Board President Mr. Bill Poe welcomed board members and school personnel to the meeting.

Treasurer Kim Jones reviewed the current financial reports, investments, and the monthly expenditures with the board.

Superintendent Steve Arnold updated the board on many legislative issues, outlined some current upgrades in technology, and presented information about various personnel matters, including the recommendation to employee Anthony Langhals as the director of the newly-merged alternative school in Van Wert. Arnold also recommended that the new alternative school be named the Western Buckeye ESC Opportunity School, for which members agreed.

In the business portion of the meeting, the board approved the following items:

A. Motion to rehire Carol Williman for the position of Administrative Assistant with a one-year limited contract, effective August 1, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year.

B. Motion to rehire Susan Carr for the position of Paraprofessional with a one-year limited contract, effective August 1, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year. Salary as per salary schedule.

C. Motion to approve FY18-Service Contracts with Antwerp Local, Crestview Local, Lincolnview Local, Paulding Exempted Village, Thomas Edison Center, and Wayne Trace Local.

D. Motion to approve Temporary Summer 2017 Contracts for the 21st Century Grant Summer Program as presented.

E. Motion to approve reduction in force, Jeff Humason as the Curriculum Director at Lincolnview Local Schools, effective the end of

**HILL IS JANICE LIPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**



**Lauren Hill, Paulding High School graduate, was the recipient of the third annual Janice Lipp memorial scholarship. Miss Hill is planning to pursue an education in the field of veterinary care. Animal rescue and dogs were a passion of Mrs Lipp's and the family strongly felt she would approve of their selection. Presenting the award and a \$500 scholarship to Miss Hill is Janice Lipp's sister, Ann Miller.**

the 2016-2017 school year, per Board Policy No. 3131

F. Motion to approve Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children in the amount of \$190.00

G. Motion to approve NE-OLA Policies as presented.

H. Motion to approve one year limited contract to Candi Brimmer, as a one-on-one Paraprofessional at Wayne Trace, payable by time sheet for the 2017-2018 School Year.

I. Motion to approve Extended School Year (ESY) services to the following personal and contracted service providers:

1. Heather Matthews-ESY Summer PTA services at current hourly rate

2. Nichole Jefferson-ESY Summer OTA services at current hourly rate

3. Kate Wenninger-ESY Summer Speech services at current hourly rate

4. Julia McGrath -ESY Summer Speech services at current hourly rate

J. Motion to accept the resignation of Kathryn Long, Paraprofessional at Lincolnview at the end of the 2016-

2017 school year.

K. Motion to extend a two-year limited contract to Lindsay Breese, Intervention Specialist at Lincolnview, effective the 2017-2018 school year. Salary as per salary schedule.

L. Motion to extend a temporary/as needed one-year contract to Jerry Hessel, Tech Support effective August 1, 2017. Salary set by board.

M. Motion to approve additional days, payable by timesheet for Rod Dudgeon, School Psychologist, at current rate to complete 2016-2017 school year.

N. Motion to approve the job description and pay scale for the position of school psychology assistant as presented.

O. Motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Chris Baker as a school psychology assistant for Paulding EVS for the 2017-2018 school year.

P. Motion to approve a three-year administrative contract for Anthony Langhals as the Alternative School Director, beginning August 1, 2017, and to further authorize up to five additional days prior to August 1, 2017, at his per diem as detailed in the contract and payable by timesheet, for the purpose of transitioning the school to a new location and for the purpose of interviewing and recommending candidates for the positions with the Alternative School.

**USDA CELEBRATES NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH**

Acting Deputy Undersecretary for Rural Development Roger Glendenning today kicked off National Homeownership Month to celebrate the vital contribution homeowners have made to communities across rural America.

"Owning a home provides rural residents a secure environment where they can raise families, and it helps invigorate local rural economies that are vital to the long-term security and well-being of our nation," Glendenning said. "Homeownership fortifies communities, creates jobs and strengthens the local businesses that support our towns."

USDA provides mortgage loan guarantees through

partnerships with private-sector lenders to help low- to moderate-income rural homebuyers. In 2016 alone, USDA worked with nearly 1,500 lenders to help 116,000 rural individuals and families buy homes.

USDA has helped more than 4.1 million rural residents buy homes since the National Housing Act was passed 68 years ago.

Department of Agriculture employees will celebrate National Homeownership Month throughout June with events across the nation that demonstrate the Department's longstanding commitment to provide affordable housing opportunities for rural Americans. To learn more about USDA's observance of National Homeownership Month, please visit our Facebook page, follow @USDARD on Twitter, contact a USDA Rural Development State Office near you, or call (800) 670-6553.

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 healthcare; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).

**SECRETARY PERDUE STATEMENT ON ADMINISTRATION'S INTENT TO RENEGOTIATE NAFTA**

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue issued the following statement after U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer notified Congress that President Trump intends to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA):

"While NAFTA has been an overall positive for American agriculture, any trade deal can always be improved. As President Trump moves forward with renegotiating with Canada and Mexico, I am confident this will result in a better deal for our farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers. When the rules are fair and the playing field is level, U.S. agriculture will succeed and lead the world. It's why we recently announced the creation of an undersecretary for trade at USDA, because as world markets expand, we will be an unapologetic advocate for American agriculture. As I have often said, if our people continue to grow it, USDA will be there to sell it," said Secretary Perdue.

Background: Last week, Secretary Perdue announced the creation of an undersecretary for trade and foreign agricultural affairs in the USDA, a recognition of the ever-increasing importance of international trade to American agriculture. The new undersecretary will work hand in hand with Commerce and the USTR and help open up even more markets to American products.

Agricultural trade is critical for the U.S. farm sector and the American economy as a whole. U.S. agricultural and food exports account for 20 percent of the value of production, and every dollar of these exports creates another \$1.27 in business activity. Additionally, every \$1 billion in U.S. agricultural exports supports approximately 8,000 American jobs across the entire American economy. As

the global marketplace becomes even more competitive every day, the United States must position itself in the best way possible to retain its standing as a world leader.

**LATTA HELPS PASS LEGISLATION SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in passing several pieces of legislation supporting law enforcement and first responders as part of National Police Week. These bills honor the sacrifice of police officers and ensure they have the resources to do their jobs and keep the public safe.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to our police officers and first responders that make countless sacrifices to keep our communities safe," said Latta. "National Police Week is a time to remember the jobs these brave men and women do every day as part of the thin blue line. I voted to pass legislation that will protect our first responders, honor those that gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, and ensure they have the tools they need to do their job."

The bills approved by the House include:

H.R. 115 - The Thin Blue Line Act - This legislation adds murder of a state or local police officer as an aggravating factor for a jury to consider in deciding whether to impose the death penalty in federal capital cases.

H.R. 1039 - The Probation Officer Protection Act - Protects public safety by giving probation officers the authority, while performing their duties, to arrest a person if there is probable cause that the individual has forcibly assaulted or interfered with a probation officer in the performance of his or her duties.

H.R. 1892 - The Honoring Hometown Heroes Act - Permits Governors to order that flags be flown at half-staff in

the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty.

H.R. 1616 - Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act - Authorizes the National Computer Forensics Institute of the Department of Homeland Security; the institute will disseminate information to local and state law enforcement relations to the investigation and prevention of cyber and electronic crime.

H.R. 1428 - American Law Enforcement Heroes Act - Authorizes COPS grantees to use grant funds to hire veterans as career law enforcement officers.

**STATEMENT FROM AGRICULTURE SECRETARY SONNY PERDUE ON THE PROPOSED FY 2018 BUDGET**

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue issued the following statement on the proposed FY 2018 budget:

"President Trump promised he would realign government spending, attempt to eliminate duplication or redundancy, and see that all government agencies are efficiently delivering services to the taxpayers of America. And that's exactly what we are going to do at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"Having been the governor of Georgia from 2003 to 2011 - not during the best economic times - we did what it took to get the job done, just like the people involved in every aspect of American agriculture do every single day. While the President's budget fully funds nutrition programs, wildland fire suppression and food safety, and includes several new initiatives and increases for Rural Development, whatever form the final budget takes, it is my job as Secretary of Agriculture to manage and implement that plan, while still fulfilling the core mission of USDA," said Secretary Perdue.

