

## LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION



Dianne Cooper (center) holds the department's new Thermal Imaging Camera as she is accompanied by Chief Jim Varner (left) and firefighter Derek Varner.

### Donation will facilitate purchase of necessary equipment for department

The Cooper Family Foundation has recently awarded a generous donation to the Oakwood Volunteer Fire Department in Paulding County with the intention of helping the department replace aging equipment. A donation

of \$22,000 was presented by Dianne Cooper to the department to help replace their current inventory of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), as well as purchase a used cascade system which allows firefighters to refill depleted air bottles. In addition to the air packs, the department

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## OUTGOING EACS CHIEF WINS PRAISE

If you are an East Allen County Schools student, chances are good Superintendent Ken Folks knows your name.

If he doesn't, he likely knows your face.

The self-described people person tried to visit every school at least every other week during his four-year tenure at EACS, which ends with his retirement Friday. That's 16 schools in 10 days, meaning multiple building

visits per day was common, he said.

"They have so many events I want to be a part of," Folks said, standing among spectators at New Haven Intermediate School last month for the fifth-grade rocket launch.

An invitation-only retirement celebration honoring Folks, 59, is set for Wednesday.

His 36-year career in schools included work as a social studies teacher, coach, athletic director and principal. He began his first central

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## AMERICAN RED CROSS TO HOLD ADULT/PEDIATRIC FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES

The American Red Cross will be holding classes for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED on Wednesday, June 28 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. They will be held in the Red Cross office at 1220 E. Lincoln Highway in the EMA building across from the Marsh Foundation. These classes are in conjunction with Putman County Educational Service Center and will all be in the classroom with no online prework. Please register by calling the office at 419-238-9977 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday between 10:00 - 2:00 or Wednesday from 9:00 - 12:00.

## HICKSVILLE VILLAGE PLAYERS ANNOUNCE AUDITIONS

The Hicksville Village Players are announcing auditions for their next show - "Twelve Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose and adapted for the stage by Sherman L. Sergel. This show is based on the award-winning "Twelve Angry Men", but being staged for a cast of both men and women. The show is being directed by Dawn Patterson and produced by Sean Patterson. The auditions will be held on Friday, June 30 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, July 1 at 1 pm in the Upper Room at the CCD House at St. Michael's Catholic Church. The show has parts for 13 characters, either male or female and 2 off-stage voices. This show is a very moving courtroom drama set entirely in the Jury room during deliberation of the guilt or innocence of a young man who's accused of killing his father. We would love to have EVERYONE interested in theater come to the

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## BARGAIN BIN DONATES TO PCH



Back Row: Kent Jerwers, Jared Niese, Shelia Dunham, Angie Speice, Melissa Rhonehouse, Sarah Mawer, Joe Fisher, Donna Pieper, and Virginia Shuherk.

The Bargain Bin in Paulding has been around since the 1960's as a good will facility selling good used items around the area. It started as a rummage sale in the back. It's been serving Paulding County Hospital now for over

50 years. Back in February the community welcomed the new Bargain Bin facility located in downtown Paulding. While the Bargain Bin moved into the new building, they continued to sell their wares. Through the selling of

all this they have been able to make fabulous donations to the Hospital. This time the ladies presented a 10000.00 check to the Rehabilitation director, Joe Fisher. Rhonda Smalley, Bargain Bin Presi-

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## PIECEFUL QUILTERS QUILT SHOW AND BAZAAR

Make plans to visit the Pieceful Quilters Quilt Show and Bazaar during the Monroeville Harvest Festival on August 4th and 5th. It is being held at the Monroeville United Methodist Church, 204 West South Street, Monroeville, IN. The show and bazaar will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The quilt show is made up of quilts made by members of the Pieceful Quilters quilt group which consists of 20 mem-

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## SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR GRILLING

Propane Gas Grills Safety Tips. Each year nearly 10,000 house fires are caused by propane and charcoal grills...

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Make sure the gas grill

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**OBITUARIES**

**DEFIANCE, OH**  
**Kenneth H. Conkle**, 62, died on June 17, 2017 at Twin Rivers Care and Rehabilitation Center in Defiance.

Kenneth was born July 11, 1954 to the late Walter "Zeke" and Frances (Schaan) Conkle in Wooster, OH. He was also a graduate of Boardman High.

Kenny was a talented salesman and worked as a Mattress Specialist at Kittles Furniture for many years. He loved tending to his garden and was a member of the Master Gardeners Club.

He will be deeply missed by his daughter; Chanda Caldwell, his siblings; Corrina (Brian) Campos, Rod (Jodi) Conkle, Al (Pat) Conkle, Doug (Linda) Conkle and grandchildren; Olivia and Evan.

Kenneth was preceded in death by a sister; Monica Conkle.

A Memorial Service will be held for Kenneth at St. Michael Catholic Church in Hicksville on Friday, June 30 at 10:30 a.m. There will be a short visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. before the service.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.smith-brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smith-brownfuneralhome.com).

**WELCOMING THE GOSPEL MESSENGERS**

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

"These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is near." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. ...Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave. As you enter the home, give it your greeting. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let

your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town." Matthew 10:5-8, 11-14 (NIV).

Matthew chapter 9:35 through chapter 10 is part of a larger missionary discourse, a set of instructions Jesus gives to his earliest disciples, the twelve, just before sending them out into the larger world. His very first instructions have to do with what his disciples, his representatives, his missionaries, are to do if they feel welcomed or don't feel welcome. Put in our terms, that first instruction might be paraphrased as "Don't worry about people who have already made up their minds that they don't believe. Seek out those who are inclined to believe, who are themselves seekers, people who are looking for heaven. Tell them, the kingdom of heaven is already here, among us now. If they do not welcome you don't feel guilty, just move on!"

Jesus says, in effect: "Just go and don't worry about welcoming and being welcome. The welcome has already been taken care of. Go out in my name, and you will find welcome and I will find welcome through you, for it is not you who are going forth; I am both drawing you and sending you at the same time. There will always be people who will receive the gospel message and will welcome those who bring the message." Whoever welcomes those who reach out in the name and in the spirit of Jesus welcomes Jesus himself, and not only Jesus, but God.

In these instructions to his earliest disciples, Jesus gives us a radical vision of what it means to be his church, his Body, his hands and feet. What we find, as we look around us and see aging and decline, is that church, the Body of Christ, is not a fixed location that desperately contrives ever-new programs of renewal and welcome to draw people in. The Body of Christ

**NORTH SCIPIO VETERAN MEMORIAL**



It is the honor and duty, that we (the North Scipio Memorial Committee) feel the Lord lead us to establish the memorial for the purposes of prayers, healing and remembrance of those who have served God and country, and to preserve our basic freedoms, especially the right to worship and proudly wave our American flag.

Please drive past the memorial or stop to pray or worship. Tell your friends about the memorial. Finally, help those who have not resolved the pain of their service, by asking God to intervene and heal their pain and bring them peace.

-Gratefully submitted by the North Scipio Memorial Committee

goes out into the world into which it has been placed, in full knowledge that Christ does not dwell statically in temples made with hands. The Spirit of Jesus is out there in the world, preparing in the hearts of those in whom we may least expect it a hunger and a welcome for Good News and new life.

**COMMUNICATING WITH PETS EXPLORED AT LIFETREE CAFÉ**

How pets interact and communicate with humans will be explored at Lifetree Café from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29.

The program - titled "What's Your Pet Trying to Tell You?" - features a filmed interview with Alexa Boyes, a professional animal communicator.

"For me, I try to be the voice of the animal and I try and repeat what I hear as nicely as I can," says Boyes. "Sometimes what animals have to say is not what people want to hear."

During the program, Lifetree Café participants will have an opportunity to share experiences in which an animal has tried to communicate with them.

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 [fristchurch@wcoil.com](mailto:fristchurch@wcoil.com)

**BIBLE STUDY**

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

Today we continue our study on the names of Christ.

Like I said earlier, I will do the best I can to keep these names in the context they are found.

1. What is Christ's name? Hebrews 12:1-4?
2. What is Christ's name in Hebrews 5:5-10?
3. What is Christ's name in Luke 2:15-20?
4. What is Christ's name in Isaiah 11:1-6
5. What is Christ's name in Revelation 21:2-8?
6. What is Christ's name in Ephesians 1:3-6?
7. What is Christ's name in Matthew 12:14-30?
8. What is Christ's name in Mark 1:9-11?
9. What is Christ's name in Zechariah 3:1-10?
10. What is Christ's name in Jeremiah 23:1-8; also in Jeremiah 33:10-16: these verses do not stay in context, all of chapter 33 is the context.
11. In John chapter 6:1-59 Jesus said I am the \_\_\_ ?
12. In John chapter 6:1-59 the Jews said Jesus was the \_\_\_ that came down from heaven?
13. What is Christ's name in John 3:22-36?
14. What is Christ's name in Revelation 22:6-21?
15. What is Christ's name in Hebrews 2:5-18?
16. What is Christ's name in Mark 6:1-6?
17. What is Christ's name in Matthew 13:54-58?
18. What is Christ's name in Psalms 118:1-29; Mark 12:1-12.
19. What is Christ's name in 1st Peter 5:1-4?
20. What is Christ's name in Isaiah 9:1-7?

Loved ones, we will continue our study of the names of Christ in our next study? How many of us can quote John 3:16? God is using the word world, (world meaning people) allowed his son Jesus to come to this sinful place and die to give those who obey His way of salvation and eternal life. Those of us at the Oakwood Church of Christ, love you even though we may not know you. Comments, questions, complaints please give us a call at 419-393-4775 for James Potter or 419-399-5022 for Lonnie Lambert.

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."  
 —Leviticus 19:18

**PARSON TO PERSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**

Dear Parson,  
**What does I Peter 3:6 mean? "Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."**

Verses 1-6 give instructions on how wives with disobedient husbands should act to help them change.

Most wives want to put negative pressure on their disobedient husband. That seldom works. God teaches that without preaching to them, the wives should still show respect to their husband's authoritative position more than his disposition. They should also maintain loving submissive actions and attitudes toward their husband out of a God-given heart-felt meek and quiet spirit. This undeserved approach allows God to work on the husband without the wife getting in the way. Only God can give him repentance. (II Timothy 2:24-26)

God knows about their situation. To most wives, this seems like a fearful, ineffective approach, so in verse 6 Peter encourages the wives to follow Sara's example without letting their natural fear stop them. Romans 12:17-20 helps seal the deal.

In over fifty years of counselling marriages, I can't remember one wife who stuck with God's method described here who did not win her husband over.

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 6/28 - 7/4**

- 6/28 - Crafts at 12:30 p.m.; Buckeye Bingo at 12:30 p.m.; Grocery shopping at 1:30 p.m.
- 6/29 - Bingo w/Gardens of Paulding at 10:00 a.m.; Eucharist at 12:15 p.m.
- 6/30 - Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; Craft store open 11-2
- 7/3 - Picnic in the Park; Shedding Pounds at 9:30 a.m.; Exercise at 10:00 a.m.; Bingo w/Country Inn at 12:00 p.m.
- 7/4 - Cosed for 4th of July

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 6/28 - 7/4**

- 6/28 - Roasted chicken, redskin potatoes, creamed peas, oranges & pineapple, fruit & grain bar
- 6/29 - Beef stew, Betty salad, banana, chocolate pudding, biscuit, dinner roll
- 6/30 - Beef lasagna, brussel sprouts, cinnamon applesauce, orange juice, garlic bread
- 7/3 - Cheeseburger, potato salad, coleslaw, pineapple, cookie
- 7/4 - Closed for 4th of July

**DEDICATION DAY DONUTS**

In honor of Harry and Jeanette Henney, the Woodburn Lions Club will have donuts on Saturday, July 8, 2017 at the dedication of the Woodburn Plaza. Harry was a long-time member and past president of the Woodburn Lions. Donut sales will be available 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 am.. in the parking lot of Woodburn Hardware and Woodburn Fresh Meats. Half of the gross receipts from the sale will be donated to the Henney family to assist in the building and maintenance of this fine addition to downtown Woodburn in honor of their parents.

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dent, was also there, presenting to them the check.

"Everything in here is pretty much part of the Bargain Bin.", Joe Fisher continued, "This has allowed for a lot of growth and development at the hospital." He understands how important the donations coming are at the Fitness Center to rehabilitation. The whole community benefits from this and keeps the donations in the Paulding Community. The equipment is not cheap and this makes it possible.

If you would like to know more about Paulding County Hospital please call 419.399.4080 or visit [pauldingcountyhospital.com](http://pauldingcountyhospital.com)

If you would like to more about the Bargain Bin call 419.399.5053.

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

**There are two basic services the agency provides:**

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

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

**Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments**

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# PCH OPENS PAIN CENTER



New York. He completed his residency at St Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center in New York.

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"People who have acute or chronic pain that is preventing them from living their normal life may be a good candidate for this program," says Dr. Buonocore. "We offer some of the most advanced treatments available today for pain management. These treatments are more tolerable and less invasive than in the past," he adds.

"There is a significant need for this type of service in our community," says Randy Ruge, CEO of Paulding County Hospital. "We are very pleased to provide local, safe and effective pain treatment to patients and their primary care physicians. The last thing these patients need is to travel long distances for treatment when they're already in pain."

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Paulding Pain Management Center at 419.399.1745.

Paulding County Hospital has opened a balanced pain management center at the hospital. Paulding Pain Management Center will diagnose acute and chronic pain and create individualized treatment plans for patients based on a number of considerations, including the cause and level of pain. Diagnoses treated at the center include neck and back pain, headaches, fibromyalgia, chronic pelvic pain, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), nerve damage, as well as pain associated with arthritis, muscle spasms and shingles.

The center will be staffed by Dr. John Buonocore, a board certified and fellowship trained pain management specialist. Dr. Buonocore was fellowship trained in pain medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in

thing to do.

Once you've decided the move is necessary and the right thing to do, there's the task of choosing a nursing home. With so many stories in the news lately about nursing home quality, it can be easy to feel like finding a quality home will be difficult. Many clear-cut factors need to be considered, such as location, price and whether the home offers the services your loved one needs.

You can even dig deeper by looking at inspection records and quality ratings. The national Nursing Home Compare website offers a star-based quality rating system, and Ohio's Long-Term Care Consumer Guide offers inspection reports, consumer satisfaction data and more.

But there are also many other factors that will help determine how happy your loved one will be, which may not be reflected in quality ratings or inspection reports. How "home-like" is the nursing home? Do they offer choices in care and living options? Do staff respect residents and each other? The best way to find the answers is to visit the facility. Visit at least twice, at different times of the day.

Here are five things to look for in a nursing facility:

- Consider what services and activities are most important to your loved one and look closely at how a nursing home handles those things such as meals, laundry and social opportunities.
- Talk to staff about their ratings and citations, and ask them to explain what they are doing or have done to improve.
- Mealtime can tell you a lot about a nursing home. Is there conversation over the meal? Are people interested in the food? Does it look like people are offered choices?
- Watch how staff interact with residents. Are they pleasant and natural, or just going about tasks? Are they professional and respectful to each other, with a sense of pride about quality?
- Observe whether residents are engaged in meaningful ways. Can they interact with others, go outside and do the things they enjoyed at home? Are there places for residents to meet and socialize?

Naturally, no matter how carefully you choose a nursing home, problems can still arise. The Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman advocates for excellence in long-term services and supports wherever consumers live. Part of our mission is to provide consumers with information about quality and help them use that information to get the best care. Call the State Ombudsman's office

at 1-800-282-1206 for help selecting a nursing home and getting good care there.

Choosing a nursing home can be difficult, but with a little work and asking the right questions, you can ensure the highest quality of care and quality of life for your loved one.

## UPCOMING ODOT WORK THIS WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2017

The following is work scheduled to occur in the coming week on state highways within Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert County

### DEFIANCE:

Slope repair

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

Bridge deck replacement

State Route 66 between Bowman and Watson roads, south of Defiance, closed 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 detour map)

Culvert repair

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 detour map)

Pavement repair

Removal of pavement reflectors in preparation for tarring and chipping of the roadway will take place at the following locations and will restrict traffic to one lane through work zones. Work will be 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:

Road reconstruction

State Route 637 in the village of Grover Hill closed 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 detour map)

Pavement repairs

State Route 66 from U.S. 224 to the Defiance County line will be restricted to one

lane through the work zone for the tarring and chipping of the roadway. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

### PUTNAM:

Berm stone placement

The following locations will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for placement of berm stone. Work is being performed by the ODOT Putnam County maintenance garage:

State Route 613 between the Paulding County line and Continental

State Route 613 between Leipsic and the Hancock County line

State Route 109 between Ottawa and state Route 613

### VAN WERT:

Delayed closure

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. (See detour map)

Pavement repair

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.

## PERDUE: USDA HALTING IMPORT OF FRESH BRAZILIAN BEEF

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the suspension of all imports of fresh beef from Brazil because of recurring concerns about the safety of the products intended for the American market. The suspension of shipments will remain in place until the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture takes corrective action which the USDA finds satisfactory.

Since March, USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been inspecting 100 percent of all meat products arriving in the United States from Brazil. FSIS has refused entry to 11 percent of Brazilian fresh beef products. That figure is substantially higher than the rejection rate of one percent of shipments from the rest of the world. Since implementation of the increased inspection, FSIS has refused entry to 106 lots

(approximately 1.9 million pounds) of Brazilian beef products due to public health concerns, sanitary conditions, and animal health issues. It is important to note that none of the rejected lots made it into the U.S. market.

The Brazilian government had pledged to address those concerns, including by self-suspending five facilities from shipping beef to the United States. Today's action to suspend all fresh beef shipments from Brazil supersedes the self-suspension.

Secretary Perdue issued the following statement:

"Ensuring the safety of our nation's food supply is one of our critical missions, and it's one we undertake with great seriousness. Although international trade is an important part of what we do at USDA, and Brazil has long been one of our partners, my first priority is to protect American consumers. That's what we've done by halting the import of Brazilian fresh beef. I commend the work of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service for painstakingly safeguarding the food we serve our families."

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ment was also able to purchase a new Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) to replace an older camera which has recently become inoperable and deemed too expensive to fix. Chief Jim Varner expressed his gratitude to the Cooper Family Foundation for their generous support in updating equipment critical to firefighter safety. "We are very grateful to the Cooper Family Foundation for their support of the fire department, this very generous donation will help us keep our firefighters safe and confident in their equipment".

Oakwood Volunteer Fire Department is an all-volunteer department located along the Auglaize River in the village of Oakwood, Ohio and serves the villages of Oakwood, Melrose, and Brown Township as well as surrounding areas through mutual aid. Oakwood Volunteer Fire Department can be found online at www.oakwoodvfd.org or on facebook.com/oakwoodfire.

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## CHOOSING A NURSING HOME CAN BE EASIER WITH THE RIGHT INFORMATION

By: **Beverley Laubert, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman**

Making the decision to move a loved one into a nursing home or other care setting is rarely easy. It can be an emotional time, with many questions to ask: What kind of care does my loved one need? How will we pay for it? What if my loved one is unhappy in a nursing home? There may be a sense of urgency to get your loved one into a new home quickly. Some family members also experience feelings of guilt, or question if moving their loved one is the right

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**MORE NEWS ON THE BADGER**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
Yes, there are badgers in the area, they are not plentiful, but there are some here. They are extremely fast and shifty, and you are lucky to see a live one.

If you do see one, he is always running for cover. He will dive into his hole or a catch basin or a ground hog's hole. They are shy around people.

Over the years they have been seen here in the Antwerp area on T.R. 31, one down in Crane Twp. and also on the Flat Rock Creek.

They are mean and will fight if you try to catch one and I doubt if that will happen, but they are wild.

Hold the press! Hold the press! This is June 20th and there was a man in the office from up around the St. Joe area and his son is a hunter, trader and trapper and he has caught five badgers in the last few years and have turned them over to the DNR.

This gentleman was a delight to talk to and he said he will send some pictures soon. See ya!

**SOME OF THE EARLY SETTLERS**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
In 1827 David A. Applegate was the first settler in Carryall Township. He located on a farm across the river from what is now Antwerp. That is the place where Mrs. Carl Heckleman now lives.

When I started on R-1 our in Antwerp in 1949, John and Mirnerva Harris lived there. Then John moved to Antwerp after Mirnerva passed away and John married Rosa Applegate.

The reason David Applegate settled at that place was he could ford the river there in the summer time as there was no bridge yet. He would end up on this side of the river about where Sharold Jailor now lives.

I imagine that Mr. Applegate has some children because later on in Antwerp's

early history we find O.S. Applegate.

I don't find anything about this Applegate until 1887. He was in charge of the delegation of dynameters that went to junction and blew up the locks there at the canal.

You see, there was a number of groups of men that worked with the dynamite as it was set to blow up at midnight of April 27th of 1887. There was no compromising. The reservoir had to go, and it did.

During the 1880's this O.S. Applegate owned a grocery store, where now the Antwerp Hardware is, but later on the name of Applegate appeared on a lot of school boards.

See ya!

**SAM RIVERS, INDIAN AGENT CHAPTER 38: GETTING BACK TO NORMAL**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The soldier on guard at the gate first recognized Rooster's horse and that something was wrong with Rooster and the fact he just left the fort yesterday morning. Then he called the corporal of the guard, so he could get some help.

They grabbed Rooster - he was more sleepy and dizzy than injured - but he told them what had happened and they all helped him off the horse and took him to see Dr. Grooms to look at his left forearm. As the doc was giving Rooster a once over after he relayed the story of the wolf again, all he could think to say was, "Would you take care of my horse? He and I covered about 140 miles in two days and we are both pretty tired. I need to see the doctor, the general, Sam and Callie and the twins. Are they all right?"

The nurse helped take off Rooster's clothes. She laid Callie's scarf and shawl off to the side to give them to Callie. He lowered his long johns down to his waist. The nurse washed the blood and mud from his face and he dozed off till the doctor arrived.

Dr. Grooms said, "You should know better than to wrestle with a low bow wolf."

Rooster countered with, "Well he's dead and I'm alive, worn out, but alive."