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### ODNR DIVISION OF WILDLIFE YOUTH FISHING AREA OPENS FOR 2017

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area will be holding youth fishing days for anglers 15 years and younger every Friday, Saturday and Sunday beginning Friday, May 26, and continuing through Sunday, June 18, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area is located at 13229 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor 43449. Youth anglers can fish the pond surrounding the Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center, located about a mile from the entrance of the wildlife area. Fishing will be held every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All youth anglers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian but adults are not required to have a fishing license. Adults are not allowed to fish in the youth area, but may assist young anglers. Parking and restroom facilities are available at the Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center. Fishing poles are available to borrow, but anglers will need to provide their own bait.

Species that can be caught include channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill and crappie. The ODNR Division of Wildlife would like to encourage youth anglers to keep all legal fish caught in the pond, as the water will be drawn down this summer to allow for bridge replacements.

Questions can be directed to Magee Marsh Wildlife Area at 419-898-0960. To learn more about fishing opportunities or to view the current fishing regulations,

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### FREE FROG GIGGING WORKSHOP AT KILLDEER PLAINS WILDLIFE AREA

The public is invited to attend a free workshop on the basics of frog gigging June 16, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Topics to be covered by ODNR Division of Wildlife officials include equipment, techniques, regulations and a cleaning demonstration. At dusk, groups will enter the wetlands on the public wildlife area with ODNR Division of Wildlife staff to pursue frogs. Participants are encouraged to wear old clothes and shoes, and bring waders, hips boots, or a canoe or kayak to better access frogs in the wetlands.

The workshop will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area check station, located at 19100 County Highway 115, Harpster, OH 43323. Participants should plan to stay well after dark to participate in the field portion of the workshop.

Interested parties are reminded that anyone 16 years of age or older is required to have a valid fishing license to participate. Preregistration is required by June 14, as space is limited. Please contact Jarmon Beck at 419-429-8324 for more information and to register.

Visit the ODNR Division of Wildlife website at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov)

### OAKWOOD THIRD GRADERS PERFORM ON MEMORIAL DAY



Shown are 2 third graders after the performance with 2 sixth graders who performed TAPS. The third graders are Konnor Brauer and Logan Gerschütz in front and sixth graders Hannah Leaman and Lacie Shawver in the back.

The Oakwood Elementary third graders performed a wonderful program on Memorial Day to honor those who have or are currently

serving in our military and especially to remember those who gave their life in service for our country.

[wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) to learn more Ohio's fishing opportunities and local wildlife.

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### REP. RIEDEL ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF BILL TO HELP POLICE BETTER COMMUNICATE WITH DISABLED OHIOANS

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) announced passage of House Bill 115, which would establish a voluntary program to help facilitate effective communication between law enforcement and individuals with communication disabilities.

Under the legislation, sponsored by State Representatives Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) and Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster), an individual may voluntarily submit a verification form, signed by their physician, to the local Bureau of Motor Vehicles to be designated as an individual with a communication disability. This information is then made available to state and local law enforcement only through the

Law Enforcement Automated Data Systems, more commonly referred to as LEADS.

"I believe House Bill 115 is sound legislation that will assist our law enforcement," said Riedel. "This database is an additional tool to help them serve and protect our communities."

Ultimately, the legislation aims to be a positive, beneficial resource for the law enforcement community and people who suffer from communication disabilities such as autism, a hearing impairment and PTSD. By notifying officers that the driver may have difficulty speaking before they approach the vehicle, it allows them to put into action their training for how to best serve disabled individuals.

The bill allows Ohioans over the age of 18 to enroll in the system, as well as minors

who are enrolled by their parents or guardians. The database would also be a private, no-labels system that only officers have access to, providing privacy to those who choose to enroll.

House Bill 115 is a Buckeye Pathway bill aimed at strengthening Ohio families and communities. The legislation now goes to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.

### OHIO EPA ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF STATE-WIDE MOSQUITO CONTROL GRANTS

Ohio EPA Director Craig W. Butler and Ohio Department of Health Acting Director Lance Himes today announced nearly \$1 million in funding for community health departments and related public entities across the state for mosquito control grants. The funding will help mitigate the spread of mosquito-borne viruses such as Zika, West Nile and La Crosse Encephalitis.

"The Mosquito Control Grant program has been a major success," said Director Butler. "Tires are often a breeding ground for mosquitoes, and fortunately, we have developed an innovative way to put dollars to work to help prevent mosquito-borne illnesses."

Mosquito control grants will specifically target:

- mosquito surveillance;
- larval control;
- adult mosquito control, such as spraying where mosquito presence poses a risk to public health;
- community outreach;
- breeding source reduction, including trash or tire removal; and
- additional proposed activities.

Grants totaling \$976,600 are being issued in 35 counties and four cities and are available in collaboration and support with the Ohio Department of Health's larger effort to mitigate the potential for an outbreak of mosquito-borne viruses. Over the last two years, Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Health have awarded nearly \$3 million to local health de-

partments and communities for mosquito control programs.

View more details on mosquito control grants: [epa.ohio.gov/Portals/47/media/MosquitoControl/2017-2018FundingRecommendations.pdf](http://epa.ohio.gov/Portals/47/media/MosquitoControl/2017-2018FundingRecommendations.pdf).

### HITE PROPOSES NEW PROTECTIONS FOR FANTASY SPORTS FANS

State Senator Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) introduced legislation today affirming the rights of the millions of fantasy sports enthusiasts in Ohio and implementing sensible protections to ensure safety and transparency for consumers.

Drafted in coordination with the Ohio Attorney General's office, the Casino Control Commission, leaders in the gaming industry as well as fantasy sports enthusiasts, the proposed legislation updates state laws clarifying the legality of fantasy sports and e-sports.

"Ohioans love sports," said Hite. "We should protect their continued enjoyment of these games. At the same time, we must create thoughtful standards for the industry to protect consumers and ensure transparency."

The bill also puts important consumer protections in place, establishing a clear set of regulations fantasy sports companies must follow to operate within the state. If adopted, Ohio would join ten other states that have already adopted such legislation.

"This bill establishes state-level consumer protections for the growing number of Ohioans participating in these contests, allowing Ohioans to continue to do so," added Hite.

Senate Bill 153 affirms the legality of fantasy sports in Ohio. Reflecting federal guidelines adopted under the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006, the bill is aimed at addressing concerns about whether the contests are permitted under existing state law.

The legislation will now be referred to a Senate standing committee for further consideration.

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### OHIO LOCATIONS

- Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, The Rootbeer Stand, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway
- Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart
- Cecil:** Maramart, Vagabond
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste
- Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, Utilities Office, Napa
- Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
- Hicksville:** 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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## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

## By: Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

**Jean M. Dunakin**, Cecil, OH; Stop sign; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant appeared without counsel; Pled no contest; Pay or collections 5/26/17

**Jean M. Dunakin**, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant appeared; Pled no contest

**Jean M. Dunakin**, Cecil, OH; Pass bad check; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; \$50 fine suspended if making regular payments; Warrant and warrant block recalled; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Jean M. Dunakin**, Cecil, OH; Pass bad check; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall pay restitution in the amount of \$54.34 to the victim through the clerks of office; Shall maintain general good behavior; Warrant and warrant block recalled; \$50 fine suspended if making payment

**Rebecca L. Verfaillie**, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Vincent M. Sallee**, Niles, MI; Fail control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Natasha R. Grimes**, Defiance, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Darian L. Bauer**, Payne, OH; Furnish underage; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state with prejudice; Costs waived

**Rhea J. Fritz**, Paulding, OH; Burglary, OH; Preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Bond continued

**Rhea J. Fritz**, Paulding, OH; Criminal trespass; Preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

**Rhea J. Fritz**, Paulding, OH; Possession drug; Preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over; \$25,000 bond; No 10% cash or surety; No contact with victim