The doc examined his break pretty good, and said, "I think it is only a broken ulna. You have digs and abrasions on your face and hands. It is good you thought to use a sling on your broken arm."

He sent a runner down to the carpenter shop to get some light boards to make a splint. He said he had the

bones set right and now the splint goes on. "Your arm is swelled up quit a bit. I will have you come back in three or four days, maybe next Friday afternoon. If the swelling goes down, I will make the splint a little tighter, okay?"

Doc cut the left arm off Rooster's long johns so he could put his arm and splint through the hole. He said, "You wear this splint every minute of the day. You come back Friday and I'll check it over and the nurse will give you a bath."

"Oh no she ain't, I'll wash myself. Ain't no woman give me a bath."

The doc said, "I thought you were brave and tough, you just fought four wolves and won, but I guess you are a little chicken yet. See ya Friday."

Rooster went to see Callie and the twins, and to return her clothes to her and to tell her and Sam all what had happened, and that he left some dirty dishes on the hearth.

Yes, the house was very cold, but all else was okay. Then yes, I got the barn closed up again. Those wolves could reach the buffalo meat. We can discard when we go back to the store.

The sergeant major came into the hotel lobby and talked a little bit and made a fuss over the babies a little. He then said to Rooster, "If you can tear yourself away from the twins, the general would like to talk to you."

Rooster thanked the sergeant and said, "I will be right down." Rooster reported to the general's office in a military manner. The general gave him the "To be at ease."

The general said, "Now tell me all that you can remember about this incident, maybe we can save some other soldiers some pain and anxiety."

Rooster told him everything and about the cold weather also. The general thought that the idea of using a wire to hold his coat closed, since he only had one hand to use, was a very smart idea. It is now into March and the general wanted to hear what Rooster had planned for the coming summer.

Well, we have to go over to the agency and get the fires started to get the house warmed up so Callie and the twins, and Sam of course, can go back to the Indian Agency. The general asked, "Do you still want to be a liaison between the agency and the fort?"

General Rooster said, "I sure do, I like the people and the natives and I like to help and know that everyday we are helping both of those tribes. Most of them want to help themselves, some don't of course, some white folks don't like progress either."

Rooster asked if that new plow that Sam ordered was in yet. The general had said it had arrived and was still in a wooden crate in the warehouse. Rooster said he had talked with Sam about this and since we still have the army's plow over at the agency, why don't we keep the army's plow and you folks keep the new one that's in the warehouse" We really need that plow in those three locations. The general said, "That could be done and I will talk to Sam about that." They talked on for many minutes yet.

See ya!

**AUTO BY OTTO**

**Our First Studio: 2**

I started to make photographs in 1900 when I purchased a 4 X 5 plate box camera for about three dollars from Sears and Roebuck. Reading the instruction book that came with the camera it mentioned that it would require a dark room for processing the plates. As we didn't have no place on our premises for a dark room, my only solution was our straw stack. With a wooden hook, I dug a tunnel in the stack, I rolled in a large wooden box that I got at John Adcock's store, I filled in around the box with straw, there was my dark room. I left a hole in the tunnel large enough so I could crawl in, the box (my dark room) contained a dark room lamp, a metal container with a candle inside and covered with a red glass. The box was big enough for the lamp and three 4 X 5 trays, and so I could crawl in head & shoulders and after kicking in the straw so it would keep the light from coming through the tunnel, I would light the candle and lay on my belly and develop the plates. My first photo was taken of my sister in September 1900. Sixty years later, I still have the negative.

A week or two later, an old buddy of mine came to our house, and told me that they had heard that I could take pictures. I told him I could, ( I had already taken four or five of them ) so I knew all about taking pictures. He told me their baby had died and his folks wanted me to take its picture. So I picked up my camera and we started for their log cabin in the woods, about a mile from our house. As we arrived, he opened the door and pointed to the baby, then he turned around and started to run to a near by neighbor. There I was alone with the dead baby. The parents had went to make arrangements for its burial. The corpse was laying on a board that put on the back of two kitchen chairs, it was dressed and the body covered with a sheet. My instructions that came with the camera stated - in order to take pictures, place the subject in bright sunlight, the subject facing the sun. There I was no sunlight in the room. I began to think I would have to take the baby outdoors. I began to look around, on the back of another chair I saw and old diaper. I removed the sheet the covered the corpse, I raised up the dress and with the diaper I tied the baby to the board, , pulled down the dress, picked up the board and baby and took it outdoors and set it up against a fence, facing the sun, took up my camera and took its picture. The results were as good as any that I had taken. I sold them one dozen 4 X 5 photos mounted on cardboard mounts for \$1.00. My first money earned in the photograph business.

Several weeks later I received another call, they wanted me to take a picture of an old man who was seriously sick. It was about a mile from our home, south east. When I got there, the man had passed away. Another corpse. I didn't want to pass up the business so we put on his coat and pants, slipped on his leather boots, put him in an old rocking chair, picked up the chair and with the corpse, carried it outdoors in the sun and took

**CHP HOSPICE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**



Community Health Professionals (CHP) Hospice of Paulding invites you to escape the summer doldrums by serving as a hospice volunteer.

There are many ways you can make a difference. Volunteer opportunities include:

- In-home patient companion - receive free training to prepare you to work directly with hospice patients and families visiting with patients, providing companionship and conversation to them and allowing their caregivers the opportunity to run errands or simply rest while

you are with their loved one.

- Special events volunteers - help with events periodically throughout the year held to support hospice patient care. Duties may include making phone calls, gathering donated items, and assisting at community events.
- Administrative volunteers - help with office tasks like filing, answering phones and general office duties.

Hours are flexible; volunteers can decide how much or little time they wish to commit. For more information or to volunteer, call Rhonda Leininger at 419-399-4708.

his picture. I also sold a dozen 4 X 5 photos for \$1.00.

Business began to pick up. Nearly every Sunday when the weather was nice I had some picture to take. When winter set in, I began to get some information of flash light. The formula for flash powder was prepared at drugstores. My first photo taken by flash light was a pet opossum. It was in a cage and after night. I used two blocks of stove wood, set on end, placed my camera on one block, I placed some cotton on the other block, I sprinkled about a teaspoon full of flash powder on the cotton set the shutter on time exposure, opened the shutter, struck a match to the cotton and jumped back and the powder exploded. The results was a perfect negative for those days. This opened up a new method for taking pictures indoors. After a few experiences, I made me a flash stand, used a strip of lumber about one inch square, length just above my head. I nailed a base on it so it would stand up, another small base on top to hold the cotton and flash powder. As the flash was above my head, I didn't have to jump back when I would light the cotton and explode the powder. By the coming summer in 1901 I had enough money so I could buy me a

5 X 7 folding camera from Sears and Roebuck. The complete outfit was \$27.00. Now I really went into the picture business.

**OUTSIDE EXHIBITION BY CREATIVE ARTS OF WOMEN COMING TO SCHNORMEIER GALLERY**

"Outside" art exhibit will be on display at Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Schnormeier Gallery June 28 to Aug. 16, 2017. A reception for the show will be held on Friday, July 7, 2017, from 6-9 p.m.

In this exhibition, Creative Arts of Women (CAW) explores the external forces and exterior surfaces that make up the world - whether structural, anatomical, or metaphysical. Each artist wrestled with the theme of "Outside" through her own lens resulting in a diverse view of what makes up the world outside ourselves.

This exhibition continues a conversation begun by CAW in March with their "Inside" exhibit at the Cultural Arts Center in Columbus, Ohio. "Inside" was an exploration and reflection of the multiple meanings of interior spaces.

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Women is an open-membership group based in Columbus, Ohio. The objective of this group is to support each member in her individual career, be involved in community service, have group shows, share new work, and network.

"Outside" will be on display at Schnormeier Gallery weekdays from noon to 4:30 p.m. For more information on this exhibit and others coming to Buchwald Center visit [mvnu.edu/events](http://mvnu.edu/events).

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

**EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT MOVING TO NEW LOCATION CAUSING TECHNOLOGY SHUTDOWN**

The EACS Technology Department will be moving to their new location in the former New Haven Elementary School at 800 Homestead Drive. The moving process will begin 12:00 am on Sunday, July 2 and should be restored by Thursday, July 6, 2017. During the move, phones, email, and all computer systems will be down, which will include:

- RDS parent access
- Access to transcripts
- The ability to create work

permits

- The ability to fill out a job application
- Access to job postings

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this move.

For more information prior to the shutdown please call 260-446-0100.

**ODOT DIRECTOR TO LEAD DEDICATION OF NEW ODOT PAULDING COUNTY GARAGE, HICKSVILLE OUTPOST**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 will dedicate and open to the public its new Paulding County maintenance garage in the village of Paulding and its new outpost in Hicksville.

A dedication and open house will be held Tuesday, June 27 at each location. ODOT Director Jerry Wray will lead the dedication at each facility, first at the Paulding County garage at 10 a.m., then at the Hicksville facility at 1:00 p.m.

An open house at each location will be held following the ceremonies from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The new Paulding County garage is located at the same location as the former facility at 833 Wayne Street in Paulding. The Hicksville outpost is located next to the Hicksville High School on state Route 2/49 and replaces the facility located on Ohio 18 on Hicksville's east side.

The final cost of construction for the Paulding County facility was \$8.2 million. Final cost for the Hicksville facility was \$3.1 million. Both were constructed under their original estimates of \$8.5 million and \$3.5 million, respectively.

"The need to replace our inadequate, aging facilities became apparent each year

as we continued to upgrade our equipment which is much larger than what was used just a few years ago," said Kirk Slusher, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy director. "To have the opportunity to celebrate on one day the opening of two, new modern ODOT facilities within our region of the state is historic," he said.

The former Paulding County facility was constructed in 1978 while some of the storage buildings were constructed in 1948 and 1966. The former Hicksville outpost was constructed in 1949.

Features of the new Paulding garage include:

More truck storage for the modern ODOT fleet

Upgraded, above-ground fuel system as well as a decanting station required by the Environmental Protection Agency for dumping catch basin waste

Expanded mechanic's area that provides the space needed to work on large equipment

Wash bay which can accommodate two trucks at once, eliminating the need to wash trucks in the equipment storage area

Salt dome, pole barn, equipment storage building and fuel island

Features of the new Hicksville outpost include:

- Five truck bays
- 2,000-ton salt storage facility

A truck wash bay

Decanting station

Will serve as a regional salt supply location for both the ODOT Defiance and Paulding County maintenance crews during winter operations.

Serving as the designer for both structures was Garman Miller of Minster. General contractor for both was Touchstone/Tuttle Construction, Lima.

Ohio's highways are essential to keeping and creating new jobs. With a mission to provide easy movement of people and goods from place to place, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is responsible for maintaining one of the largest transportation networks in the nation. Guided by ethical principles and accountability, ODOT works to improve safety, enhance travel and advance economic development. As a \$2.8 billion enterprise, the department wisely invests in its core services of snow and ice removal, annual construction program and highway maintenance operations.

**JOINT STATEMENT OF SECRETARY PERDUE (U.S.), MINISTER LAWRENCE MACAULAY (CANADA) & SECRETARY CALZADA (MEXICO) REGARDING TRILATERAL AGRICULTURE MEETINGS IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

Canadian Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Lawrence MacAulay; Mexican Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food Jose Calzada; and United States Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue issued the following statement at the conclusion of their first trilateral meetings in Savannah, GA, June 19-20,

2017. "Our three nations are connected not only geographically, but through our deeply integrated agricultural markets. Our trading relationship is vital to the economies - and the people - of our respective countries. We are working together to support and create good jobs in all three countries. We share a commitment to keeping our markets open and transparent so that trade can continue to grow. That mutual commitment was reaffirmed in our discussions this week.

"The North American Free Trade Agreement has greatly helped our respective agricultural sectors as well as our consumers who have benefitted from an ever-growing variety of safe, affordable food products all year around. While even the best trading partnerships face challenges from time to time, our agricultural differences are relatively few in the context of the \$85 billion in agricultural trade that flows between our three nations each year.

"Over the years, the United States, Mexico, and Canada have also worked collaboratively to protect plant and animal health, conduct joint research, and share best practices. These efforts have helped to eradicate several pests and diseases from the region, differentiating us from the rest of the world. Our three countries remain committed to continued collaboration to ensure a safe and reliable regional supply chain that makes the North American agriculture sector more competitive.

"Our visit to Georgia fostered the mutual understanding and personal relationships that will help North American agriculture thrive, improve our regional partnership and collaboration, and strengthen our trading relationship."

**LATTA STATEMENT ON DOJ ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) released the following statement after the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that Toledo is one of twelve cities to be selected to receive assistance as part of the newly created National Public Safety Partnership. The partnership provides a framework for enhanced federal support of state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutors, specifically regarding gun crime, drug trafficking, and gang violence. More information on the program is available here.

"It goes without saying that violent crime is a problem that many communities grapple with," said Latta. "It inflicts a sense of a fear in residents, it can remove the feeling of safety in our neighborhoods, and of course, it often results in devastating injuries and the senseless loss of life," said Latta. "The National Public Safety Partnership will be a valuable resource for local law enforcement as they implement proven strategies in Toledo to help combat violent crime. Coupled with the professionalism and dedication of the police officers in Northwest

**NEW PEVS SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKS AT KIWANIS**



Paulding Exempted Village Schools' new Superintendent, Ken Amstutz, was the speaker at the Kiwanis June 22nd meeting. Amstutz comes to Paulding from the superintendent position at Van Wert City Schools. He

is very "pro-kid" and shares that kids are the same as ever, it is the adults and family dynamics that surround them that have changed. Kiwanian Elizabeth Vance introduced Mr. Amstutz.

Ohio, the help from the Department of Justice and other federal agencies will aid in efforts to keep the community safe from violence. I applaud the DOJ's decision and thank the administration for their leadership on this important issue."

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auditions. Even if you don't want to be onstage, I can always find a place for you! So, please, come to the auditions for this important and gripping play! You'll see nothing else like this in Hicksville this year!! If you are unable to attend auditions on the dates or times listed, please contact Dawn Patterson at (260)440-6695.

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**PAYNE CELEBRATES AT ROCK THE BLOCK**



Matthew Wayne and Andrew McDougall earning funds for the Explorers at the dunk tank.



Puckerbrush's Brian Martin shows off his food for the festival!

The street was closed in downtown Payne, Ohio to celebrate the first annual event for "Rock the Block". It was put on by the City and the Payne Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Steve Wobler worked hard to come up with the idea and promote it. "It's our first year for this and we are seeing how this goes." They will be able to see what needs adjusted and improved for next year to do even better.

There were all kinds of activities at the The Rock. There was also a Cornhole tourna-

ment and the band starting at 8 pm called Erastus. One of the most popular events was the Chicken Bingo with people were standing watching the chicken. There was also a dunk tank and earning money for the Explorers.

One of the top favorites of the event was the food. Our friends at Puckerbrush were serving barbecue chicken and ribs and they were a favorite! Brian Martin said they had been grilling all weekend and they had been kept busy between the pizza and all the food.

**USDA ANNOUNCES \$20 MILLION FOR JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, VETERANS**

USDA and partners committed \$20 million in 21st Century Conservation Service Corps partnership agreements to provide 4,000 work opportunities for youth, young adults and veterans up to 35 years old, a move that will help the U.S. Forest Ser-

vice accomplish mission-critical infrastructure and landscape restoration projects on the ground. The U.S. Forest Service is one of seventeen USDA Agencies.

The funding represents investments by USDA of \$13 million and \$7 million from partner organizations. Contributions by the Forest Service and partners are expected to reach \$40 million by the end of 2017 and pro-

vide 11,000 work opportunities. Some funds are already placed with 21st Century Conservation Service Corps partnership agreements; other funds will continue to be obligated throughout the summer.

"The 21st Century Conservation Corps is not merely a summer jobs program," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "This is about nurturing our public lands as well as our veterans, youth and young adults through a variety of opportunities to develop leadership potential and professional and personal connections through work across many diverse landscapes."

The work accomplished by participants will include hundreds of miles of trail maintenance and improvements, watershed protection, removal of vegetation as part of wildfire prevention, improvements to recreation facilities, and other essential work on lands managed by the Forest Service.

Since the program started in 2014, the Forest Service generated nearly 30,000 opportunities for youth and veterans to work on projects that benefit public lands. Corps partners provide hands-on service and job training while working with the Forest Service and other land management agencies to build America's rural and urban economies, strengthen America's infrastructure, and modernize the way government works.

Involving veterans in these opportunities helps them learn new skills while continuing to serve their nation and local communities. In FY2016, 910 veterans were engaged on Forest Service volunteerism and service projects, of which 170 participated in 21st Century Conservation Corps projects. In FY2017, the agency expects to hire 186 veterans.

About 20 percent of the 4,000 opportunities funded by this year's commitment will be for Youth Conservation Corps jobs, a summer employment program on public lands that employ high school-aged youth. About 25 percent of the dedicated resources will support high-priority trail maintenance and improvements.

Projects will be on public lands in rural communities from coast to coast and will include diverse work experiences. Some examples among potentially hundreds of projects funded through this initiative include:

Fishlake National Forest Accessibility Survey: Utah State University and Utah Conservation Corps Accessibility Crews will conduct accessibility surveys on Fishlake National Forest in Richfield, Utah. The project helps managers understand how the forest can improve access for people with varying ability levels and promote outdoor recreation and economic development.

Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests Youth Conservation Corps: The forest will host a residential crew of teenagers from the Lexington School for the Deaf to work on restoration projects and learn about wilderness practices in Vermont

**21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING GRANT AWARDED**



Western Buckeye Educational Service Center in partnership with Antwerp Local Schools, Paulding Exempted Village Schools, and Lincolnview Local Schools was awarded a 21st Century Community Learning grant from the Ohio Department of Education. They are currently wrapping up year two of a three year grant. The after school program runs during the school year, but also al-

lows 72 students the opportunity to attend a two week summer camp in June. Each day, the campers divide their time between Camp Clay in Van Wert, Ohio and hands on learning activities at their home elementary building. We celebrated the conclusion of our summer camp, by inviting families for a day of Aqua Park fun at Camp Clay on Friday, June 16h. We had just over 180 people attend

our Family Fun Day. Special thanks to the local school districts, Camp Clay, Summer Food Programs, and the Van Wert Manor for their support. If you would like additional information about our 21st Century after school programs, please contact Ashley Shepherd, Program Coordinator at Western Buckeye Educational Service Center, 419-399-4711.

and New York. Residential programs make it possible for underserved youth from urban and rural communities who are not within commuting distance of a forest to experience natural and cultural resources work while earning at least minimum wage.

Mt. Adams Veterans Wilderness, Suppression, and Outreach: Mt. Adams Institute will hire two veterans as rangers to make trail improvements, and conduct education and outreach with volunteers and others visitors to the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in Washington State. Five VetsWork interns will support special uses and communication outreach projects on the Deschutes National Forest while another 20 veterans will be engaged through Mt. Adams as a Type 2 suppression crew through Mt. Adams GreenCorps program on the Umatilla National Forest. Mt. Adams Institute was recognized as a recipient of the 2015 National Volunteers & Service Annual Awards program for expanding engagement of veterans on agency lands.

Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program: Four current-era veterans from Joint Base Lewis-McChord will work as wilderness rangers on the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests in Oregon for three months. Veterans earn a living wage as part of the assistance program.

Trail Work Along the Appalachian: Groundwork USA and Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Conservation Leadership Corps will jointly field a crew of six participants and two crew leaders to work on segments of the Appalachian Trail in Virginia and North Carolina. This project is part of renewed Forest Service efforts to address backlogged maintenance work on historical trails across the country.

Annually, the Forest Service engages about 100,000 volunteers and 21st Century Conservation Service Corps participants. As part of an emphasis on strengthening and deepening connections with the public through outdoor experiences, the agency is committed to expanding

its capacity for greater volunteerism and community service. The goal is to increase engagement to 115,000 volunteers by 2020 mostly through individual and partner organizations committed to the conservation of the public lands legacy.

To participate in the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps contact a member organization.

For additional information about funded projects, jobs, volunteering and other opportunities for young people, visit the Forest Service online Working with Us.

**REPRESENTATIVE RIEDEL ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION STRENGTHENING DISTRACTED DRIVING PENALTIES**

State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) announced that the Ohio House passed legislation aimed at decreasing distracted driving across the state by imposing up to a \$100 fine on offenders in addition to the standard fine established for the moving violation they are cited for.

House Bill 95 makes distracted driving a secondary offense that can result in a fine of up to \$100. This means that drivers must be pulled over first for a moving violation in order to be cited for

the offense.

"Distracted driving while using a phone or texting has become a major issue in Ohio," said Riedel. "41 percent of crashes caused by phone usage are fatal. I believe House Bill 95 helps to address this staggering statistic and will lead to safer roads for all Ohioans."

In lieu of paying the additional fine, offenders may choose to complete a distracted driving safety course established by the Director of Public Safety.

House Bill 95, sponsored by State Representatives Jim Hughes (R-Clintonville) and Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati), passed with bipartisan support and now goes to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.

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bers. They will be displaying both hand and machine quilted items. You will be able to vote for your favorite quilt as we will be awarding Viewer's Choice Awards. Lois Levihn of Born Again Quilts will be entertaining us with various demonstrations.

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cover is open when you light the burners, to prevent propane gases from collecting.

When you are done using the gas grill, make sure the gas is shut off and the grill is cooled down before covering your grill after use.

Always use or store your gas cylinders in the upright, vertical position. Store them outdoors away from sources of ignition.

When you have your cylinder refilled, have your supplier check for dents, damage, rust or any leaks.

After having the cylinder refilled, take it home immediately. Keep your vehicle ventilated with the cylinder upright and the valve secured.

When the gas grill is not in use, make sure the fittings are covered to prevent collection of moisture, insects and dirt.

If there is a significant or uncontrollable leak of propane gas or if a fire occurs, get clear of the gas grill and cylinder and call the Fire Department immediately. Dial 911!

**Propane Gas Grill Don'ts:**

Do not grill on the deck of a multi-store apartment building

Do not bring the propane gas cylinder indoors or into an enclosed space such as the garage or basement.