**Lamont Tall Jr.**, 12 point susp; Dismiss; Case dismissed

**Marcus Moser**, Defiance, OH; O.V.I./under inf; Dismiss; Defendant appeared with counsel; Case dismissed

**Marcus Moser**, Defiance, OH; Fail control; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant appeared with counsel; Pled no contest; Scram can be removed today; Repay \$175.00; Pay or collection 2/23/18; \$50.00 payments 6/30/17

**Steven M. Girlie**, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**James Bussing**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Theresa L. Stamper**, Van Wert, OH; F.R.A. susp; Pled no cont., found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility not provided; Pay all fines and costs by 11/17/17 or will be sent to collections

**Theresa L. Stamper**, Van Wert, OH; Child restraint; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 11/17/17 or will be sent to collections

**Logan P. Wannemacher**, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case was waived by defendant

**Ayla Noelle Crutchfield**, Montpelier, OH; Theft; Dismiss; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

**Kenneth C. Papenfus**, Fostoria, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Ashley N. Goeltzenleuchter**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Nichola A. Rasey**, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Douglas F. Baxter**, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Joy B. Mohley**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Estella A. Moreno**, Defiance, OH; Animals at larg; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Donna L. Bond**, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Warrant and warrant block recalled; Shall maintain general good behavior

## KIWANIS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County inducted four new members to the club on Thursday, June 1, 2017. Kiwanis member, Judge Tiffany Beckman presided over the induction. Pictured from left, Judge Beckman; Benjamin Fields, Manager of First Financial Bank in Paulding; Taryn Stiltner, Director of United Way of Paulding County; Larin Hodgkin, owner and restorer of the old Masonic Lodge in downtown Paulding; and, Michael Wehrkamp, Paulding County Juvenile Judge. To find out how to become a Kiwanis member, ask these new members or any Kiwanian.

eral good behavior

**Donna L. Bond**, Paulding, OH; Fail reg. dog; Pled no cont., found guilty; \$100 of the fine on Count B suspended if the defendant shows proof of registration by 6/2/17; Pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Jerel A. Tousley**, Oakwood, OH; F.R.A. susp.; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/25/18 or will be sent to collections. Defendant shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 6/30/17; Defendant must pay the first \$25 driving packet fee and the court will waive additional application fees

**Jerel A. Tousley**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 5/25/17 or will be sent to collections

**Kayla R. Robinson**, Brownsburg, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Matthew D. Carpenter**, Mendon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Adam J. Stouogh**, Fayette, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Cindel L. Fenter**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Michael R. Kozlowski**, Monclova, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Edmond H. Somi**, Peoria, AZ; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Lawrence I. Wheeler II**, Lima, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Sara M. Wobler**, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Robert A. Bidlack**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Samuel K. Weingartner**, Auburn, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Joaquin Emilio Garcia Bilbao**, Findlay, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 6/2/17 or will be sent to collections

**Ruth A. Whitten**, Willshire, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Timothy S. Saylor**, Dayton, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Joseph E. Den Herder**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Donald R. Helton**, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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**Nathan P. Culler**, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Randy G. Dix**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

## ODOT RELEASES WORK SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2017

The following is work scheduled to occur on state highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert counties:

**Defiance**  
U.S. 24 westbound at Baltimore Street, Defiance, will be restricted to one lane through the work zone beginning June 12 through early September for repair of the roadside slope. Work is being performed by Miller Brothers, Archbold.

State Route 66 between Bowman and Watson roads, south of Defiance, will close June 5 for approximately three months for a bridge deck replacement. Traffic detoured onto state Route 613, state Route 634, state Route 15 and Carter Road back to state Route 66. Work is being performed by Vernon Nagel Inc., Napoleon (See map).

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 (see map).

The following locations will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair. Work is being performed by the ODOT Defiance County maintenance garage.

State Route 18 from the Indiana state line to Hicksville State Route 2 from the Indiana state line to Hicksville.

**Paulding**  
Ohio 637 in the village of Grover Hill will close June 5 for three months for road reconstruction. Traffic detoured onto U.S. 224, U.S. 127 and state Route 613 back to state Route 637. Work is being performed by Brenneman Excavating Inc. for the village of Grover Hill (see map).

Culvert replacement  
State Route 114 just east of state Route 66, Mandale,

which was planned to close May 24 for three days for a culvert replacement has been delayed due to flooding.

**Putnam**  
State Route 65 between Road T-D and C-5, north of Leipsic, closed May 30 for approximately four days for a culvert replacement. Traffic detoured onto state Route 613, state Route 109 and state Route 18 back to state Route 65. Work is being performed by the ODOT Putnam County maintenance garage (see map).

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

State Route 12 between state Route 115 and the Hancock County line

State Route 696 between the Allen County line and state Route 12

U.S. 224 between the Van Wert County line and the Hancock County line

U.S. 224 from U.S. 127 to the Putnam County line will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for removal of pavement reflectors in preparation for tarring and chipping of the roadway. Work is being performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

**Van Wert**  
State Route 637 closure between Feasby Wisener Road and Elm Sugar Grove Church Road has been delayed indefinitely due to flooding and will be rescheduled.

U.S. 30 from just east of township Road 127 to just east of county Road 185 restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement and joint repair and drainage

improvements. Work is being performed by Shelly Company, Findlay.

## STATEMENT OF AGRICULTURE SECRETARY SONNY PERDUE ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PARIS ACCORD ANNOUNCEMENT

"President Trump promised that he would put America first and he has rightly determined that the Paris accord was not in the best interests of the United States. In addition to costing our economy trillions of dollars and millions of jobs, the accord also represented a willful and voluntary ceding of our national sovereignty. The agreement would have had negligible impact on world temperatures, especially since other countries were not being held to the same stringent standards as the United States.

"The Earth's climate has been changing since the planet was formed - on this there is no disagreement. At USDA, we rely on sound science and we remain firmly committed to digging ever deeper into research to develop better methods of agricultural production in that changing climate. Floods, droughts, and natural disasters are a fact of life for farmers, ranchers, and foresters. They have persevered in the past, and they will adapt in the future - with the assistance of the scientists and experts at USDA. To be effective, our research and programs need to be focused on finding solutions and providing state-of-the-art technologies to improve management decisions on farm and on forest lands."

## PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY, June 10, 2017 - 9:30am

GUNS~ANTIQUES~TRACTOR~LAWNMOWERS  
CAMPER~PONTOON BOAT~TOOLS

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LOCATION: 8915 Lake Rd, Hicksville, Ohio

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: oak rocker; 2ft. ceramic piggy bank; 1847 Rogers Bros. (Adoration) silverplate flatware set; old decorative clothes hamper; oak pictures & frames; small rocking chair; 6 modern legal size metal file cabinets; Magnavox TV/VHS cassette player; matching 3pc. BR suit w/ full size bed; humidifier; full size bed; GE 13" TV w/ remote; chest of drawers; book shelves; books; 4 oak bar stools; Brunswick 8ft. pool table & equip.; ping pong table; knock down wardrobe

FURNITURE: several stuffed recliners; grandfather clock; floor, desk & table lamps; sofa; hide-a-bed sofa; wooden end tables; 2 twin beds; Wurilizer piano & bench; Formica DR table w/ 4 chairs; 2-drawer & 4-drawer legal size metal file cabinets; Magnavox TV/VHS cassette player; matching 3pc. BR suit w/ full size bed; humidifier; full size bed; GE 13" TV w/ remote; chest of drawers; book shelves; books; 4 oak bar stools; Brunswick 8ft. pool table & equip.; ping pong table; knock down wardrobe