Do not smoke while handling the propane cylinder.

Do not leave the cylinder in your vehicle while transporting it to get filled or after it has been filled.

Do not use a match or lighter to check for leaks.

Do not allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill.

Do not use, store or transport your cylinder where it would be exposed to high temperatures. This includes storing spare cylinders under or near the grill itself.

**WOODBURN LAUNCHES SUMMERFEST**



Woodburn Christian Children's Home with their snowcones at the Summerfest.

Summerfest took off for 2017 at Woodburn on Friday and Saturday, June 23 & 24. The annual event works hard to bring people from in and out of the community together for a day of fun and frolic activities at the Woodburn Community Park. The first night was trivia and the beer tent.

Then on Saturday morning the Lions Club was out selling their famous donuts bright and early. The parade started with local businesses and organizations handing out candy along with the famous Woodburn Fire Department and the fabulous Woodlan Marching Band. After the parade numerous organizations were setup in the park building and the Woodburn Christian Children's Home was selling snow cones as the fundraiser. Feders and other food vendors were setup along the road. The Historical Society had a great event with people bringing in their historical artifacts and showing them off to each other at the Woodburn Community Center. They had old Woodburn Booster Newspapers there with very interesting history of the city.

Two Bands played this year - The Joel Young Band - and Plan B both rocked the stage inside the main tent.

It was another great year for the Summerfest at Woodburn!

Ticket Winners (1st Place) \$ 1500 CASH -Gina Philipot., Antwerp, OH - sponsor is WCA

(2nd Place) Cedar Point Getaway-Tania Walters, Hicksville, OH - sponsor is Dooley Funeral Home

(3rd Place) 3 Burner Weber Grill - Christine Van Pelt, Auburn,IN - sponsor is Bridge Manufacturing

(4th Place) 55" Samsung TV - Melissa Huffman, Ft Wayne, IN - sponsor is Heckley Outdoor Power

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(6th Place) Pizza and Donuts for a Year- Patti Fisher, North Liberty, IN - sponsor is Sam and Carters Pizza and

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Nick Russell

**COW CHIP BINGO**

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**LATTA APPLAUDS SIGNING OF VETERANS LEGISLATION INTO LAW**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) applauded the signing of the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act into law this morning. President Trump signed the legislation, S.1094, after it passed the U.S. House of Representatives last week. The bill reforms the Department of Veterans Af-

fairs (VA) and allows the VA Secretary to remove, demote, or suspend any VA employee for poor performance or misconduct. It also contains important whistleblower protections.

"The signing of the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act into law will help ensure that our country's veterans receive the care that they've earned," said Latta. "When a VA employee is able to stay in their role — despite gross misconduct

or poor performance — it ultimately harms the veterans that have served our nation. I'm also glad that whistleblower protections were included in the bill because people at the agency with concerns should be able to raise these issues with their leadership. Congress and the administration are working to keep the promises made to veterans, and this legislation is a major step in the right direction."

**SPORTS CARD SHOW**

Saturday, July 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Ramada Plaza Center and Travel Hotel (formerly the Hotel Fort Wayne) located at 305 E Washington Center Rd (exit 312a off of I-69) in Fort Wayne, Indiana there will be a sports card and collectibles show. Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance with both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles along with NASCAR diecast. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes and supplies . . . attendance is free and the public is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring your items in for appraisal. For more information please contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mscards@icloud.com or facebook at mcs cards.

**INDIANA WOMAN INDICTED IN WILLIAMS COUNTY FATAL HIT-SKIP**

On June 21, the Williams County Grand Jury indicted a woman from Butler, Indiana, involved in the death of a bicyclist along U.S. Route 6 near Road 4-50 in Williams County.

Cassandra M. Stickney, 23, was indicted on failure to stop after an accident, a third degree felony, and vehicular manslaughter, a second degree misdemeanor.

The indictment stems from an investigation by the Ohio State Highway Patrol after troopers responded to reports of a person struck on U.S. Route 6 on February 16, 2017. When troopers arrived on scene they discovered the bicyclist, Keith Brown, of Williams County, was dead.

The Butler Police Department in Indiana and the Indiana State Police Investigative Section assisted with the investigation, evidence collection and the indictment of Stickney.

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office job in 2010 as chief academic officer at Marion Community Schools.

"Some people set out to be a superintendent," Folks said. "I didn't."

He credits Steve Yager, a former Northwest Allen County Schools superintendent, for encouraging him toward that path. Folks worked at NACS for 10 years as a principal.

"You took a chance on me," he told the EACS school board at his last meeting Tuesday.

Bob Nelson was on the board when Folks was hired and said he recently ran for his second term because he anticipated a superintendent search.

"I just wish it was three years from now," said Nelson, the board president.

He and Marilyn Hissong, assistant superintendent of elementary education, said Folks helped improve morale.

"He brings a high energy to our district," Hissong said.

Deborah Watson, assistant superintendent of secondary education, wrote in an email that Folks believes in doing what is best for children and empowers and supports those who work with him.

"We will remember him most for bringing war rooms to the district and his constant focus on school safety," she wrote.

War rooms - or data rooms on steroids, as Folks calls them - are places where educators track data about each student to individualize instruction tailored to his or her unique need.

Folks' efforts to learn names and attend public events, including school sporting events, impressed Nelson. At a wrestling meet, Nelson said he watched at least a dozen student-athletes thank Folks for his support. That approachability is "who Ken is," Nelson said.

Hissong agreed. "He builds relationships with anyone he comes in contact with," she said, listing parents, custodians, paraprofessionals and teachers as examples. "He finds ways to connect."

David Randall, a social studies teacher and basketball coach at Woodlan Junior-Senior High School, said Folks

did little things that matter to people, like wishing him good luck before a game.

He also took a personal interest in staff members, Randall said. He didn't expect Folks, who has a son in Brooklyn, New York, to send him a list of recommended activities upon learning he and his wife planned to visit New York City last year, the teacher said.

"He'll be a tough act to follow," Randall said.

Folks said he benefited from the opportunity to lead a district like EACS, which has urban, suburban and rural schools and covers 344 square miles.

"It's a different kind of district," he said before giving a student at the rocket launch a high-five.

Under his leadership, EACS improved its A-F accountability grade, moving from the C category to the A category in one year. It most recently received a B from the state.

The district also gained about 500 students in the last two years, indicating that families are choosing and staying in EACS, Folks said.

About 9,500 children were enrolled last year.

Folks called the achievements rewarding but said they aren't his alone. The board and employees also deserve credit, he said.

"Our strength is our human capital," he said.

EACS is in a good position to switch to a new superintendent, Folks said, adding that it's better for him to leave when things are going well.

"I've had a very enriching career," said Folks, who announced his retirement in April.

He expects to keep busy in retirement. Folks said his wife, Kay, retired three years ago.

But will he be as busy as he did at EACS?

On a Thursday late in the school year, he not only attended New Haven Intermediate's rocket launch but also stopped by Southwick Elementary School for doughnuts with dad. He also visited Prince Chapman Academy, New Haven High School, Leo Elementary School and New Haven Primary School for its field day.

"That's just today," he said.

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# FAIRY GARDEN PROGRAM AT THE PAYNE LIBRARY



Last Thursday at the Payne Library, the Paulding County Master Gardener volunteers led a Fairy Garden program as part of the library's Summer Reading Program. Twenty boy and girls learned about plants and plant care and

then made their very own fairy gardens. Go to the library, visit our website ([www.pauldingcountylibrary.com](http://www.pauldingcountylibrary.com)), find us on Facebook, or call 263-3333 to find out about the daily programs offered at the Payne Branch this summer.

## NEW HAVEN POLICE CHIEF RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS, ISSUES SURROUNDING GARDNER ASSAULT CASE

New Haven Chief Henry D. McKinnon said that despite the impression that is circulating on social media regarding the recent assault on 15-year-old Jason Gardner, his department has been

working continuously and diligently on the case. But, as he explained, the department is proceeding cautiously to ensure that justice is served on the victim's behalf.

"When the officer got called out they found the young man did have some injuries and was in and out of consciousness. The assault did happen. That's a no brainer," said McKinnon.

Successfully prosecuting the case, however, takes careful and accurate police work he said.

For example, explained McKinnon, officers did work with the young victim immediately on the scene to try to identify his assailant. He said Jason Gardner told them a name of an assailant that he said he didn't see but recognized by voice.

According to McKinnon, police immediately went to the possible suspects home and read him his Miranda rights. Officers, however, didn't make an arrest at the time for a number of reasons, he said.

For one, the person being investigated had a witness who gave him an alibi for the time which the assault was committed. Second, the person showed no signs of injuries or a scuffle. Rather than to risk ultimately losing the case, officers opted to investigate further and pursue additional evidence. McKinnon said they asked the person to come in and volunteer to take a voice stress test so they could have something to back them up in assessing the possible suspects veracity. The person didn't come in so after two days, New Haven police officials decided to send the case to the county juvenile prosecutor with what they had.

"It's not uncommon for a prosecutor to say, 'I will consider it but I'm giving a supplement request. I want you to find out A, B and C,' which is what happened Friday (June 9)," explained McKinnon.

Adding that the requested information gathering was beyond the capabilities of a regular patrol officer and assigned the case two one of the department's two detectives, who immediately started to work on the case. Unfortunately, said McKinnon, progress on the case slowed on Monday by two armed in New Haven on June 12, in which detectives had to spend the entire day working.

The detective on the case, however, put in extra work to wrap up details and the case has been sent to juvenile prosecutor officers.

"I didn't have to tell him to do it," said the chief. "He volunteered and stayed all night to get it wrapped up."

Again, refuting the perception being spread by social media, McKinnon said, "there was never a case when the police were not investigating this.

"And I understand [the frustration] from the victim's standpoint and you don't understand the system," and how things can seem to be progressing very slowly or not at all.

He said the department had been working with the Gardner family to try to keep them informed and to assure them the New Haven Police

Department was aggressively pursue the matter, adding that the deputy chief of police spent a couple of hours working with the mother, Lakysa Gardner, a fact which Gardner herself confirmed during an interview with Frost Illustrated.

McKinnon said his officers and detectives made some wise decisions in pursuing the case to ensure a successful prosecution is made.

"It's not rocket science to put handcuffs on someone and take them to jail but you're doing a disservice to the victim if you don't get details," he said, explaining that inaccurate or missing information can doom a case forever. "If we just send that down like that and it's declined, then it's done."

While police can operate on investigations with "probable cause" prosecutors, he said, are looking for evidence "beyond reasonable doubt."

For police to submit a case without trying to get the best information is poor work, said McKinnon.

"That would be almost lazy. You're not doing everything you can do," he said.

He said the department has sent a host of evidence and information to the juvenile prosecutor.

"We have included every single officer's car camera. All that is with the prosecutor too," he said.

McKinnon also addressed the social media buzz about a rope and a possible lynching.

"That night (of the assault), we have numerous pictures of the victim. Nothing that night or the following day was mentioned about a rope from the victim and the victim's family," he said.

The Gardner family told Frost the rope was found a few days afterwards and showed a light colored mark on the back of Jason's neck a week after the incident.

McKinnon himself pointed out that as in many domestic abuse cases, physical evidence of aspects of an assault might not show up immediately but reiterated that neither Jason nor family members said anything about a rope during the investigation. The story, he said, showed up on social media and "has just grown a life of its own."

McKinnon also pointed out that local youth new about the rope for some time for a different reason.

"That rope had been there for years for climbing," said

# AT E&C HEARING, LATTA DISCUSSES INCREASING BROADBAND ACCESS IN RURAL AMERICA



Congressman Bob Latta (R- Bowling Green) questioned witnesses at an Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology Subcommittee hearing about the mapping and coverage measurements of broadband in rural America and how it could be improved to better identify underserved and unserved areas. At the hearing, entitled, "Defining and Mapping Broadband Coverage in America," Latta mentioned that high-precision techniques used in modern farming require access to high-speed broadband, especially to incorporate advances in Internet of Things technology. Latta, who serves as Co-Chair of the Rural Broadband Caucus, directed his question to J. Brent Legg, Vice President of Government Affairs

for Connected Nation. Video is available here.

During his questioning, Latta said, "Broadband support programs aim to increase broadband coverage in rural America where agricultural production generate significant value to the national economy and are an essential source of revenue and jobs in rural communities. Today, modern high precision farming operations require access to high-speed broadband to support advanced operations and technologies that significantly increase crop yields, reduce costs, and improve the environment. A program that only seeks to measure broadband coverage based on population centers, households, or road miles will overlook coverage gaps in agricultural communities."

McKinnon.

Still, he said the department will pursue the issue.

"Since it's out there, I have to follow up and ask the victims about that," he said.

Interestingly, the image of the rope has been used to fuel call for rallies and protest.

"There's a picture of a rope and that has nothing to do with that. The victims themselves never told me they were injured with the rope. There's no evidence from the victim or the victim's family," said McKinnon.

He said the department also was serious about looking into the "attempted lynching" stories because of an earlier lynching threat involving threats to the Gardner/Ball family. Someone told the family that a person known to them had made a threat to lynch a family member.

"An officer did take that report and that would have

been in May. The officer took that report and went straight to the horse's mouth and the witness then denied telling the victim that. At that point you have two teenagers and one wants to fight the other and that's not an uncommon thing," said McKinnon.

As for the complaints levied by the Gardner/Ball family against an Officer Anderson, McKinnon said that has been discussed with Lakysa Gardner.

"She did talk to the deputy chief and she has every right to do that. And, we have offered to help her fill out a formal complaint form," he said.

Once that paperwork has been completed, he said and investigation into that complaint would proceed.

"I would then request for the county or state to do that internal investigation," said McKinnon, explaining that using an outside agency to

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does not have a hate crime law," so any investigation or charges along those lines would have to come from the DOJ.

McKinnon said he has talked to DOJ officials since they have been called but, to date, not much specifically about the case.

"Most [conversations] were in reference to concerns about the rally and safety and security," said the chief.

"I don't know of this department being under investigation," he said regarding other potential DOJ concerns.

"None of us are perfect including me and my officers. I know my guys and gals. I know their hearts and they do do a good job," said McKinnon.

Still, recent events have taught him a few things, he said.

For example, all the Facebook hubbub about the case has prompted him to sign up for some social media seminars and to work toward the New Haven Police Department being more involved with the community in that way.

"By the end of the year, we're going to have a Facebook page up so that we can put up some facts that aren't out there. Or at least, to put a different opinion out there. Not for back and forth," he said.

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### PHOSPHORUS RISK INDEX PROJECT

The Phosphorus Reduction Reimbursement Program is now available in critical areas throughout Eastern Allen County within the Upper Maumee watershed.

Grant funds provided to the SWCD from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management are available to participants in the project on a per acre basis.

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

This pilot program is designed to help farmers keep phosphorus on their fields. The main factors that determine a farm's risk of losing phosphorus include soil type, how close or connected a field is to surface water, slope of the field, soil permeability,

### DANDELIONS: NOT ALWAYS YOUR ENEMY!



While many might view dandelion of a yard enemy that must be eliminated, it is actually more useful than you think. Source: Countryside Network.

By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

Certainly many of us can recall being a kid and finding enjoyment of closing our eyes, taking in a big breath, and blowing with every fiber of our beings at a dandelion puffball and watching all the little puffs (seeds) scatter all over the place. As a kid, you thought it was the coolest thing ever seeing the puffs scatter, but if you are a homeowner or a farmer, you likely cringed at such a sight. For many farmers and landowners, dandelions are a nuisance that is certainly not desired. Those pesky little menaces dot our yards with a sea of yellow each spring but are they really all that bad? The answer to that question may actually surprise many farmers and landowners. Some may see the dandelion as a weed while others see it as a valuable plant full of many great uses.

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, dandelion is native to Europe & Asia and a member of the aster family. For many early cultures, it was viewed as a highly valuable plant in which just about every part of the dandelion from the roots to the flower was utilized either as a nutritious food or a natural and rather effective natural medicine. Fast forward to today, and the value placed on dandelion is rather low.

Dandelion is not too hard of a plant to spot in your yard. It has the characteristic golden yellow flower that appears at the end of a long, narrow stalk later in the spring or also in early autumn. The flower is filled with a sweet tasting and scented nectar which is quite popular among pollinators such as bees. The dandelion is anchored by a solid and rather fleshy taproot that will project a white, milky sap when you cut into it.

Believe it or not, dandelions have a multitude of uses, many of which you may not even realize they could be used for. Did you know that dandelions can be made into salads, teas, syrups, wines, skin healing salves, and so much more? That is a proven fact says Rosalee de la Foret, author of *Alchemy of Herbs*. Foret says that the dandelion is a rather generous plant with just about each part of it able to be used as food or medicine. In the world of herbs, dandelion is a rath-

er hot commodity to have around.

Foret writes that dandelion is a great way to show kids the power of herbs right in your own backyard. Just what are some herbal benefits of dandelions? Dandelions benefit us by providing a source for detoxification, hormone balance, aiding in digestion (keeping things moving), blood sugar balance, and skin health. Foret says in her book that dandelion, known by its scientific name as *Taraxacum officinale*, also benefit the good bacteria living in our digestive system which aids in digestion. Who knows!

Dandelion is quite nutritious if you think about it. According to the USDA National Nutrient Database, dandelion herb greens rank as follows nutritionally per 100 grams: Protein: 2.7 grams, Fat: 0.70 grams, Dietary Fiber: 3.5 grams, Carbohydrates: 9.2 grams, and Sodium: 76 milligrams. According to Rosalee de la Foret, you will obtain the most benefit from the dandelion if you use to roots, leaves, stems, and flowers; selecting the parts to use to obtain your goals.

Leaves help if you are looking to aid in remedying digestive issues using herbal means. Foret writes that the leaves are also a great source of Vitamin C & B, magnesium, iron and also calcium. Nutrition and You.com writes that dandelion leaves also have Vitamin A and flavonoids which help protect our bodies from lung and oral cancers. Roots also provide some benefits to your health when you use dried or fresh roots. Roots are high in minerals such as iron, manganese, calcium, and potassium while also helping to support hormone balance.

When is the best time to pick dandelion and enjoy its benefits? One thing for sure is that you will not have a hard time finding dandelion to pick! Of course, before you pick any you should make sure the area you are picking your dandelions in have not been sprayed with any harmful chemicals. Look for the following features on the plant when it is best to pick: leaves without hairs or spines, stems without leaves, and one flower per stem. Rosalee de la Foret, author of *Alchemy of Herbs* writes that it is best to harvest roots early in the year if you desire a bitter taste or after fall freeze if a starchy taste more suits your palate. Flowers should be harvested in the morning or early afternoon before they close in the afternoon. Of course, don't forget about the pollinators who need flowers so leave some behind for them!

Hopefully not you may give a second thought to dandelion and see that it can be quite useful beyond its viewed role as a pesky weed that must be terminated. The dandelion is a good example of how nature has many treasures hidden within it that are just waiting to be discovered.

soil Phosphorus test results, amount of fertilizer applied, time of fertilizer application, and fertilizer placement.

While some of these factors cannot be controlled by producers, those that can provide a great opportunity for small changes that could result in big improvements both for the bottom line, and

for water quality.

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

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

## THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

more about this exciting new program.

### USDA AUTHORIZES EMERGENCY GRAZING IN DROUGHT-STRICKEN MONTANA, NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA

Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue authorized emergency grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. All or parts of these states are experiencing severe or extreme drought conditions - indicated as categories D2 and D3 on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

"Due to reduced availability of forage, ranchers in the hardest hit locations have already been culling their herds," said Perdue. "Without alternative forage options like grazing CRP lands, livestock producers are faced with the economically devastating potential of herd liquidation."

CRP is a voluntary program administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land and, when needed, provide emergency relief to livestock producers suffering the impacts of certain natural disasters.

Emergency grazing is authorized to begin immediately and extends through

Sept. 30, unless conditions improve. Producers must work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop a modified conservation plan that is site specific, including the authorized grazing duration to reflect local wildlife needs. FSA State Committees will monitor emergency grazing implementation at the local level to mitigate adverse impact on nesting areas and established CRP vegetation.

"If the drought continues and pasture recovery becomes less likely, feed supplies will decline, the quality and quantity of hay is reduced and stock water becomes scarce - considerable stressors for both the livestock and our producers," said Perdue. "If opening up grazing lands reduces even some of these stressors for these ranchers, then it's the right thing for us to do."

Eligible CRP participants can use the acreage for grazing their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. There will be no CRP annual rental payment reductions assessed for acres grazed.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center. To find your local USDA Service Center visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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### VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2017-14 on June 19, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER \$27,500.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE FUND, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$27,500.00 from the General Fund to the Police Fund for the operation of the Police Department.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2017-15 on June 19, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF MELANIE L. FARR AS SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance approves retaining the services of Melanie L. Farr as the Village Solicitor for a two (2) year term.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2017-16 on June 19, 2017, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES ON THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement for professional design services relating to design improvements to the water treatment plant to be performed by Poggemeyer Design Group.

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

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Village of Paulding will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following described real estate, to-wit:

#### TRACT ONE

The real estate being sold is the "Old Utility Building" property and is located at 208 North Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio, Parcel No.: 30-23S-044-00

The real estate being sold is the "Old Utility Building" property and is located at 208 North Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio.

The real estate is to be sold and conveyed to the highest bidder by quit claim deed on the following terms:

1. Bids must be in a minimum amount of \$15,000.00.
2. The Village of Paulding shall have one (1) month, after the finalization of the sale, to remove all of the contents of the building from said building.
3. Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to be deposited with the bid by certified check, and the balance to be paid to the Finance Director of the Village of Paulding within thirty (30) days after the acceptance of the bid by the Council of the Village.
4. The successful bidder for the property must agree, in writing, to comply with all ordinances of the Village of Paulding, Ohio, that pertain to possible uses for said real estate.

All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and be identified as "BID FOR OLD UTILITY BUILDING PROPERTY" and received by Robert Fisher, Village Administrator, Village of Paulding, 116 South Main Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 by 12:00 P.M. (Noon) on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at which time they will be opened and read.