GUNS: Benjamin Sheridan Pump Model 397 PA. .177 cal. Pellet gun w/ scope; Pump Model 397 PA. .177 cal. Pellet gun; H&R Tamer 20ga. single shot shotgun (ILION, NY #CAL45174); Bavska 25-125X88 spotting scope w/ tripod & case; J Stevens Arms .22 cal. crack shot 4-22-13; Favorite 25- Stevens I model 1915 rifle; J Stevens "Marksmen" 22 long rifle P326; J Stevens 22 long rifle crack shot 26; Davey Crickett "My First Rifle" K.S.A.LLC 09-25-13 Milton, PA; Russian Izhmash 410 semi-automatic shot gun w/ laser; Parker Bros. Made in 1880 Parker Bros. 10 ga. Double Barrel shot gun w/ 32in. barrels & orig. metal butt plate Ser.# 18587; Remington Model 700 22-250 w/ 4-12X Red Field scope Bolt Action; BRNO .30-60 cal. rifle w/ P-98 Mauser bolt action receiver; Remington Model 597 22 long rifle semi-automatic w/ Bushnell camo.; Mossberg 20ga. pump shotgun; Marlin Glenfield Model 60 22cal. LR semi-automatic

MISC: exercise bike; Minolta 700 35mm camera & flash; 39 collector spoons; Electric Big scale train set; thermos; pillows, blankets & bedding; clocks; radios; games, puzzles; fans; 12 vol. set of Best Love books (Huck Finn, Robinson Crusoe, Little Women etc.); misc. older books; NEW Ultrawheel roller blades Sz. 8; Plant/flower holder; towels & wash clothes; snack sets; misc. china; baskets; Dell computer; HP printer/scanner/copier; kitchen utensils; everyday china; canister set; Tupperware; granite ware; canister type vacuum cleaner; wooden rocking horse; child rocking chair; Sterilizer fire safe 16x16x27; box traps; gas grill; ceramic kiln; Power Body gym set; Huffly 10-speed bike; cast iron wood stove; 6-person pole camping tent; Gulbransen (Equinox 380) music computer

APPLIANCES: Panasonic microwaving; coffee maker; sm. elec. kitchen appliances; lots of Pyrex; pie plates; cookie sheets; cake plates; cast iron skillet; stainless steel pots & pans; Whirlpool washer & dryer; Frigidaire chest freezer; Westinghouse flat screen TV; elec. Master Forge meat smoker

LAWN & GARDEN: Toro/Wheelhorse 416-H garden tractor w/ 42" cut; Wheelhorse lawn rake; wheel barrel; utensils; Craftsman 6hp-22" gas weed trimmer; Stiga HST Maggior Park 36" cut mower; John Deere EZ Trak 425 22hp Zero Turn mower w/ 14hrs. (bought \$8,000 new)

TOOLS: snow shovels; rakes; hoses; adze; pitch forks; portable air tank; saw horses; post hole diggers; extension cords; Black Max air compressor; Guardian 17,500 watt gas generator w/ electric start w/ Generac engine; Skil benchtop band saw; 2.45 watt solar power kits; Ryobi 16" variable speed scroll saw; Remington electric pole chain saw; Craftsman wire feed welder on wheels; Craftsman 2000 PSI pressure washer; lots of hand tools & organizers; bench vice on stand; Hobart Stickmate LX welder 235/160 amp; Royal Western Chief Forge (Canedy Otto Mfg. Co.);

FISHING: fishing baskets; rods & reels; cane poles; tackle boxes w/ no lures; bait box; ice auger; Mercury 4 hp outboard motor; Nissan 3.5hp outboard motor OE0954

HORSES: saddles & horse collar; halters; ropes; leads; cinches; bridles; bits

TRACTOR: International Farmall model 140 w/ woods belly mower, PTO, good rubber, excellent condition

MOTOR BIKES: 2006 Kawasaki 250cc dirt bike w/ 920mi.; Honda Shadow street bike w/ 4004mi.  
CAMPER: 2005 Eagle by Jayco 26ft. camper w/ pop out and awning Model #OE0954  
BOATS: 20' Riviera Cruiser pontoon boat & trailer w/ Nissan 25hp outboard motor; 1959 totally restored 14' "The Thunder Bay" wooden covered boat w/ fiberglass hull, 35 HP Johnson "SeaHorse" outboard motor & trailer.  
TERMS: Cash or Check w/ ID  
AUCTIONEERS & RINGMEN: Bruce Guilford, Steve Zuber, Kevin Anspach, Ray Yoder

OWNERS: Harold & Maureen Gerig Estate - Joyce Wagner, Executrix

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18401 HURSH TOWN RD. - 3.67 acres & surrounded by farm fields, cream puff Ranch w/ full finished bsmt.!! Built in 2001 by Vern Steury. 3 BRs, 3 full BAs, spacious 3 car garage. Kit. w/ granite counter tops, stone backsplash, gorgeous oak cabinetry. FR has fireplace w/ pass through to the kitchen & DR. Trek Deck. Master BR has dbl. trey ceiling & master BA w/ jetted tub, dbl. vanity, walk-in closet. Huge finished bsmt. has FR w/ gas log fireplace, daylight windows, additional storage room, full BA & plumbing for a kitchen. Lots of closets. Home is heated w/ Gas Forced Air furnace & has Central Air. 200 amp elec. service.

18311 HURSH TOWN RD. - 4.22 acres. Large 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA 2-story w/ over 3000 sf of living space. Built in 2002 by Vern Steury. Full bsmt. w/ over 2000 sf & 3 car garage. Open spacious floor plan. Large kit. w/ center island, ceramic floors, oak Grabbill cabinetry. Eat-in area w/ patio door. Tiered Trek deck, above ground pool. Utility rm. + pantry area & 1/2 BA. Huge Great Rm w/ tall ceilings, gas fireplace, wood flooring. Master BR w/ dbl. trey ceiling, wiring for additional lighting, spacious walk-in closet. Master BA w/ dbl. vanity, walk-in shower, jetted tub. Handicap accessible BA on main level + 1 BR. Upstairs has landing, 2 BRs & full BA. Bsmt. unfinished w/ plumbing done for bath & lift station. Daylight windows w/ 1 room window for ingress / egress.



### SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,  
PAULDING COUNTY:

HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE  
ON BEHALF OF ACE SECURITIES CORP.  
HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST AND FOR  
THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ACE  
SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY  
LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-ASAP4,  
ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH  
CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,

vs.  
YVETTE S. MEINE, ET AL.,  
Defendants,

Case No. CI 17 015.  
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 22nd day  
of June, 2017 at 10:00, the real estate lo-  
cated at:

423 South Laura Street,  
Payne, Ohio 45880

Parcel Number: 04-245-035-00

Purchasers are advised they have no  
legal right to access this property until the  
A full legal description of this property is on  
record at the Paulding County Engineer's  
Office located in the basement of the Court-  
house.

Said premises appraised at Thirty-three  
Thousand and No/100 (\$33,000.00) Dollars  
and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds  
of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on  
the above date, a second sale will be held  
on the 6th day of July, 2017 at 10:00. On this  
date, there will be no minimum bid.

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

The appraisal of this property was com-  
pleted without an interior inspection. Nei-  
ther the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers  
are responsible for the condition of the prop-  
erty at the time the purchaser takes posses-  
sion. Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the  
Paulding County Recorder's Office.

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
www.pauldingohsheriff.com  
Angela D. Kirk, Attorney for Plaintiff

### SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681  
Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO,  
PAULDING COUNTY:

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST  
COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.  
JACOB D. REUILLE, ET AL.,  
Defendants,

Case No. CI 16 186.

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 22nd day of June, 2017 at 10:05, the  
real estate located at:

100 and 102 West Perry Street,  
Grover Hill, Ohio 45849

Parcel Number: 26-07S-025-00; 26-  
07S-025-01; and, 26-07S-024-00

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Angela D. Kirk, Attorney for Plaintiff

## WOLFRUM TO RUN FOR OHIO'S FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Van Wert County Commissioner Todd Wolfrum announced today he is running for Ohio's Fifth Congressional District seat in the United States Congress. Wolfrum will be running in the May, 2018 Republican Primary.

Wolfrum is a practicing attorney in Van Wert and is serving his second term as commissioner. He won the Republican primary in the spring of 2016 and was unopposed in the fall general election. He cites the failure of Republicans in Washington to represent the conservatives who sent them there as the impetus for his candidacy.

"I believe that conservatives in Northwest Ohio and around the country have been largely betrayed by the Republicans we have sent to Washington," Wolfrum said. "Even when Republicans have a distinct majority, they never pursue the agenda they promise."

Wolfrum has written a weekly column for a local newspaper for eight years.

He has compiled these and other writings in a book titled "The Conservative Story" which will be available this month.

"The book is basically about how to deal with the establishment and get back to the country's roots in the Constitution," he notes. "The best way to drain the swamp is to unseat Republicans who are not pursuing the goals of limited government, a balanced budget and states' rights in Congress. Our district's current representative has been in office long enough to draw a pension, but it would be difficult to find an instance where he has made a meaningful effort at these or any other conservative objectives."

As a county commissioner, Wolfrum has led new economic development efforts to confront the changing problems facing Northwest Ohio and much of the country's rural areas, where the problem has become finding qualified employees and retaining young people. Some of these efforts he discusses in "The Conservative Story."

Wolfrum is a graduate of Lincolnview High School, Bluffton College (now Bluffton University) and the University of Toledo College of Law. He is a business owner and resides with his wife and sons in Van Wert County.

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in from Lake Erie. The fishermen explained they had also been out fishing earlier in the day, but had not caught any fish, and had returned in the afternoon and caught their limit of four walleye per person. They stated that they had also caught a total of eight walleye the day before. The officers were suspicious of this explanation, since most anglers they spoke with that day had caught their limit that morning. The officers asked to see the fish that had been caught the day before. The fishermen said the fish were at their hotel in the refrigerator, but when officers arrived, they did not find any fish. The anglers advised that the hotel room must have been broken into and the fish stolen. After further investigation, the officers were able to locate the fish, which had been hidden, along with additional fish the anglers had not previously mentioned. The suspects were each issued a summons for keeping four walleye over the daily bag limit. Each paid a \$458 in fines and court costs and had their fishing license revoked for one year.

Late one April night, State Wildlife Officer Reid VanCleve, assigned to Ottawa County, and State Wildlife Officer Mike Ohlrich, assigned to Lucas County, checked a boat coming in from Lake Erie with three out-of-state fishermen on board. At that time, they had 10 walleye on the boat, and appeared to be under the legal limit of 12. However, the officers had information that these fishermen had already caught a limit of walleye earlier in the day. After further investigation, the fish were surrendered as evidence and the suspects were ordered

to appear in Ottawa County Municipal Court. Each fisherman was found guilty and ordered to pay \$150 in fines and forfeited their fishing license for one year.

### Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Nick Turner, assigned to Harrison County, received information that a hunter had killed a buck after legal shooting hours and was not going to check it in. Further investigation by Officer Turner revealed that the suspect and his wife had already killed their bag limit of two deer in Harrison County. After speaking with the suspect at his residence, the officer learned that the man had killed all of the deer and had his wife check two of them in. In addition, the man acknowledged that he had shot a six-point buck and was not going to check it in. The man was issued two summonses for failing to tag a deer, two summonses for taking more than his yearly bag limit of deer in Harrison County, and one summons for possession of untagged deer parts. The man appeared in Harrison County Court, was found guilty and paid \$790 in fines and court costs.

While on patrol during the deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, and State Wildlife Officer Eric Moore, assigned to Medina County, observed an individual wearing orange clothing who was hunting from a tree stand. Before speaking with the individual, Officer Brown checked the hunter's deer harvest information. Officer Brown discovered that the man had already harvested two deer

## THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

this season; one was checked in as a landowner harvest and the other was checked in with a deer permit. In addition, the individual had only purchased one deer permit which he had already used. The officers contacted the man as he returned to his vehicle and asked to see his hunting license and deer permit. Officer Brown compared the permit number with the one the man had used to check in the previous deer and determined that they were identical. The man was not hunting with a valid permit. The man was issued a summons, appeared in Wayne County Municipal Court, was found guilty and paid \$140 fines and court costs.

### Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

While reviewing deer harvest information from the 2016-17 deer season, State Wildlife Officer Wes Feldner, assigned to Monroe County, noticed that an individual had reported harvesting two bucks during the season. Officer Feldner gathered the information on the suspect and forwarded it to State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County. Officer Brown interviewed the suspect about the possible violations. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect had committed several deer violations during the season. After presenting the case to the Monroe County Prosecutor, the suspect was issued five summonses for the violations. The case is currently pending in the Monroe County Court. While on patrol, State Wildlife Officer Roy Rucker assigned to Gallia County, observed a group duck hunting near the end of legal shooting hours. After setting up and watching the group, Officer Rucker observed the hunters continue to shoot at birds until it was too dark for him to see the group, nearly

45 minutes after legal shooting hours. Officer Rucker made contact with the group of hunters as they returned in a small boat. All three individuals were cited for hunting ducks past sunset and each paid \$145 in fines and court costs in the Gallipolis Municipal Court.

### Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

Last May, state wildlife officers and investigations worked multiple law enforcement projects to locate, and take into custody, multiple individuals who had outstanding bench warrants issued out of the Hillsboro Municipal Court in Highland County. Investigators determined the locations of the wanted individuals and coordinated the physical arrests of wanted persons with uniformed State Wildlife Officers. One particular case involved two individuals who were wanted out of Highland and Pike counties on ginseng-related charges. The coordinated law enforcement efforts throughout the month resulted in thousands of dollars in fines and court costs being collected and many individuals were held accountable to the court for their violations of Ohio wildlife laws.

## CUFFS & COLLARS: FIELD REPORTS FROM ODNR DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

### Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

This spring, State Wildlife Officer Josh Shields, assigned to Union County, received a call from the Logan County Sheriff's Office about a man in the Valley Hi area asking landowners about coyote hunting. A resident of the area reported that the man was telling landowners that the Logan County Sheriff's Office gave him permission to hunt coyotes in the area. Officer Shields spoke with the alleged hunter and found that he was unfamiliar with the simple basics of hunting and had never purchased a hunting or fishing license in the State of Ohio. Further investigation revealed the man also had several warrants for his arrest. Officer Shields was able to confirm the location of the man and asked that a Logan County Deputy respond to the residence. The man was later arrested by a Deputy for

his outstanding warrants.

This spring, State Wildlife Officer Matt Teders, assigned to Madison County, was on patrol along Griggs Reservoir in Franklin County. When asked to present a fishing license, an individual stated his license was in his vehicle. Officer Teders escorted the individual back to his vehicle. While in the parking lot, the individual stated that he did not have a fishing license. Officer Teders contacted dispatch to verify the man's information and was advised that the individual had a felony arrest warrant. Columbus Police were contacted and the man was placed under arrest and transported to the Franklin County Jail on the arrest warrant.

### Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In April 2017, State Wildlife Officer Patrick Muldovan, assigned to Licking County, and State Wildlife Officer Nathan Kaufmann, assigned to Huron County, were checking walleye anglers in Ottawa County when they contacted three out-of-state fishermen who were just coming back

## NOTICE

Paulding County Commissioners to Hear Annexation Request  
**The hearing has been rescheduled for June 12, 2017 at 10:00am**  
with the Paulding County Commissioners on the proposed annexation of 2.755 acres along the west end of property currently occupied by Vancrest of Payne located on State Route 49, Payne, Ohio.

## TAX REDUCTION ON DAMAGED BUILDINGS

Due to the recent storm, Claudia J. Fickel, Paulding County Auditor, would like to remind all property owners that they may file a D.T.E. Form 26 "Application for Valuation Deduction for Destroyed or Damaged Real Property" and/or D.T.E. Form 49 "Application for Tax Refund or Waiver for Destroyed or Damaged Manufactured Homes".

To receive this reduction in valuation, the property owner must file the D.T.E. Form 26 and/or D.T.E. Form 49 in the County Auditor's Office. You may pick up a form in the Auditor's Office at 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio, Monday-Friday 8-4:30, visit the website at <http://www.pauldingcountyauditor.com> (Forms-Applications-D.T.E. 26 and/or D.T.E. 49) or call the office at 419-399-8205 to receive a form by mail.

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**OHIOANS FOR CONCEALED CARRY ENDORSES JON HUSTED FOR OHIO GOVERNOR**

During an event in Lebanon, Ohio, Ohioans for Concealed Carry (OFCC) announced their endorsement of Jon Husted for Governor. Husted is seeking the 2018 Republican Nomination for Governor of Ohio.