The Village of Paulding reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Please contact Robert Fisher, Village Administrator, at 419-399-2806 with any questions. To see the full advertisement see [PublicNoticesOhio.com](http://PublicNoticesOhio.com).



# ESSEN HOUSE GETS UPDATE



West Bend employees work to install the new sign at the restaurant on Friday evening.

The Essen House Restaurant in Antwerp, Ohio recently installed a new sign. They have been working on a new layout for the sign with a designer in California, Maura McCarthy. The sign was manufactured by West Bend Printing in Antwerp. Essen House Manager, Sharon McLaughlin recalled how her customers helped her with ideas for the sign.

Once the sign design was completed the files were sent to West Bend Printing for production with a corrugated aluminum substrate for extra weather resilience. West Bend Printing (419-258-2000)

replaced the wood sign that had been in place for over 10 years with the new one. "This looks great," said Sharon, "This really matches the look of the building."

The Essen House Restaurant not only serves the residence of the Van Crest of Antwerp assisted Living facility but is also a restaurant that serves the community authentic Amish style cooking seven days a week. They have a large selection of menu items or a buffet with several seating areas. For more information about Essen House call 419-258-1606.

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## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

**Christina Overholt**, Paulding, OH; Possession drug; Prel-waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

**Michael D. Grunden**, Paulding, OH; Possession drug; Pel-waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Michael D. Grunden**, Paulding, OH; Poss drug instr.; Prel-waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio; Case shall be bound over

**Katherine R. Pessefall**, Paulding, OH; Misuse credit card; Prel-waive; The defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court of Paulding County Ohio

**Christopher S. Gile**, Scott, OH; Sexual battery; Prel-waive; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

**Elizabeth A. Brown**, Celina, OH; Paraphernalia; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Elizabeth A. Brown**, Celina, OH; Possession; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Marion W. Smith**, Botkins, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Michael S. Now**, Paulding, OH; Criminal trespass; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Have no contact with the victim or her property; Complete 20 hrs of community service; Maintain general good behavior

**Veronica Steffel**, Melrose, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Janet Marie Allen-Broom**, Detroit, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Janet Marie Allen-Broom**, Detroit, MI; Possession; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Veronica Steffel**, Melrose, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

**Veronica Steffel**, Melrose, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior

**John A. Shellenbarger**, Payne, OH; Hit skip; Dismiss; Count A dismissed at the states request

**John A. Shellenbarger**, Payne, OH; Fail control; Dismiss; Count B dismissed at the states request

**John A. Shellenbarger**, Payne, OH; Seatbelt; Dismiss; Count C dismissed at the states request

**John A. Shellenbarger**, Payne, OH; O.V.I./under inf; Guilty; Defendant shall pay \$30.00 per mo commencing 7/28/17; POC date 10/26/18; Community Control Two;

Evaluation at Westwood; 40 hrs of community service; Thinking For A Change; Proof of insurance by 6/23/17 at 4:00 p.m.; 90 jail days reserved

**Mary M. Moreno**, Monroeville, IN; O.V.I./under inf; Guilty; Defendant has a POC date of 10/27/17; Def shall pay \$100 per mo commencing 7/28/17; Community Control Two; Secure a valid driver's license; 40 hrs community service; Thinking For A Change; 87 jail days reserved; Report to probation office today

**Mary M. Moreno**, Monroeville, IN; Fail control; Dismiss; Count B dismissed at the states request

**Andre J. Greutman**, Scott, OH; O.V.I./under inf; Guilty; Pay \$100 per mo commencing 7/28/17; Has a POC date 12/29/17; Evaluation at Westwood; Secure a valid driver's license; 40 hrs of community service; Thinking For A Change; Report to probation today; 180 jail days reserved

**Andre J. Greutman**, Scott, OH; Left of center; Dismiss; Count B dismissed at the states requested

**Shawn H. Guelde**, Grover Hill, OH; Set belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant paid all fines and costs

**Nicole E. White**, Defiance, OH; F.R.A. susp; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant has a POC date of 11/24/17; Defendant shall pay \$100 per month commencing 7/28/17

**Andrew C. Ferrell**, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Steven D. Johnson**, Paulding, OH; F.R.A. susp; Guilty; Defendant shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 7/28/17; Defendant has a POC of 12/21/17

**Brandon Smith**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Matthew R. Hartke**, Kokomo, IN; FTY emer vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Phillip Anjuil**, Mississauga, ON; Traf dev/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Timothy A. Rogers**, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**William A. Goebes**, Fountaintown, IN; Head phones; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kevin L. Kennedy**, Paulding, OH; Pass bad check; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Pay restitution in the amount of \$404.30; Placed on standard probation; Fees waived released when conditions are met; Maintain general good behavior

**Kevin L. Kennedy**, Paulding, OH; Pass bad check; Dismiss; Count B dismissed

**Kevin L. Kennedy**, Paulding, OH; Pass bad check; Dismiss; Count C dismissed

**Kevin L. Kennedy**, Paulding, OH; Pass bad check; Pled no cont., found guilty; Same conditions as count A

**Kevin L. Kennedy**, Paulding, OH; Pass bad check; Dismiss; Case dismissed

**Kevin L. Kennedy**, Paulding, OH; Pass bad check; Dismiss; Case dismissed

**Kevin L. Kennedy**, Paulding, OH; Pass bad check; Dismiss; Case dismissed

**Joshua BROWN**, Oakwood, OH; O.V.I./under inf; Guilty; May attend the DIP program in lieu of jail; Must be completed by 12/29/17; ALS vacated; Pay all fines and costs today; Community Control Two; Secure a valid driver's license; 40 hrs of community service; 87 jail days reserved

## TOM RUFFING WINS SUMMERFEST RACE



By: Daniel Rhoad

On Saturday, June 24th, I went to the Woodburn Day's celebration to watch the drag racing that they put on every year. You can enter and race just about anything you bring. Modified, OR stock go carts, golf carts, lawn mowers, and like I said, just about anything, bought or built, it doesn't matter, you can race it. Racing in the event was my friends, "and Antwerp's own," Justin Ruffing, and his dad Tom Ruffing as they entered their homemade go carts in the event.

On his first run, Justin's brake linkage malfunctioned, and he almost didn't get stopped before the barriers at the end of the street. On his second run Justin broke an axle and ended his day. Well that didn't stop his dad Tom from racing by the seat of his pants, and winning a trophy being undefeated that day. I hear he has been trying for that trophy for at least 5 years.

At the start, Tom smoked the tires for about 50 ft, and when he crossed the finish line he was on radar with the Woodburn police dept. at 75mph in 500ft.

That thing was wicked fast! What a blast it was. Being a good sport, and wanting to let his son Justin, shine at least once "due to a broken cart," Tom let him take the cart on one run, defeating the opponent and adding to the wins that day.

Justin wants revenge on his dad (Torpedo Tom) Ruffing, "as I will always call him now," but Tom has his bragging rights...at least until next year.

So if you see ole Torpedo Tom Ruffing on the street, give him a big congrats. Wat to go daddy-o!!!

Now...I wonder if my wife would let me make...just a few"...little tiny"...adjustments on our lawn mower next year? Hmmm?

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**Joshua Brown**, Oakwood, OH; Left of center; Dismiss; Count B dismissed  
**Amber L. Escobedo**, Oakwood, OH; D.O.C. w/pers; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Evaluation at Westwood and complete such counseling; No unlawful contact with victim; Placed on standard probation; Released when conditions are met  
**Jason A. Daniels**, Paulding, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior  
**Jason A. Daniels**, Paul-

ing, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no cont., found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Spencer M. Strickler**, Payne, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency  
**Spencer M. Strickler**, Payne, OH; Possession drug; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Ebony M. Davidson**, Indianapolis, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**John D. Romes**, Defiance, OH; Traf dev/signs; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 8/25/17 or will be sent to collections

**Eli G. Cook**, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kenny R. Kautz**, Greenville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Andrew Swicker**, Leipsic, OH; FTY/left turn; Pled no cont., found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 7/28/17 or will be sent to collections

**Emily Sadri**, Cleveland Heights, OH; FTY emer vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**David R. Brown**, Van Wert, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Spencer M. Strickler**, Antwerp, OH; No tail lights; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/29/17 or will be sent to collections

**Jonathan L. Barber**, Van Wert, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Benjamin L. Sanchez**, Paulding, OH; DUS (fail/rein); Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 2/23/18 or will be sent to collections; Defendant shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 7/28/17

**Kenneth J. Deitering**, Ottawa, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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### Field reports from ODNR Division of Wildlife Officers

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

In December 2016, State Wildlife Officer Maurice Irish, assigned to Delaware County, was dispatched to Hoover Reservoir in response to information submitted to the Turn In a Poacher (TIP) hotline. A witness reported that two individuals had caught a large amount of crappie, transported them to a vehicle, and then returned to catch more fish. Upon arrival, Officer Irish located the suspects near the bridge preparing to leave. As Officer Irish approached, one of the individuals attempted to dump a large sack of fish back into the water, but was unsuccessful. Further investigation by Officer Irish revealed another large burlap sack containing crappie in the suspect's vehicle. Once the fish were counted, it was determined that one individual was 25 fish over the legal limit and the other was 27 fish over the legal limit. A large portion of the crappie were also under the legal length limit of 9 inches. Both individuals were found guilty in Delaware County Municipal Court and paid \$320 in fines and court costs.

In late February, State Wildlife Officer Jeff Tipton, assigned to Champaign County, was contacted by the Champaign County Sheriff's Office about an individual hunting without permission. Deputy John McNeely and Officer Tipton responded and found three men who had been rabbit hunting. The men had been hunting near a set of railroad tracks, which they did not have permission to be on, and at least one of them

had gone on to a private landowner's property. All three men were issued citations for hunting without permission and one man received an additional citation for hunting without a hunting license. All three were found guilty in court, and in total the men paid \$950 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the spring walleye fishing season, Lake Erie Investigator Cody Klima and State Wildlife Officer Eric VonAlmen, assigned to Wood County, contacted a group of fishermen at Meinke's Marina in Lucas County. Further investigation by the officers revealed that the men had 13 walleye, one over their daily limit. Of those 13 fish, two were under the legal size limit of 15 inches, and one of the men was fishing without a fishing license. All three men were issued summons for the violations.

This spring, while working the annual Maumee River walleye run, State Wildlife Officers Jason Porinchok, assigned to Putnam County, and Brad Buening, assigned to Van Wert County, received a call from the Turn In a Poacher (TIP) hotline. The caller stated that two individuals had caught their daily bag limit of four walleye and had left the river, only to return a half-hour later to catch more fish. With the information from the caller, the officers located the two fishermen, who were then observed catching three additional walleye each. Officers Buening and Porinchok made contact with the two fishermen and determined that both men were three fish over their daily bag limit. Both were cited in Maumee court and each

paid fines and court costs of \$189.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, and State Wildlife Officer Eric Moore, assigned to Medina County, were patrolling the Portage Lakes in April. Due to the warm weather, many people were out enjoying the outdoors. Most contacts the officers made were positive, and no violations were discovered. Later in the afternoon, the officers changed locations and observed three men fishing and drinking beer. Further observation by the officers revealed the men left trash and waste at their fishing location, leaving all of their beer cans, used fishing line and bait containers. All three individuals were issued summonses for litter and one individual was charged with fishing without a valid fishing license. All three men appeared in the Barberton Municipal Court and were convicted. The individual who was fishing without a license was ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$351 for the litter and fishing license violations. The other men were each ordered to pay \$244 in fines and costs. In addition, all three individuals completed eight hours of community service.