"If you care about your 2nd Amendment Rights, there is no question that Jon Husted is the only candidate deserving your vote for Governor in 2018," said OFCC Board Member Kim Campbell. "Jon Husted is the only candidate we can trust to never turn his back on our constitutional rights, which is why we need him in the Governor's Office."

OFCC was founded in 1999 as a grassroots organization with the primary goal of seeing concealed carry legislation passed in Ohio. That goal was accomplished, in large part, due to Jon Husted's efforts. The organization continues to advocate for the rights of all Ohio gun owners.

"I want all Ohioans to know that in receiving this endorsement, I understand, respect and will always defend their constitutional rights," stated Secretary Husted. "My campaign for governor provides freedom-loving Ohioans confidence that they will have someone in the Governor's Office who will stick with them, not some of the time, not most of the time, but all of the time."

In 2006, Husted led the passage of legislation to create a statewide standard for lawfully carrying a concealed firearm. The bill, House Bill 347, received overwhelming praise from 2nd Amendment supporters. The governor ultimately vetoed the bill and then-Speaker Husted spearheaded the successful effort to overturn that veto.

The veto override of House Bill 347 is still the most recent example of a bill becoming law in Ohio, despite a gubernatorial veto.

In addition to today's endorsement by OFCC, Jon Husted is an A+ rated candidate with the National Rifle Association and has never held below an A rating with the prominent 2nd Amendment group.

There are now three organizations who have endorsed in the 2018 Republican Gubernatorial Primary, all of whom are backing Jon Husted, including Ohioans for Concealed Carry, the Williams County Republican Party and the Ohio University College Republicans.

**SECRETARIES PERDUE AND ZINKE STRESS INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION AS WILDFIRE SEASON APPROACHES**

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Interior Secretary Ryan K. Zinke joined forces in Boise, Idaho today at the National Incident Fire Command Center (NIFC) for a tour and briefing on the upcoming wildfire season. Following the events, the secretaries sent a memorandum to wildland fire leadership highlighting the importance of inter-departmental collaboration in protecting communities and managing public lands. In the memorandum, Perdue and Zinke stressed the need for working together as they anticipate the 2017 wildfire season to be "another challenging year" saying:

"The Departments of the Interior and Agriculture will improve the way that both Agencies manage wildfires by ensuring that all of our firefighting assets are utilized in the most efficient way possible. It is critical

**SLUGS LIKELY TO THRIVE THIS SUMMER**



Something very small has benefited from the heavy rainfall that has played havoc with field crops statewide: the slimy and frequently hungry gray garden slug.

Planting corns and soybeans early sometimes helps reduce the amount of damage from slugs because the crop has a chance to outpace the growth of the slug, whose appetite increases as it matures, said Kelley Tilmon, a field crop entomologist with Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

But with above average rainfall across the state and some late-season frosts, a significant number of farmers are planting — or replanting — corn and soybeans later in the growing season. And those emerging plants are tasty meals for the slithering bandits.

This spring and summer might just offer the perfect conditions for slugs, including the gray garden slug, the species that typically creates the biggest problem for growers of field crops, Tilmon said.

"We get the worst problems when we have very small plants combined with large slugs because they're out there happily feeding on them," Tilmon said. "That's a bad combination."

Slugs tend to build up in fields that aren't tilled, where they're protected by the left-over remains of past years' crops, Tilmon said. During the day, slugs can seek cover under past crop residue, taking advantage of the shade and extra layer of moisture. At night, they feast. Not only are the emerging plants vulnerable to slugs, but slugs can chomp away at seeds as well.

They are not picky eaters

and are willing to devour pretty much anything they can crawl onto: corn, soybeans, grain, forages and even weeds if a field does not have any crops growing on it.

One of the more significant pests for Ohio's soybean and corn growers, slugs can be easily overlooked in a field, said Andy Michel, an OSU Extension pest expert.

Their eggs are slightly smaller than a BB and blend in well with the soil, Michel said. After hatching, they hide during the day, venturing out at night to seek food. As a result, a farmer may not be aware of the number of slugs in a field until after the damage is done.

"I've seen holes in soybeans, gaps in rows and fields that needed to be replanted because of slugs," Michel said.

They do the most damage in late spring and early summer.

"If you go out at dusk or after sunset with a flashlight, you might find them in the act," Tilmon said.

Besides holes in leaves, slugs can leave behind their trace, a trail of clear slime that shines when it dries.

Like uninvited guests, slugs can be tough to get rid of.

Growers should scout for slugs, particularly in areas where weeds thrive or where there are a lot of remnants of past years' crops.

A farmer with a serious slug problem can either till the soil to disrupt the slugs' shelter or apply a pesticide with an active ingredient of either metaldehyde or chelated iron, Tilmon said. Insecticides do not kill them because slugs aren't insects — they're mollusks.

One way to tell if a field has a slug problem is by leaving asphalt shingles in various parts of the field — ideally white ones that won't attract the heat as much during the day — but will draw slugs if they're around, Tilmon said. A grower can flip over the shingles and get an idea of how many slugs are hiding out in their field, then decide what to do about them.

For more information, visit: [go.osu.edu/slugsoncrops](http://go.osu.edu/slugsoncrops)

establish new pilot programs for PTSD, and increase COLAs — all necessary steps to improving care and quality of life for our nation's veterans."

The legislation passed by the House this week:

H.R. 2288 - Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act - Allows veterans the choice to opt-in to a system that has 'three lanes' for appeals of disability claims; one which examines the original claim evidence, one where new evidence is presented for review and a hearing, and one where the appeal immediately transfers to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. The new system would allow appeals to be streamlined through the process.

H.R. 1162 - No Hero Left Untreated Act - Requires the VA to establish a pilot program that provides access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans with PTSD, a Traumatic Brain Injury, Military Sexual Trauma, and chronic pain or opiate addiction.

H.R. 1329 - Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act - Increases the rates of compensation for veterans to bring it in line with the Social Security COLA.

H.R. 467 - V.A. Scheduling Accountability Act - Requires VA medical center directors to certify annually that their facility is in compliance with scheduling directives and report to Congress on compliance.

H.R. 1005 - Directs VA to enter into an agreement with state veterans homes to pay for adult health care for a veteran eligible, but not receiving, nursing home care.

H.R. 1545 - VA Prescription Data Accountability Act - Clarifies current law to stipulate that the Veterans Health Administration is required to disclose information to state controlled substance monitoring programs.

H.R. 1725 - Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act - Seeks to reduce unnecessary disability examinations by requiring information to be provided to Congress regarding VA's use of private medical evidence in support of VA claims.

**LATTA VOTES FOR LEGISLATION COMBATING TRAFFICKING AND PROTECTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) joined his colleagues in passing several pieces of legislation to combat trafficking and protect vulnerable children. The bills empower law enforcement to track and detain traffickers, strengthen victims rights, and improve reporting requirements for cases of abuse.

"Human trafficking is a heinous crime that continues to occur in communities across Ohio and the nation," said Latta. "We need to give law enforcement the tools they need to bring traffickers to justice while providing protections to keep children free from exploitation. These crimes harm the most vulnerable of our society, and these bipartisan bills will go a long way in addressing the issue."

The bills approved by the House include:

H.R. 695 - Child Protection Improvements Act - Ensures youth-serving organizations have access to national background checks on prospective staff and volunteers through the FBI's database.

H.R. 2473 - Put Trafficking Victims First Act - Ensures that trafficking victims are perceived and treated as victims of a crime, with the same rights and protections. The bill calls for a report on Safe Harbor implementations as well as training for prosecutors on processing cases with a victim-centered approach.

H.R. 1761 - Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act - Closes a loophole for child pornography crimes. Under current law, a defendant that created child pornography may walk free if they are found to lack the specific intent prior to abusing a child.

H.R. 1188 - Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act - Reauthorizes the two primary programs of the Adam Walsh Act - the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act and Sex Offender Management Assistance Program - for five years and makes targeted changes to improve the programs.

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**LATTA VOTES FOR LEGISLATION IMPROVING CARE FOR AMERICA'S VETERANS**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) voted, May 24th, in favor of several pieces of bipartisan legislation improving care and services for America's veterans that passed the U.S. House of Representatives this week. The bills establish a pilot program for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), provide a boost for veterans' cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), and streamline the disability claims appeal process at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

"With the Memorial Day Weekend approaching, we must remember the men and women that have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation," said Latta. "At the same time, it also reminds us that there is more to be done in support of our living veterans in order to ensure that we keep the promises that were made to them. The bills passed this week in the House will put in place important reforms at the VA,

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The Paulding County Carnegie Library will host a book signing by bestselling author, Shelley Shepard Gray on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at the historic Carnegie Library located at 205 South Main Street in Paulding, Ohio. Gray is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author, a finalist for the American Christian Fiction Writers prestigious Carol Award, and a two-time HOLT Medallion winner. She lives in southern Ohio, where she writes full-time, bakes too much, and can often be found walking her dachshunds on her town's bike trail. Her latest book, Her Secret was released on March 7th of this year. Her upcoming book, His Guilt, is set to be released on July 4th. For more information about this upcoming event contact the Paulding County Carnegie Library at 419-399-2032.

## SECRETARY PERDUE ANNOUNCES CREATION OF UNDERSECRETARY FOR TRADE

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the creation of an undersecretary for trade and foreign agricultural affairs in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), a recognition of the ever-increasing importance of international trade to American agriculture. Perdue made the announcement standing by barges filled with

agricultural products along the banks of the Ohio River. As part of a reorganization of USDA, Perdue also announced the standing up of a newly-named Farm Production and Conservation mission area to have a customer focus and meet USDA constituents in the field. Finally, Perdue announced that the department's Rural Development agencies would be elevated to report directly to the secretary of agriculture in recognition of the need to help promote rural prosperity.

Perdue issued a report to announce the changes, which address Congressional direction in the 2014 Farm Bill to create the new undersecretary for trade and also are a down payment on President Trump's request of his cabinet to deliver plans to improve the accountability and customer service provided by departments.

"Food is a noble thing to trade. This nation has a great story to tell and we've got producers here that produce more than we can consume," said Secretary Perdue. "And that's good, because I'm a grow-it-and-sell-it kind of guy. Our people in American agriculture have shown they can grow it, and we're here to sell it in markets all around the world."

Undersecretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs

Agricultural trade is critical for the U.S. farm sector and the American economy as a whole. U.S. agricultural and food exports account for 20 percent of the value of production, and every dollar of these exports creates another \$1.27 in business activity. Additionally, every \$1 billion in U.S. agricultural exports supports approximately 8,000 American jobs across the entire American economy. As the global marketplace becomes even more competitive every day, the United States must position itself in the best way possible to retain its standing as a world leader.

"Our plan to establish an undersecretary for trade fits right in line with my goal to be American agriculture's unapologetic advocate and chief salesman around the world. By working side by side with our U.S. Trade Representative and Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, the USDA undersecretary for trade will ensure that American producers are well equipped to sell their products and feed the world," Perdue said.

USDA's reorganization seeks to place agencies in more logical order. Under the existing structure, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), which deals with

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overseas markets, and the Farm Service Agency (FSA), which handles domestic issues, were housed under one mission area, along with the Risk Management Agency (RMA). It makes much more sense to situate FAS under the new undersecretary for trade, where staff can sharpen their focus on foreign markets.

Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation Additionally, a new undersecretary will be selected for a newly-named Farm Production and Conservation mission area, which is to focus on domestic agricultural issues. Locating FSA, RMA, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service under this domestically-oriented undersecretary will provide a simplified one-stop shop for USDA's primary customers, the men and women farming, ranching, and foresting across America.

"The men and women of American agriculture are hardy people, many of whom were born into the calling of feeding America and the world," Perdue said. "Their efforts are appreciated, and this adjustment to the USDA structure will help us help them in even better ways than before."

Under the reorganization plan, the undersecretary for natural resources and environment will retain supervision of the U.S. Forest Ser-

vice. A reduction in USDA workforce is not part of the reorganization plan.

Elevating Rural Development

Just as importantly, the USDA reorganization will elevate the Rural Development agencies to report directly to the secretary of agriculture to ensure that rural America always has a seat at the table. Fighting poverty wherever it exists is a challenge facing the U.S., and the reality is that nearly 85 percent of America's persistently impoverished counties are in rural areas. Rural childhood poverty rates are at their highest point since 1986, affecting one in four rural children, with deep poverty among children being more prevalent in rural areas (12.2 percent) than in urban areas (9.2 percent). The vitality of small towns across our nation is crucial to the future of the agricultural economy and USDA must always argue for the needs of rural America.

"The economic health of small towns across America is crucial to the future of the agriculture economy. It is my commitment to always argue for the needs of rural America, which is why we are elevating Rural Development within USDA," said Secretary Perdue. "No doubt, the opportunity we have here at the USDA in rural development is unmatched."

## AGRICULTURE SECRETARY PERDUE & ACTING U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN VAUGHN AN- NOUNCE MAJOR EU TRADE BREAKTHROUGH FOR U.S. CITRUS PRODUCERS

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and Acting U.S. Trade Representative Stephen Vaughn announced that the European Union (EU) has amended its requirements for imports of U.S. citrus. Specifically, the EU has dropped its requirement that U.S. groves be surveyed for citrus canker, which eases entry of U.S. citrus into the EU market and saves growers millions of dollars in production costs.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) have worked continuously with EU officials over the last 10 years to ensure that the EU's plant health requirements for citrus are based on scientifically-established risks. The new EU directive requires countries where citrus canker has been detected to have a disease management program and to ensure that exported fruit have no symptoms. The EU's change means they are satisfied with APHIS's disease management program. As a result, grove surveys are no longer required, saving U.S. producers an estimated \$5.6 million dollars per year.

"At USDA, everything we do is grounded in sound science, so it is good to see that the EU has seen that our disease management program protects our citrus products," Secretary Perdue said. "When we rely on science, it levels the playing field for everyone. And when the playing field is level, American agriculture will win."

"The EU maintains a number of unwarranted sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) barriers on U.S. agricultural exports, and we have long called on the EU to base its SPS measures on science," said Acting USTR Stephen Vaughn. "Today's action removes a longstanding and unfair barrier and will help return U.S. citrus exports to the EU to the levels we had a decade ago."

Florida producers grow 25,000 acres of grapefruit, of which 70 percent is intended for shipment to the EU market, according to industry estimates. Industry estimates that citrus exports are expected to increase by 25 percent, or about \$15 million, during

### Sudoku solution from page 13

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8	3	4	5	6	2	9	1	7
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the first year. Implementation of the new directive is expected in time for Florida's grapefruit export season in mid-November.

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**Position Description:** The Service and Support Administrator will establish individual's eligibility for county board services; assess individual needs for services; develop individual service plans based upon Person Centered Planning principles and self-determination; establish budgets for services; assist in provider selection as necessary; ensure that services are provided and monitor individual service plans; comply with all local, State, Federal rules, regulations, statutes, and standards, including ODDD and CMS interpretations of said rules. Performs other related duties as assigned. This is a full time, 12 month position.

**Qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree in social work, special education or a related field; must possess, or be able to obtain and maintain a Service and Support Administration certificate as outlined in Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-5-02; must have a means to drive and be insurable; must pass a criminal background check. Prefer previous Service and Support Administrator experience and experience with Home and Community Based Waiver Services and Medicaid.

**Compensation:** Commensurate with education and experience.  
**Deadline:** June 9, 2017  
**APPLICATIONS MAY BE MAILED TO:**  
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Paulding County Board of DD  
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Paulding, Ohio 45879  
OR Email: shaney@pauldingdd.com or shannon@nowac.com

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# PAULDING LIBRARY HOSTS LOCAL AUTHOR AT BOOK SIGNING



Library employee Kelly Taylor (left) is pictured with local author and historian, Mark Holtsberry.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library will host a book signing by local author and historian, Mark Holtsberry on June 13th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Holtsberry's work is entitled, "The Great War" and documents exclusively World War I sol-

diers from Paulding County. The author will discuss his research and the interesting history and contributions made by Paulding County's citizens during what is referred to as "The Great War". For more information contact the library at 419-399-2032.