During last year's early teal season, State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, State Wildlife Officer Eric Moore, assigned to Medina County, and State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Eric Bear were patrolling the marshes of Wayne County when they received a report that two individuals were suspected of shooting wood ducks during the closed season. Officer Bear observed the men shooting at wood ducks as they flew by. Eventually the two men left the marsh and were contacted by Officers Brown and Moore. The investigation revealed that they had shot several wood ducks, breasted them out, and discarded the carcasses in the marsh. The duck breasts were then placed in a plastic bag and concealed in one of the hunter's waders. The men were charged with taking wood ducks during the closed season, hunting waterfowl with an unplugged shotgun, and possession of waterfowl without a fully feathered head or wing attached. Both men were convicted in the Orrville Municipal Court and paid \$426 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Ryan Donnelly, assigned to Washington County, and State Wildlife Officer Marino Pellegrini, assigned to Lake County, were patrolling Grand River Wildlife Area during the early teal season. The officers contacted a group

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of hunters, and while Officer Pellegrini was checking licenses and stamps, Officer Donnelly looked around the hunters' blind. Near the blind, Officer Donnelly discovered a hen wood duck, which was not in season at the time, stuffed under a log. A hunter in the group admitted that he had shot the wood duck when he mistook it for a teal, and attempted to hide the duck. The hunter was issued a summons for taking a wood duck out of season and paid \$275 in fines and court costs.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

Last November before Ohio's deer gun season, an anonymous caller contacted State Wildlife Officer Jim Carnes, assigned to Highland County, with information about a man who had shot a 10-point buck with a shotgun from his front yard and subsequently posted pictures of the deer on the internet. Based on this information, Officer Carnes and State Wildlife Investigator Joel Buddelmeyer went to the suspect's residence and spoke with the man. Initially, the man insisted that he had shot the deer from the ground with a bow. After further questioning, the man admitted to shooting the buck with a .20 gauge shotgun after coming home from work and seeing the buck in a field next to his residence. The man was charged for the illegal method of harvesting the deer. He appeared in the Hillsboro Municipal Court before Judge David McKenna and pleaded guilty to the violation. Judge McKenna ordered him to pay a \$500 fine with \$250 being suspended, 60 days in jail suspended, two years of probation, forfeiture of the deer, and also revoked his hunting privileges for three years.

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## School Bus Drivers NEEDED

**Paulding Exempted Village Schools has an immediate opening for a full-time bus driver and extra-curricular event drivers.**

Interested persons please contact Rick Varner, Transportation Supervisor, at 419-399-4656, ext 1570.

## SOIL & WATER

### MULTI-COUNTY POSITION OPENING

Multi-County Nutrient Management Specialist  
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 Full-time Grant Funded through January 2019

Associate degree and background in natural resources, conservation practices, environmental science, agriculture or an equivalent combination of training and experience required.

Applicants should provide a resume, completed application, three non-family references and a cover letter indicating why you are interested in the position by **4:30 pm, July 14, 2017** to the **Paulding SWCD, 900 Fairground Drive Suite B, Paulding, Ohio 45879.**

Applications can be found at the office or [www.pauldingswcd.org](http://www.pauldingswcd.org).  
 Questions can be directed to [paulding@pauldingswcd.org](mailto:paulding@pauldingswcd.org) or call 419-399-4771. Equal opportunity employer.



# STATE CHAMPS!



Bottom left to right - Raace Haynes (West Unity), Keandre "Pockets" Singleton (Defiance), Aiden Lichty (Antwerp), Derek Hines (Antwerp), Devin Dempsey (West Unity), Joseph "JoJo" Williams (West Unity) Second Row left to right - Micah "Big Mike" Nofziger (West Unity), Kahlil Ligon (Defiance), Kane "Dizz" Jones (Paulding), Kyler Sapp (Edon), Brandon Schroeder (Paulding) Top Row left to right - Coach Brian Lichty (Antwerp), Coach Kyle "Big D" Sapp (Edon), Coach Eddie "Big Dog" Robison (Pioneer)

The North West Ohio Big Dogs 10u team captured the 10u Nations Gold State Title with a 8-3 win over the number 1 seed Cincinnati Weststars. These Big Dogs were seeded 10th in the gold bracket after a round of pool play games.

In order to win they had to defeat the 7 seed, 2 seed and then the 3 seed to make it to championship game where they played the 1 seeded

Weststars. The 10u end there season with a 20-4 record, a Nations State title, Nations Perrysburg Select Classic Champions and Nations Carter Park Classic Runner-up. These boys started to play together their first year in 2016 and went 10-12 for the 2016 season. North West Ohio Big Dogs 10U team are currently ranked #1 in the State of Ohio and 4th in the Nation.

## PAULDING COUNTY FAIR GRAND AND RESERVE AUCTION ANIMALS

**Grand Champion Market Hog:** Alan Griffiths, #127, Suds 24/7 Inc. - Cooper Farms, \$ 700.00

**Reserve Champion Market Hog:** Trevor Speice, #121, Ace Rental Place, \$ 600.00

**Grand Champion Market Lamb:** Benjamin Weible, #371, Jewell Grain Company, \$ 700.00

**Reserve Champion Market Lamb:** Brooke Greulach, #283, Baughman Tile Company, \$ 700.00

**Grand Champion Single Fryer:** Renee McCabe, #157, State Representative Craig

Raidel - Senator Cliff Hite - Paulding County Treas. Lou Ann Wannemacher - Claudia Fickel, Paulding Co. Auditor - Roy Klopfenstein, \$ 300.00

**Reserve Champion Single Fryer:** Samuel Reinhard, #116, Milan Center Feed & Grain, \$ 385.00

**Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen of 3:** Lyndsey Miller, #181/#182/#183, First Federal Bank of Paulding, \$ 450.00

**Reserve Champion Rabbit Meat Pen of 3:** Ashley Miller, #211/#214/#212, Nutri Plus Fertilizer, \$ 350.00

**Grand Champion Market Goat:** Josh Kuhn, #328, Roy Klopfenstein, Bob Sinn Farms, \$500

**Reserve Champion Market Goat:** Jalynn Parrett, #271, Cooper Out West Incorporated - Cooper Farms, \$700

**Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat:** Anna Meraz, #315, Milan Center Feed & Grain, \$ 400.00

**Reserve Champion Dairy Mkt. Goat:** Faith Meraz, #309, Mike & Jennifer Workman Family, \$ 325.00

**Grand Champion Turkey Meat Pen of 2 Hens:** Clay Stoller, Ag Credit, \$ 350.00

**Reserve Champion Turkey Meat Pen of 2 Hens:** Jonathan Reinhard, Ebel's Butcher Shop, \$ 550.00

**Grand Champion Tom Turkey:** Jude Stoller, Cooper Farms, \$ 375.00

**Reserve Champion Tom Turkey:** Jonathan Reinhard, Tri County Roofing, \$ 325.00

**Grand Champion Duck Meat Pen of 2:** Anna Meraz, Grover Hill VFW, \$ 220.00

**Reserve Champion Duck Meat Pen of 2:** Libby Meraz, Cooper Farms, \$ 200.00

**Grand Champion Geese Meat Pen of 2:** Faith Meraz, Schlatter Plumbing, Heating & Air, \$ 170.00

**Reserve Champion Geese Meat Pen of 2:** Emily Reinhard, James Spangler, \$210.00

**Grand Champion Chicken Meat Pen of 3:** Hannah Farr, Schweller Electric LLC - Bashore, Reineck, Stoller & Waterman, \$160

**Reserve Champion Chicken Meat Pen of 3:** Zachary Wobler, Tony Wobler Electric, \$ 345.00

**Grand Champion Market Steer:** Eli Molitor, #252, Signature Embroidery Hicksville Grain

Buckeye Hearing Health LLC - Milan Center Feed & Grain - Thornell Farms, \$1,100.00

**Reserve Champion Market Steer:** Jared Sukup, #258, Jason Williamson - Baughman Tile Company - Archbold Equipment, \$875

**Grand Champion Beef Feeder:** Did not sell

**Reserve Champion Beef Feeder:** Did not sell

**Grand Champion Dairy/Beef Feeder:** Bethany Klopfenstein, #273, Bob Sinn Farms, \$ 625.00

**Reserve Champion Dairy/Beef Feeder:** Bethany Klopfenstein, #271, Jim & Anada Cooper, \$ 450.00

# PAULDING LIBRARY NOW OFFERS MOBILE HOTSPOTS



Library Clerk, Vicki Wilhelm and Library Director, Susan Pieper, assist Jan Commers as she checks out the very first Mobile Hotspot from the library.

Furthering the Library's mission to provide resources to serve the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the public, the library is introducing their Hotspot lending program to make information - and more specifically the Internet - accessible to everyone. Patrons may borrow the device to access the Internet for free at home, in the car, or anywhere else they receive a cellular signal.

A hotspot, or more exactly a mobile hotspot, is a small portable device about the size of a deck of cards that provides wireless Internet access, through a cellular

signal, to your personal wireless enabled electronic device (a smartphone, laptop, tablet, etc.). "We are very pleased to extend our delivery of information through the acquisition of these Mobile Hotspots," shared Susan Pieper, Library Director. "These Hotspots will be great for families on vacation, student bus trips out-of-state and even family home use for those households who do not have Internet access at home. All you need to get the Hotspots to work is a cellular phone signal. Up to fifteen devices can be logged in to one Mobile Hotspot."

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Specials on the Summer Sizzle Signature and Auto Loans.

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\$148 monthly payment

#### RULES FOR THE BEAT-THE-CLOCK SPECIALS

- The base 4.99% APR (annual percentage rate) begins at 2:01 PM on 8/5/17 and continues through 9/8/17 for the Summer Sizzle Signature loan. 4.99% APR equals \$150 per month for 36 months.
- The Summer Sizzle auto loan special will begin at 2:01 PM on 8/5/17 and continue through 9/8/17. The published rate will be the credit union rate as of 8/1/17.
- Signature Loan and Auto Loan rates are on an "as low as" basis from 9:00 AM to 2 PM on 8/5/17.
- Payments for signature loans are based upon \$5,000 borrowed for 36 months. Payments for auto loans are based upon \$10,000 borrowed for 48 months.

Examples of these payments do not include any additional insurance products that the applicant may elect to purchase.

The administrator's computer is the official timekeeping device for the Beat-the-Clock Specials. ALL Summer Sizzle APR loan rates will be determined by the time stamp from the official administrator's computer assigned at the time the loan application is received. Loan applications WILL NOT be accepted prior to 9 AM, Saturday August 5, 2017 for the Beat-the-Clock Specials. NO EARLY BIRDS! Any and all specials are subject to normal credit-granting guidelines of the credit union. Some restrictions may apply. Membership and eligibility required. Only one loan of each type is permitted per member on August 5, 2017.