## IRS SCAM ALERT

Criminals are constantly finding new ways to con Americans out of money, and we had a phone call come into the West Bend News from a local gentleman stating he received a phone call from a person claiming to be from the IRS threatening him with a warrant.

When we think about things happening we never want to believe it can or will happen to us or in our area, especially in a small community such as Antwerp. This is proof it can happen anywhere. And it is not only by phone that they might try to contact you, they may also use email, phishing or malware to try to get to you.

A few tips to keep in mind that the IRS will never do.

- The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment using a specific method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer, generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- The IRS will never threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- The IRS will never demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

• The IRS will never ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Criminals are constantly changing their methods to try and take advantage of people and the IRS is not the only scam that they use. Please stay cautious and alert and if you have any suspicions contact your local authorities.

## ANTWERP HIRES NEW HS PRINCIPAL

The Antwerp Board of Education met in Special Session Wednesday, May 31, 2017. The Board hired Travis Lichty for the position of MS/HS Principal replacing Mike Bute who has accepted the HS Principal position in the West Jefferson School District near Columbus. Travis's three year contract will begin August 1, 2017.

Travis previously served as Elementary Principal in the Hicksville School district.

"We are obviously ecstatic to have Travis join our administrative team. Travis is highly respected in Northwest Ohio as an outstanding educator and administrator".

On another note, the Board of Education appointed Jayme Landers to fill the vacant Board seat previously held by Kip Taylor.

## PATROL INVESTIGATING SERIOUS INJURY CRASH

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Van Wert Post is investigating a two vehicle serious injury crash that occurred Friday evening 3 miles west of the City of Delphos in Van Wert County.

Troopers were dispatched to the crash on Lincoln Highway just east of Converse Roselm Road in Washington Township at 7:54 p.m. Friday evening. A 2007 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck driven by Justin R. Wright, age 20, of Van Wert was westbound on Lincoln Highway. As Mr. Wright negotiated a curve he lost control and drove left of center. A 1998 Ford Ranger pickup truck driven by Jennifer L. Harris, age 45, of Middle Point was eastbound on Lincoln Highway when Mr. Wright drove left of center. Mrs. Harris took evasive action, but was unable to avoid the Silverado.

Mrs. Harris struck the right rear of the Silverado and the impact immediately stopped her vehicle. Mr. Wright continued into a yard and struck a tree ejecting his passenger, Jake M. Stallkamp, age 19, of Delphos.

Mr. Stallkamp was not wearing his seat belt and received serious injuries when he was ejected in the crash. He was transported by Middle Point EMS to St. Rita's Medical Center. Mr. Wright was not wearing a seat belt and received minor injuries. He was treated on scene. Mrs. Harris was wearing her seat belt and received minor injuries. She was transported by Delphos EMS to Van Wert County Hospital where she was treated and released.

The Van Wert Post was assisted on scene by Middle Point Fire and EMS, Delphos EMS, Knippen's Towing and Hague's Towing.

Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the crash. The crash remains under investigation.

## RETIRED TEACHERS ORGANIZE ITALY, SLOVENIA, & AUSTRIA TOUR

Vicki Doty and Jerry Bunn, retired HS teachers from Ottawa Glandorf and Col. Grove, have teamed together to organize a tour of Northern Italy, Slovenia, and Austria for April 2018. The tour begins in Milan for three nights, with two day trips, one to Lake Como for a lake cruise and one to Turin, home of the 2006 Winter Olympics.

Then it's on to Venice for two nights with a stop in Verona for lunch and to check out the Romeo and Juliet balcony as well as the Verona Arena. In Venice, we have a guided walking tour of St. Mark's Square, the Basilica and a visit of Doge's Palace, as well as a glass blowing demonstration. We also have scheduled a gondola ride. After Venice we head to Ljubljana, Slovenia, the hidden gem of Eastern Europe, for two nights but stop in Trieste, Italy on the Adriatic Sea for lunch. While in Ljubljana, we take a full day Lake Bled excursion and a pletna boat ride to visit the Bled Castle. Finally it's on to Vienna for 2 nights, stopping for lunch in Graz, Switzerland. In Vienna, we will tour the Schonbrunn Palace, the Parliament, Ringstrabe and Hofburg, plus the Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral, plus we will take a Danube boat cruise. For all the details check the link: [www.explorica.com/Bunn-2723](http://www.explorica.com/Bunn-2723). For information call Jerry at 419-957-3430.

## ARTLINK PRESENTS THE 39TH ANNUAL MEMBERS' SHOWCASE TO HIGHLIGHT DIVERSE VISUAL ARTISTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Artlink Contemporary Gallery is pleased to present the 39th Annual Members' Showcase, celebrating the individual artists that help make Artlink possible through their continual member support of the organization for nearly forty years. This exhibition will feature artists working in a variety of media ranging from sculpture and oil paintings to digital photography and ceramics.

"Our mission is all about providing resources to emerging and established artists in our region. The Members' Showcase is one way in which we provide immediate access to a gallery exhibition for our artist members. For some, this may be the first time they have shown their artwork in a gallery setting. This can really impact a young, emerging artist whose artwork will be exhibited next to many of the established artists in our community," said Maddie Miller, Gallery Coordinator at Artlink.

Local artist Jeremy Stroup will have a solo exhibition in the Fishman Gallery in conjunction with the Members' Showcase opening Friday, June 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The exhibitions will

## WAYNE TRACE WRESTLING TEAM RECEIVES \$2,500 DONATION FROM THE COOPER FAMILY FOUNDATION



Much appreciation to the Cooper Family Foundation for their recent donation to the Wayne Trace Rebel Wrestling Team, this generous donation assisted us in the ability to take an elementary team and a junior high team to compete in the 18th Annual Virginia Beach National Duals Tournament in Virginia Beach, Virginia over Memorial Day weekend.

The Jr. High Team finished the first day of the tournament with a record of 2-1 which kept them in the championship pools going into the second day. The elementary team had a little more trouble the first day and finished 1-2 dropping them into the consolation pools moving into day two.

Day two of the tournament the Jr. High team faced very tough competition and went 0-3 on the day, facing great teams out of New Jersey and Pennsylvania who were more than the Rebels could handle. The Jr. High

team finished 2-4 overall for the weekend with 3 of their 4 losses coming against teams who went on to finish in the top 12. The elementary team wrapped up day two by going 1-2 again and finished the weekend 2-4 as well.

The 18th Annual Virginia Beach National Duals tournament brought in 368 teams this year, with over 5,500 individuals representing over 30 states. This was the second year that Wayne Trace was able to a team down and we hope that we can continue this tradition every year. This is the type of competition that you just don't see in our area.

To be able to expose the kids to this level and wrestling as well as build a great team bonding is something we are glad to be able to provide to these young athletes and without the assistance of generous donations like the one received from The Cooper Family Foundation this trip would not be possible.

be on display through August 4th, 2017.

For more information on upcoming exhibitions, artists or an exhibition preview, please contact Matt McClure at [matt@artlinkfw.com](mailto:matt@artlinkfw.com) or 260-424-7195.

## PAULDING CO. FISH AND GAME CLUB NEWS

The June meeting was held on Thursday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the club house.

Among items discussed was the forthcoming trap shoots. June 14 at 4:15 p.m. ATA shoot. There is an open trap shoot on Sunday, June 18, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The club is getting ready for the 127 garage sales the first weekend of August. If you are interested in a space

either inside or outside, please contact Jamye Jones 419-796-0719 for information. There will also be food available for vendors and shoppers in the building, something different each day. Please come and support our vendors and help the club out at the same time.

We are also planning our reverse raffle and fun night which is held at the Eagles on August 26. Don't wait till the last minute to get your tickets.

We are also planning another fun night with the Melrose gun club on October 29. More details to follow as they are worked out. We need your help to support these organizations so please mark your calendars for these events. Looking forward to seeing you there.



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